



Lawrence James Bowden Sr.

May 9, 1946 - December 20, 2017

Lawrence James Bowden, Sr. was born May 9, 1946 in Capeville, Virginia. He was the son of the late Etta Mitchell and Jimmy Williams.

Lawrence was educated in the Capeville and Machipongo School District where he met and later married his high school sweetheart Callou Palmer. He was a skilled checkers player and musician. Lawrence and Callou were married November 8, 1965. Four children were born to this union.

In 1967 Lawrence moved his young family to Norwalk, Connecticut. There he began his car and truck detailing business, B&B Car & Truck Wash. He worked for numerous car dealerships in the area. He also continued pursuing his passion for race cars.

During the early 70s he established a gospel quartet group, the Wandering CCs (Christian Children). They participated in many gospel programs with the Gospel Keynotes and Mighty Clouds of Joy in the NY NJ CT area. Brother Lawrence was the lead guitar player. In 1978, the family moved again to Dover DE. The family joined Emmanuel Pentecostal Church of God under the leadership of Bishop Joseph Cooper, Sr. Brother Lawrence continued his music ministry with the Gospel Impressions as the bass guitarist. They participated in many gospel programs up and down the East Coast. In the late 70s, Lawrence received Jesus as his personal savior. Later Bro. Lawrence

was ordained as a deacon and performed his duties faithfully for over 30 years.

In 2002 he, along with his wife, Elder Callou Bowden, moved to Virginia. They joined Mt. Sinai Holy Tabernacle where he continued his service as a deacon and musician. Deacon Bowden loved caring for the saints and the work of the church. He and Elder Bowden returned to Delaware and joined Greater Love Temple under the late Bishop Curtis Bordley and continued his membership under the leadership of Elder Phillip Coley until his illness prevented him from attending.

Pop-Pop as he was lovingly called by his grandchildren, loved to be surrounded by them and taught them the value of a good work ethic. He enjoyed taking them to work and teaching them about his profession. He received great joy playing checkers, dominos and card games with them.

Deacon Bowden was preceded in death by his loving wife of 43 years, Elder Callou Bowden; his mother, Etta Mitchell; three brothers, Purnell Bowden, Watson Bowden, and Earnest Mitchell; two sisters, Rosetta Wilson and Louella Bowden; and a son-in-law, Carl Matthews, Sr. He leaves to cherish his memory four children, Lisa Wilson (Calvin, Sr.); Cynthia Matthews; Lawrence Bowden, Jr. (Dawn); Jerusha Bowden-Gibson (Jesse Sr.); one brother Nelson Bowden (Ida); fifteen grandchildren, Carl Jr., Mariah, Calvin Jr., Jeremy, Stephen, Adriance, Simone, Christa, Sayyid, Edward, Jahveh, Jesse Jr., William, Sa'niya, and Niy'lah; two great-grandchildren, Gavin and Zola; four Godchildren, Antoine Cabbage, Jonathan Kaiser, Angelina Graham, Andra Dickerson; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, church family and many dear friends.

Lovingly Submitted,
The Family

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Tribute Wall

MJ

“ I would like to offer my condolences for your loss. I hope you will find comfort in knowing that Jehovah, the God of all comfort, will soon eliminate all grief and provide permanent consolation when “all those in the memorial tombs will hear [Christ’s] voice and come out”! (John 5:28, 29) God promises that “he will do away with death forever, and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces.” (Isa. 25:8) Then, instead of having to “weep with those who weep,” all earth’s inhabitants will “rejoice with those who rejoice.”—Rom. 12:15.

M Jones - December 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS!

Thomas & Libby Widgeon - December 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Today, I learned that your family is mourning the loss of your beloved Lawrence. Please accept my condolences and be assured that almighty God is certainly aware of your painful feelings. May God comfort and sustain you to get through this day and others to come (Isa 41:13). Wishing your family all the best at this most difficult period.

Roddy Family - December 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

IR

“ I am sorry about the death of a loved one. You can gain comfort and peace by reading scriptures from the bible. Read John 5:28,29

Irene - December 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one. Death is an enemy to us all, but Almighty God is going to remove death, tears, mourning and pain in the near future. The bible also tells us that those who are asleep in death will be resurrected. (Acts 24:15) Please take comfort in the bible during your time of grief, and may your entire family be comforted and blessed.

Doretha Sampson - December 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Please accept my sincere condolences for your recent loss. My heart goes out to you and your family. I have always received comfort from the Bibles' word at Philipians 4:7 which reads “and the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your heart and your mental powers by means of Christ Jesus”. I hope you can receive comfort from these words as well. Margo Simmons

Margo Simmons - December 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ My deepest Condolences to the family. Our prayers are with you in this time of transition of your father, grandfather and friend. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. As a Believer that's good news. Neighbor and friend from Luther Towers

Schenida Williams - December 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ My deepest condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. While nothing will completely take away your grief by meditating on Gods promises found in the Bible you can find real hope and the strength to keep going. My family and I have found the scripture at Isaiah 25:8 to be especially comforting. Here it promises that God "will swallow up death forever and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."

H. Fields - December 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Dear Family,

I wish to extend my deepest sympathies during this difficult time. May you find strength in Gods promise at Revelation 21:4 that soon: he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away. You are in my prayers.

JoyceAj - December 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ My dear wife and I would like to extend our condolences for the loss of your loved one. All of us have experienced the pain of death in some way sad to say. And, so, at difficult times like this we are confronted with the stark reality of how precious and fragile life can surely be (James 4:14). So, my wife and I send this condolence to you with the hope that we can in some small way comfort you as it has comforted us with what the Bible reveals to us about GOOD NEWS from Almighty God. Please be assured that we are in no way trying to impose our faith on you; but we sincerely just want to extend comfort to you during your grief (Proverbs 17:17).

As recorded in the Bible, God's only-begotten son, Jesus promises that one day he is personally going to bring back to life all those who have died, just as he did when he was on earth as a man (John 5:28, 29; 11:43, 44). Just as death is an enemy to us, it is also an enemy to God (1 Corinthians 15:26). For that reason, as well as others, He promises to remove FOREVER all the pain, suffering, wickedness, and DEATH that mankind has had to endure for thousands of years (Revelation 21:3-5; Psalm 37:10, 11, 29). What a glorious and almost unbelievable day that will be! It's a reality and a sure hope we can rely on because it is absolutely impossible for God to lie (Titus 1:2; Isaiah 55:10, 11).

It is our hope that you NOT take our word for what has been written in this condolence; but we encourage you to please take a moment to read and meditate on all these referenced scriptures in your own Bible (1 Timothy 4:15, 16). My wife and I are confident you will be encouraged and comforted by the marvelous hope God has in store for us (Psalm 1:1-3; John 17:3). Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

George & Christine Ragusa - December 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM