



## Ralph H Paulk

December 1, 1947 - December 11, 2014

Elder RALPH HERSHEY PAULK, SR., son of the late William Jefferson Paulk and Faye Paulk, was born in Douglas, Georgia on December 1, 1947. He departed this earthly life suddenly, and entered life eternal on Thursday, December 11, 2014 at his home in Salisbury, Maryland.

He received his formal education in the Atkinson County public schools in Georgia, graduating in 1968. He then continued his education in college and was drafted into the United States Army for four (4) years.

After years of living in Georgia, he relocated to Salisbury, Maryland in 1979 after he met his lovely wife Shirley Ann Paulk at the Lock & Load Juke joint. Years later he turned his life over to Christ, which later led to his ordination as a minister at New Jerusalem Church in Cambridge, Maryland under the tutelage of Bishop Clarence Cornish. In 1992, he began his journey as a devoted long-time member and Assistant Pastor of Greater Chief Cornerstone Temple Church under the leadership of Bishop Keith Cornish.

He was formerly employed for more than 16 years with the former Bearings, Inc. as an inside/outside salesperson. He would later become an employee/foster parent while working for Children's Choice for 19 years.

Elder Paulk possessed a loving, kind, and jovial personality. He was a man of strong faith who believed "God can heal my body...but if He don't heal me—I still know He's real." If he wasn't spending time with his wife, kids, or grandchildren, you could find him attending church, fishing, watching wrestling, or in his favorite chair watching the big screen. As a Biblical scholar, he was full of wisdom and sarcasm, as well as possessing a heart to give words of encouragement to everyone with whom he came in contact. He will greatly be missed by so many, including his family, church family, community, and friends. You could not ask for a better husband, father, grandfather, brother or friend.

He leaves to mourn: five (5) children—Ralph (Danita) H. Paulk, Jr., Bonita (Christopher) Lightfoot, James (Rosa) Brown, Terrance (Carolyn) Drew and Breanna Paulk; two brothers—Clinton Paulk and Benjamin Smith; five sisters—Myrtice Jolly, Ollie Mae Rainey, Rachel Wiggins, Lucille Lockhart and Lavada Campbell; 10 grandchildren, and a host of other family members, and friends.

He was preceded in death by one brother David James and sister-in-law, Margaret Paulk.

Lovingly Submitted ~The Family

# Tribute Wall



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Mother Paulk and Minister RJ Paulk and the family. May you continue to find strength in GOD*

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**Francine Molock- Osborne** - December 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM