



## Elbert Roberts Bishop

June 28, 1918 - April 13, 2004

Elbert Roberts Bishop, Sr. was born in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, on June 28, 1918. He was the youngest child of James William Bishop Sr. and Mignonette Roberts Bishop and was educated in the public school systems of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, and Washington, DC. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from the Johns Hopkins Institute. His beloved wife, Helen Marie Bishop, preceded him in death in July of 2002. A LIFE of SERVICE to COUNTRY Instilled with a sense of patriotic duty at an early age by a family who valued honor, Elbert enlisted in the Army to serve his country in 1941 during World War II. He was trained in Officer's Candidate School, and was among the first African-American officers to serve in the Pacific Theatre in the rank of 1st Lieutenant. He served in both Australia and in the Philippines as a Company Commander and gained the respect of troops of all races as he led. Elbert was appointed the rank of Captain in 1946, and was discharged in 1953, after a recall from the Korean Conflict. Also during his Army tenure, he served as a Trial Judge Advocate and Company Commander in Virginia. In addition to being a trailblazer for other enlisted men of color, he was decorated with three Bronze Battle Stars for his meritorious service in the Asiatic Pacific Theatre. His greatest award, however, was the admiration of those who served alongside him. To them, Elbert was known as not only an officer, but also a gentleman in character and outlook. He considered his duty to his country a part of his duty to God, and served with commitment, passion and faith. A LIFE SPENT EDUCATING OTHERS After his military service

ended, Elbert was able to return to his first passion, teaching and molding young minds. “Captain Bishop, Leader,” became “Mr. Bishop, Teacher,” and he was appointed to a position teaching Mathematics and Industrial Arts. Again, breaking new ground for young African-American professionals, he joined several other progressive men and women to begin a long career as an educator in the Baltimore County Public School System. To Elbert, teaching Industrial Arts was more than just tools, planes and blueprints. He became involved in his student’s lives outside of the classroom, encouraged, and educated them in all areas of life. Throughout the years, he moved from teacher to guidance counselor, putting to use his gifts of compassion, mediation and problem solving to help others. By the time of his retirement in 1976, he had totaled thirty-seven years of committed service as an educator in Baltimore County public schools. The man many knew as “B” would, for years, continue to receive words of gratitude from students who recognized his signature smile and warm, welcoming greeting.

A LIFE of CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Elbert came to faith in Christ at the age of ten, answering the voice of the still small Spirit in his heart. His relationship with God shaped everything in his life, and his views on character, conduct and faith were molded by the Truths set forth in God’s Word. His faith was not just a Sunday morning type of faith, but a faith that persevered all week long was borne out in his Christian service. He was an active member of Trinity Presbyterian Church for more than fifty years, serving as a Ruling Elder on the session until the day he went to be with the Lord. Throughout the years, he also served as a Trustee, as a member of the Trinity Men’s Chorus, the Congregational Nurture Committee, the Pastoral Nominating Committee, the Trinity Presbyterian Men, the Speech Choir, the recent Sign Committee, and was a contributor to the Annual Black History Project. He also participated in numerous other church affiliated events supporting others in their worship. Though a person easy and comfortable with being up front, he was more often seen whistling or singing behind the scenes, fixing the seemingly unfixable, repairing the irreparable, and always planning for the next “church upgrade project.”

A LIFE SPENT for

FAMILY Known to his family and friends as “Rob,” to his dear brother as “Nathan,” and always known to his children as “Daddy,” Elbert’s greatest love was reserved for his wife Helen Marie. They nurtured their love through World War II with long letters and even longer prayers, and were joyfully wed on February 1, 1945. During his military years, they often signed their letters to one another “Eternally Yours.” When Elbert quietly passed into the presence of His beloved Lord on April 13, 2004, this promise to her was fulfilled and they were united once again. He is survived by his five children, Elbert R. Bishop, Jr., Helen Bishop Jenkins, James B. Bishop, Anita Bishop-Johnson and Karen-Angela Bishop and by his beloved brother, James William Bishop. Elbert also leaves behind seven grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and a lifetime of loving friends and relatives.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Elbert Roberts Bishop*

March 25, 2023 at 10:25 AM



“ *Elbert Roberts Bishop*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Hi Gramps, I know everything's at peace on the other side with Grandma. See u soon. -John###imported-begin###John###imported-end##*

July 02, 2010 at 02:21 PM



“ *He is the Great Comforter and I pray that the Holy Spirit will be with you and your family at this time and always. Although I only knew Mr. Bishop for a short time, he was a delightful person and always had a smile for me. I know that heaven is shining brighter with his presence.###imported-begin###Monica Brunson###imported-end##*

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“ *Mr. Bishop you are where I know I'll be when I leave this world, in God's Glory singing with the angels. My prayers are with all your children that you have here on earth in the Master's hand. I praise God Tyreik and I met you. You have been a blessing to us. Keep on smiling.###imported-begin###Min. Jerome McLennon###imported-end##*

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“ Professor Jenkins: I just want to express my deepest sympathies to you and your family. Just know that God makes no mistakes and he will indeed comfort you.##imported-begin##Tracee Fletcher##imported-end##

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“ To The Bishop Family: In this hour of sadness, may the sincere sympathy of friends comfort you.##imported-begin##Prater & Hill Families##imported-end##

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“ My love and continued prayers are with you. My only regret is that I can not be there with you. I do know the man of God "Dad" was and he is truly in heaven with "Mom" watching over all of us as he did so well over the years. Love you, Sister Lisa Mooresville, NC##imported-begin##Lisa Heaggans##imported-end##

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“ Professor Jenkins, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My prayers will be with you and your family during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Alicia Cramer##imported-end##

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“ I would like to express my sympathy to the family and friends. I knew Mr. Bishop as a resident of Atrium Village. His smile was contagious and everyone loved him. I will miss him but I know he is going to a better place.##imported-begin##Charles D. Covington##imported-end##

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“ Helen, God is always in your corner at a time like this. May happy memories carry you through this sorrowful time. Please extend my heartfelt sympathies to your entire family.##imported-begin##Clara L. Meek##imported-end##

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“ Dearest Helen and family; Elbert,Jr., James, Anita and Karen: Our thoughts and prayers go out to you at this most difficult time. We feel like a small part of your wonderful family since we have had the opportunity to meet all of you. Your father had the most wonderful smile and all of you share it too. Robert and I will always remember last summer when we had you down in Galveston and how much he enjoyed it. Few people are as lucky as you all have been to be blessed with such a Man. God bless you all, we will continue to keep you in our prayers. Love, Vel and Robert Jones##imported-begin##Velma and Robert Jones##imported-end##

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“ *TO THE FAMILY: May the memories that we carry in our hearts reflect the love we have for him and the concern we have for you. God bless you.##imported-begin##Walthall M. Berry and Pattie I. Berry##imported-end##*

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“ *We are very sorry for your loss. I'm sure your father is with the Lord and resting comfortably. God Bless you and your family.##imported-begin##Calvin & Cora Whiting##imported-end##*

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“ *Mr. Bishop was a great person, and a great teacher. I express heartfelt sympathy to the family.##imported-begin##Eva Rae Scott##imported-end##*

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“ *MY CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF MR BISHOP I PRAY THAT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY WILL RELY ON THE HOLY SCRIPTURES TO CARRY YOU THROUGH THIS TRYING TIME BUT REMEMBER HE WHO EXERCISES FAITH EVEN THOUGH HE DIES CAN LIVE AGAIN THESE WORD WERE SPOKEN BY JESUS CHRIST AT JOHN 11:25 WHEN HE WAS SPEAKING TO MARTHA AND MARY AT THE DEATH OF THEIR BELOVED LAZARUS HE ALSO SPOKE AT JOHN 5:28 AND 29 I PRAY THAT YOU ALL FIND COMFORT FROM THESE WORDS##imported-begin##ELAINE LUDD##imported-end##*

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“ Please accept my sincere condolences during this time of your loss. May you find comfort in knowing that God "is near to those broken at heart and those crushed in spirit he saves," Psalms 34:18##imported-begin##Shawn McNeil##imported-end##

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“ Hello Family & Friends, I am so sorry to hear of your loss and I am offering my condolences. The scriptures can be of great comfort to us all. I am reminded of the scripture at Revelation 21:3,4 where Almighty God says that he is going to wipe the tears from our eyes and death will be no more neither will mourning nor crying nor pain be any more. May you be comforted by this scripture.##imported-begin##Sophia Briscoe##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy during your time of sorrow but know that the God of comfort is with you all during this time of tribulation. 2Corinthian 1:3-4##imported-begin##Carter##imported-end##

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