



Pastor Theodore D. Addison Sr.

September 25, 1941 - October 10, 2020

Pastor Theodore D. Addison, Sr., best known in his earlier years as “Danny” or “Danny Boy” was born September 25, 1941 in Baltimore, Maryland to the late Dorothy Addison.

Danny grew up in East Baltimore attending Baltimore City Public Schools, including Paul Laurence Dunbar High School. He also attended Baltimore City Community College where he studied data processing.

Growing up he spent many days playing soft ball on “the lot” (North and Broadway). If not there, he could be seen caddying on golf courses around Baltimore City where he learned and grew to love the game of golf. He even had an interesting experience trying to caddy for the PGA. During his teenage years, he worked at Union Food Market, Kramer’s Grocery Store, and various other places.

On October 30, 1958, Danny enlisted in the U.S. Army and did a tour of duty in Germany. While in the Army, he studied survey engineering under his military occupational specialty (MOS), in which he obtained the rank of Specialist Fifth Class. Danny was honorably discharge from active duty in 1962 at the young age of 20. After arriving back in Baltimore, he was gainfully employed as an assembler with the Fisher Body Division of General Motors. He stayed until retirement with over 30 years of employment.

During Danny's young adulthood, he played and organized several kinds of softball teams; male, female, young adult, and children. In time, he was asked to use his talents to form a boy's baseball team.

In 1956, at the age of 14 on the corner of Bond St. and Lafayette Avenue at a store named Kramer's something magical occurred; Danny met Betty the love of his life. On April 21, 1959, Danny and Betty were united. From this union three children were reared; Renee, Theodore, Jr., and Shawn. Danny was the provider for his family and did what was necessary to ensure their wants and needs were met. He provided his family with many cultural experiences through travel by car, plane, boat, and/or ship.

As a child, Danny attended St. Philip's Lutheran Church. As an adult he attended Huber Memorial V.C.C. Church. While attending Huber as a member, he became chairman of the usher board and was a member of the choir.

Danny knew early in life that someone was praying for him. Every night his great Aunt Ida (Nady) could be heard praying for him. In 1973, Danny gave his heart and life to Jesus Christ; the greatest decision he had ever made. In 1975, he attended the Baltimore School of the Bible. In the same year, being led by the Lord he and his family joined The New Frontiers of Faith Baptist Church under the pastorate of the late Rev. Eugene T. Grove. While there he served as a Deacon and taught Sunday School. Two years later, the Lord called Pastor Addison into the gospel ministry, preaching his final sermon and licensed on August 7, 1977. Still praying and waiting on the Lord; Danny joined Open Bible Baptist Church, making Pastor Ernest Flowers aware of what the Lord had placed on his heart.

In January 1978, the Lord laid on Pastor's heart to organize a church. Pastor

Addison was ordained as a minister on October 15, 1977 and on April 2, 1978 a church was formed with approximately eight families at 5118 Craig Avenue. The local assembly became Rising Zion Baptist Church with the assistance of the late Rev. Sylvester Short. The Lord allowed Sister Mary Wright, the late Mother of the church, and the late Brother Gary Parker to enter the life of Pastor Addison at New Frontiers of Faith. They were instrumental in being an encouragement as well as conformation of the many things that the Lord had spoken. On February 4, 1979, he moved the church to 1226 North Bradford Street after an increase in membership. Pastor Addison led by the Holy Spirit found two deserted lots surrounded by alleys and envisioned a larger church. After much labor and love, on November 22, 1992 the doors to 2300 Llewelyn Avenue were opened.

On June 9, 1978, Pastor Addison graduated valedictorian of the Baltimore School of the Bible. In the same year on October 15th, he was ordained through Open Bible Baptist Church by Dr. Ernest Flowers, Sr. He was one of the first graduates of the class of 1981 from Family Bible Institute, College and Seminary, where he earned a Bachelor of Theology degree. In 1982, Pastor returned to Family Bible as an instructor. In addition to his achievements, Pastor Addison was conferred the Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by Philadelphia Bible College and Seminary in 1996. He has also attended many sessions for biblical studies such as: Billy Graham School of Evangelism, Moody Bible Institute, Urban Alternative Pastor's Conference on Biblical Exposition, the E. K. Bailey Ministry and Conference on Expository Preaching and the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education.

Pastor Addison loved to tell stories. He would tell stories over and over; each time they were just as entertaining as the first time told. Pastor Addison stayed youthful by being around children. This was evident by he and his grandson, Tyrell going throughout Baltimore to numerous sporting events. It

was also evident by the number of kids who had a good time being in and out of the house on Kennedy Avenue or Northgate Road. If that wasn't enough, you should have seen the number of kids who would line up at his office for candy or pile into his car for a ride.

Pastor Addison was wise, funny, and generous; always willing to help someone in any way he could. Pastor Addison stood firmly on the Word of God, a servant who strived to preach and teach the Word of God in season and out of season to every man, women, boy, and girl so they would come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ There are so many stories he shared from every phase of his life. It is evident by the memories you are having while reading.

Rev. Theodore D. Addison, Sr. departed this life peacefully on October 10, 2020. He joins "the sugar in his coffee" Betty and their first-born daughter Renee who preceded him in death. Pastor Addison was also preceded in death by siblings, Gilbert Addison, Gloria Wilkes, Reginald Addison, Sandra Stancil, Carroll Lee Addison, and Tamara Barnes. Yet we know as stated in Corinthians that, "...to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord".

Rev. Dr. Theodore D. Addison, Sr. leaves to cherish fond memories and sermons: son, Theodore D. Addison, Jr.; daughter, Dr. Shawn Wright (Jon'nell); grandson. Tyrell Addison; brothers, Henry Addison, and Ronald Addison (Marie); sisters, Dorothy Addison, Jean Madison, Carolyn Chase (Lewis), and Cynthia Fowlkes; four sisters-in-law, one uncle, one Godson, one Goddaughter, a multitude of nieces and nephews, greats and great greats, the congregation of Rising Zion Baptist Church, sons in the ministry, co-laborers in the ministry, and friends. There is no doubt that we will see him again, when we are too called to enter our Heavenly Father's pearly gates. We can smile and rejoice now knowing that we are going to have a mighty good time . Pastor/Dad we love you immensely and we know that god loves you more.

“We can hear God saying to you “Well done, my good and faithful servant.”
Now, “You can take that to the bank.”

Cemetery Details

King Memorial Park Cemetery - Grand Heritage Chapel & Mausoleum

8710 Dogwood Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21244
(410) 944-8300
info@kingmemorialpark.com
<https://www.KingMemorialPark.com>

Previous Events

viewing

OCT **22**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - East
1101 E. North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202

viewing

OCT **23**. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Rising Zion Baptist Church
2300 Llewelyn Ave.
Baltimore, MD 21213

Tribute

OCT **23**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Baltimore, MD 21213

Wake

OCT **24**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Pastor Theodore D. Addison Sr., Please Click the Link below.



March Funeral Homes - October 20, 2020 at 10:17 AM



“ *Pastor Theodore D. Addison Sr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

LJ

“ *Pastor Addison you mean so much to the Johnson Family. I love looking at Raven & Javar wedding photos. Your counseling was priceless all you taught them about marriage and demonstrated what the Holy word says . You can tell you did a great job look at their faces and yours priceless.*

The Mt View Bible classes for the adults at 6:45am I'll never forget. It's a lifetime of memories.

Thank you God for the servant you sent me I can't even express it all .

*Love you Pastor until we meet again
Sister LindS Johnson*



Linda R Johnson - October 25, 2020 at 04:28 PM

BW

“ *To Shawn and family.I pray that God will rap his loving arms around you and strengthen you during this time of sorry. Just remember all the good time's and smile and know that he will be smiling with you. . Love you, Ms.Bobbie*

Barbara Wright - October 24, 2020 at 05:45 PM

PJ

“ *Pastor Addison was a servant for God.He will truly be missed. My heart and my Prayers of comfort go out to his family and his grandson that he loved so dearly. Paula Johnson ,from K&G.*

Paula M Johnson - October 24, 2020 at 04:39 PM

DB

“ *Dr Calvin Burgess....Caesarea CC Chapel 121 Oak St.,Dundalk, Md.21222*

Dr Calvin Burgess - October 23, 2020 at 02:41 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Pastor Theodore D. Addison Sr..*



October 23, 2020 at 11:06 AM

RB

“ *We are praying for the family, and send our condolences. I will miss the friendship that pastor Addison extended.*

Rev. William Beard - October 21, 2020 at 11:37 PM



“ My Pastor was so very special to me. He did not miss an opportunity to show Christ like love to me and my entire family. He was gentle, patient, kind, stern, compassionate, strong, intelligent and an amazing leader. He was so special that even at the age of 6 I knew that I wanted my own children (in the future) to know him. A few days before my daughters dedication, pastor came down with bronchitis and was FIGHTING to recover and perform the dedication. I am so happy to have shared that amazing moment with him. There will NEVER be another Pastor Addison. ❤️❤️



Cierra - October 20, 2020 at 09:17 PM



With deepest sympathy,praying that GOD will give you comfort during this time of sorrow. Dr.Calvin Burgess and Family

Dr Calvin Burgess - October 23, 2020 at 02:33 PM



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Wayne Green - October 18, 2020 at 12:21 PM



R.I.P. SMILEY SON WAYNE

Wayne Green - October 18, 2020 at 12:23 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - October 17, 2020 at 09:18 AM



Pastor was so very special to us, his church family, and we too feel your loss. We will continue to keep the family in our thoughts and prayers. May the love and peace of Christ continue to be with you all today, tomorrow, and always.

*Love,
Deaconess Linda Turner*

Linda Turner - October 17, 2020 at 09:58 AM