



Pastor Gary Bernard Woods

July 25, 1961 - February 2, 2017

WOODS, Pastor Gary Bernard - Age 55, passed away Thursday, February 2, 2017 at Kith Haven Nursing Home. Family hour 10:00 AM Friday, February 10, 2017 at Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, 2120 N. Saginaw Street, with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM Pastor Keith J. Bigelow officiating. Interment Gracelawn Community Cemetery, G-5710 N. Saginaw Street. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:00 AM Friday. Pastor Woods will lie in state and may be viewed in the Sanctuary of Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church, 502 W. Flint Park Blvd. from 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM Thursday.

Pastor Gary Bernard Woods was born July 26, 1961 in Flint, Mi. the son of the late Willie Woods and Lillie Mae Cook. He confessed Christ at an early age, he sang in the Choir and served on the Usher Ministry, he was called to preach in January of 1979 and he preached his first sermon at the age of 17 under the leadership of his spiritual father, Bishop M.C. Akins of the Heavenly Host Baptist Church, his first sermon was titled "True Worship" found in John 4:24. Rev. Woods attended the Flint Public Schools where he graduated from Flint Northwestern "Class of 1979." He attended Wilberforce University and is a graduate from the American Baptist College with a B.A. Degree in Bible Theology. While attending Wilberforce, he was called to pastor Greenhill Baptist Church in Clarksville, TN. He later served as Pastor at Christ Temple a small family church he started in Flint, after serving at Christ Temple, Rev. Woods then moved to Sandusky, OH to pastor Cornerstone Missionary

Baptist Church. Years later, Pastor Woods returned home to Flint to serve as Assistant Minister to his spiritual father at Heavenly Host Full Gospel Church. In 2013, God led Rev. Woods to pastor Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church in Flint where he served faithfully until he fell ill. Pastor Woods loved to read, preach God's word and listening to anointed preaching. He also loved to hear good old choirs sing, especially his choir at Rising Star. Pastor Woods absolutely loved and adored his grandchildren, he was a very proud grandpa, and he loved to let everyone know he was a grandfather to quadruplets as well. He loved him some Barbeque Ribs.

Pastor Gary Bernard Woods leaves to cherish his memory; wife, Elizabeth "Betty" Woods of Flint Twp., MI; 4 children, Gary Woods Jr., Shateka Woods, and Adrian Woods, all of Indiana, and Taylor Woods of Pensacola, FL; 2 step-children, Hamilton Alexander of Flint Twp., MI and Deshon Alexander of Phoenix, AZ; 7 grandchildren, Trinity Willett, Gabriel and Gabrielle Woods, Maliyah and Micah Woods, Jemere Woods and Keyvionta Woods, all of Indiana; brother, Sylvester (Mary) Mott of Detroit, MI, 3 sisters, Carolyn Clark of Detroit, MI, Beverly Clark of Flint and Sandra Holbrook of Lansing, MI, 4 sisters-in-law, JoAnn Mitchell, Rita, both of Jersey City, NJ, Joyce Rasul of Detroit, MI, Annette (Kenneth) Conley of Detroit, Mi. and special sister/sister-in-law, Letisha (Thaddeus) Conner of Flint; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends, including special friend, Ms. Jacqueline Scott and god-daughter, Kendall Wilson.

Pastor Woods was preceded in death by his parents, Willie Woods and Lillie Mae Cook; baby brother, Tracy Smith, several aunts and uncles.

The family would like to express special thanks to "Gary's Girls" Shell, Wanda, Jackie and Riea, The ENTIRE Scott Family, his personal barber, Alvin Pollard, Pastor Keith J. Bigelow and the Morning Star Baptist Church family, Pastor Patrick Sanders II and the Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church family, and Min. Delrico Loyd.

Cemetery Details

Gracelawn Cemetery

5710 N. Saginaw St.
Flint, MI 48505

Previous Events

Public Viewing

FEB 9. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rising Star Baptist Church
502 W. Flint Park Blvd.
Flint, MI

Family hour

FEB 10. 10:00 AM (ET)

Morningstar Missionary Baptist Church
4075 E. Atherton Rd.
Burton, MI 48519

Service

FEB 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

Morningstar Missionary Baptist Church
4075 E. Atherton Rd.
Burton, MI 48519

Tribute Wall



“ *Pastor Gary Bernard Woods*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *So sorry to learn of he homegoing of pastor Gary B. Woods. We, the members of the Greenhill Church in Clarksville, Tn send our eartfelt and deep sympathy to the Woods family. So sorry for this late post, but we just learned of is demise we pray that you will look to the hills from whence comets our hep, for all of your help mes from the Lord.*



Gwen Duva - April 03, 2017 at 11:58 PM



“ *Edna Bryant lit a candle in memory of Pastor Gary Bernard Woods*



Edna Bryant - February 11, 2017 at 10:11 PM



“ *Pam Woods lit a candle in memory of Pastor Gary Bernard Woods*



Pam Woods - February 11, 2017 at 01:48 PM

NW

“ *Nana Williams lit a candle in memory of Pastor Gary Bernard Woods*



nana williams - February 10, 2017 at 08:25 PM

ML

“ *Ms. Gina Lee lit a candle in memory of Pastor Gary Bernard Woods*



Ms. Gina Lee - February 10, 2017 at 07:27 PM

CT

“ *Praying for the family and his fiancé Jackie Scott 🙏*



cynthia turner - February 10, 2017 at 05:45 AM

DW

“ *Delories Watson and family send our love and condolences to the family of Gary B. Woods. We grew up together in Heavenly Host Baptist Church. Hearing Gary preaching without sermon notes was amazing he was very young and could sing , The Lird Will Make A way Somehow. RIH Pastor Gary B.Woods*



Delories Watson - February 09, 2017 at 09:12 PM

CC

“ *Cleveland Cotton purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Pastor Gary Bernard Woods.*



Cleveland Cotton - February 09, 2017 at 06:20 PM

MP

“ *Mr. & Mrs. Alvin & Doretha Phillips lit a candle in memory of Pastor Gary Bernard Woods*



Mr. & Mrs. Alvin & Doretha Phillips - February 09, 2017 at 01:34 PM

PU

“ To my cousin the one and only Reverend Gary Woods. It seems as though you were preaching just yesterday. Singing songs that old time way. Driving down the highway going to minister the gospel, doing what God called you to do. I Just wanna say the day I heard that you slipped away, from the shell of the body, and your spirit soared away. Back to the maker whose hands your now in. I had prayed the day before you took that Heavenly flight, that God would please ease your pains from so long a fight. Well cousin God answered my prayer again, and freed you from that house where you use to live. I will rejoice and be exceedingly glad that our Heavenly Father, it was He who came and took you by your hand. I have a home for you, not made by the hands of man. This is so hard to be signing a farewell to our Preacher who've done eulogies for most of our family and some friends. It won't ever be the same Gary, because I've lost a cousin who was truly my friend. Father our family needs you in this hour. I pray that your presence now fill the sanctuary with your mercy and your grace. A song on my heart for you is: "I cried my last tear yesterday!" love you much. Punkin...

Punkin - February 09, 2017 at 12:49 PM

JW

“ Janice Williams lit a candle in memory of Pastor Gary Bernard Woods



Janice Williams - February 09, 2017 at 12:00 PM

MJ

“ *Minister Craig & Elder Anna Johnson lit a candle in memory of Pastor Gary Bernard Woods*”



Minister Craig & Elder Anna Johnson - February 09, 2017 at 11:32 AM

SF

“ *Sis. Jeanelle Finklea lit a candle in memory of Pastor Gary Bernard Woods*”



Sis. Jeanelle Finklea - February 09, 2017 at 08:20 AM

EL

“ *Elder Michael & Phyllis Leslie lit a candle in memory of Pastor Gary Bernard Woods*”



Elder Michael & Phyllis Leslie - February 09, 2017 at 12:12 AM

EJ

“ *Edward Jones lit a candle in memory of Pastor Gary Bernard Woods*”



Edward Jones - February 08, 2017 at 01:08 PM

EJ

“ Praying for the Woods family Pastor Woods was my friend for over twenty years we were classmates at American Baptist College in used to ride home with the flint connection praying for the family Pastor Edward James (Saginaw)Jones

Edward Jones - February 08, 2017 at 01:07 PM

DW

“ Diane Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Gary Bernard Woods



Diane Williams - February 08, 2017 at 12:27 PM

OG

“ Ondria Kirksey Gillespie lit a candle in memory of Pastor Gary Bernard Woods



ondria kirksey gillespie - February 08, 2017 at 11:00 AM

GM

“ GLORIA MOSES-COLEN lit a candle in memory of Pastor Gary Bernard Woods



GLORIA MOSES-COLEN - February 08, 2017 at 10:17 AM

PS

“ *Peggy Stribling lit a candle in memory of Pastor Gary Bernard Woods*



Peggy Stribling - February 08, 2017 at 06:31 AM

PR

“ *Pastor Terry Randolph and the Gethsemane MBC would like to extend our sincere condolences to the family. May God comfort and keep you is our prayer.*



Pastor Terry Randolph - February 08, 2017 at 05:50 AM

EB

“ *Elder Rita Bowie lit a candle in memory of Pastor Gary Bernard Woods*



Elder Rita Bowie - February 07, 2017 at 09:50 PM

LB

“ *Leola Bond lit a candle in memory of Pastor Gary Bernard Woods*



leola bond - February 07, 2017 at 08:42 PM

LB

We Love and miss you Pastor Woods. Praying for and with The Entire Family. May God be with you during this difficult time. Earth have no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal. I personally thank God for the support from Gary when our son passed you will always have a special place in our hearts. Rest In Heaven My Brother From The Bond and Williams Family.

leola bond - February 07, 2017 at 08:47 PM

WH

“ Wanda Harrison lit a candle in memory of Pastor Gary Bernard Woods



Wanda Harrison - February 07, 2017 at 05:14 PM

MA

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mariea - February 07, 2017 at 01:43 PM

ED

“ Excelento Davis lit a candle in memory of Pastor Gary Bernard Woods



Excelento Davis - February 07, 2017 at 09:40 AM

GA

“ To the Family of Pastor Gary Woods , we send our Condolences with deepest sympathies. Pastor Gary has always held a special place in our hearts as a young Minister and later becomeing Pastor. He was Bishop Akins first Son in ministry at Heavenly host . Earth Has No Sorrow That Heaven Can't Heal. We love you Pastor Gary Woods.



Geneva akins - February 07, 2017 at 09:39 AM

EF

“ Excelento Davis And Family lit a candle in memory of Pastor Gary Bernard Woods



Excelento Davis And Family - February 07, 2017 at 09:39 AM

EF

“ Excelento Davis And Family lit a candle in memory of Pastor Gary Bernard Woods



Excelento Davis And Family - February 07, 2017 at 09:38 AM

MP

“ Rest in Love Pastor Woods u will be missed.

Marietta Payton - February 07, 2017 at 04:44 AM

PF

“ *Payton Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Gary Bernard Woods*



Payton family - February 06, 2017 at 05:16 PM

AV

“ *to the family of Pastor Woods I am praying for your strength to God so u can get through these dark day's our family goes back to the St. John day's were our family's had meet and we went on to go too high school together (Flint Northwestern) u had a mission to spread the gospel and u did and u stuck the sword in the sand of time an took another journey some how some how we got to make that journey got to make that journey*

antonio V.Pea - February 06, 2017 at 10:02 AM

CC

“ *Clarence And Bettina Campbell lit a candle in memory of Pastor Gary Bernard Woods*



Clarence and Bettina Campbell - February 06, 2017 at 12:30 AM

ES

“ *Emma Summers lit a candle in memory of Pastor Gary Bernard Woods*



Emma Summers - February 05, 2017 at 08:12 PM

EM

“ Emma lit a candle in memory of Pastor Gary Bernard Woods



Emma - February 05, 2017 at 08:11 PM

JM

“ Johnny&Cathay Miller lit a candle in memory of Pastor Gary Bernard Woods



Johnny&Cathay Miller - February 05, 2017 at 05:56 PM

JW

“ Janice Williams lit a candle in memory of Pastor Gary Bernard Woods



Janice Williams - February 05, 2017 at 04:56 PM

MD

“ Montena Davis lit a candle in memory of Pastor Gary Bernard Woods



Montena Davis - February 04, 2017 at 11:04 PM

RC

“ *Rahsheem J Covington sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Gary Bernard Woods*



Rahsheem J Covington - February 04, 2017 at 04:56 PM



“ *Pauletta Epps lit a candle in memory of Pastor Gary Bernard Woods*



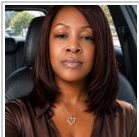
Pauletta Epps - February 04, 2017 at 04:15 PM

WM

“ *Pastor Gary Woods you will truly be missed my family and your family goes way back. You were the brother everyone would love to have. So rest up*



Wilma Matlock - February 04, 2017 at 03:18 PM



“ *Pastor Woods I've known you for as long as I can remember from Heavenly Host. Growing up hearing you preach, teach, and sing was truly a blessing. You'll be truly missed but God wanted you to rest. Prayers for the family and God peace upon them.*



Melinda Ampy - February 04, 2017 at 02:50 PM

MC

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mariea coffer - February 04, 2017 at 02:47 PM

LO

*I can remember when we took this picture at our friends birthday. Can't believe that you didn't tell me you were married! We lived together for over eight years and it was never discussed that you had a wife. People were calling me Sister woods! You lied to me for years. You asked me to marry your cheating ass! I should have attended your funeral to reveal the truth! The double lives you were living!!! Don't know where you went heaven or hell but know this, you will have to stand before the lord. I've feel better now that I have spoke my truth!
Beverly aka Love*

Love - December 08, 2018 at 02:11 AM

NJ

“ *Sending condolences to the entire Woods family, there are no words to say to ease your pain just know God is a comforter. Pastor Woods was a great person I enjoyed his preaching while he was our pastor at Rising Star.*



Norma Jones - February 04, 2017 at 10:04 AM

JM

“ Johnny&Cathay Miller lit a candle in memory of Pastor Gary Bernard Woods



Johnny&Cathay Miller - February 04, 2017 at 09:05 AM

DF

“ Dr. Carolyn D. Davis & Family lit a candle in memory of Pastor Gary Bernard Woods



Dr. Carolyn D. Davis & Family - February 03, 2017 at 10:59 PM

HD

“ Hattie Donald lit a candle in memory of Pastor Gary Bernard Woods



Hattie Donald - February 03, 2017 at 10:09 PM



“ RE-NAYE SANDERS lit a candle in memory of Pastor Gary Bernard Woods



RE-NAYE SANDERS - February 03, 2017 at 08:33 PM

CR

“ Our memories of you go way, way back in the day time..... Watched your children grow up and watched you grow in the word... You always got extra happy when my mother would sang!... Sang Bessie Mae sang.....!



But I can still hear Ms. Vera sang... "I'm Still Holding On To His Hand!!!!

to the entire Woods, Heavenly Host, Rising Star, and any other saint, church, or unchurched that has grace his presence we, The Randolph family extend our deepest condolences to you all individually and collectively: the peace of God will comfort you where the words of men cannot.

Now you can hold on to his unchanging hand in heaven....

Carolyn Randolph-Witcher - February 03, 2017 at 11:30 AM

SC

“ REST IN PEACE YOU WILL SURELY BE MISSED!!!

Simone cook - February 03, 2017 at 10:42 AM

SC

“ Simone Cook lit a candle in memory of Pastor Gary Bernard Woods



Simone cook - February 03, 2017 at 10:40 AM