



## Rev. Johnnie J. Hightower

June 13, 1934 - January 12, 2014

HIGHTOWER, Rev. Johnnie J. - Age 79, passed away Sunday, January 12, 2014 at Regency at Grand Blanc - Grand Blanc, MI. Family hour 10:30 a.m. Saturday, January 18, 2014 at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, 1083 E. Stewart Ave. with funeral service commencing at 11 a.m. Rev. Dr. Lewis Randolph officiating. Family and friends will assemble at the Church 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Rev. Hightower will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. and may be viewed from 12 p.m.-8 p.m. Friday.

Rev. Johnnie J. Hightower was born June 13, 1934 in England, Arkansas; the son of the late Dea. James and Edna Hightower. Rev. Hightower was a resident of Flint, formerly of Bartonville, IL, and was a former member of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church and Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church. He was ordained under the leadership of the late Rev. Calvin Hightower, Sr., of Peoria, IL. Rev. Hightower worked at BFI in Peoria, IL and MTA in Flint for many years. Rev. Hightower loved spending time with his family and friends, preaching the word of God, traveling, fishing, working on cars and cracking jokes. He also loved watching sports and giving everybody a nickname.

Rev. Johnnie J. Hightower leaves to cherish his memory; 4 daughters, Barbara (Andre) Canaday, Vickie Hightower of Houston, TX, Julia Hightower of Peoria, IL and Jazelle Walker of Flint; 2 sons, Virgil Gingery of Fetus, MO

and Steve Gingery of Peoria, IL; children he raised, Tonya Hart of East Peoria, IL and Jordan Polk of Flint; grandchildren, Michael, India, and Virgil Gingery Jr., of Missouri; Alexis Gingery of Peoria, IL, Derrick McGee and Jerome Wilson III of E. Peoria, IL, Dominique, Jarrod Session, Jakayla, Canaday, Lasetha and Veola Hightower, all of Houston, TX; 4 great-grandchildren; 3 sisters, Sharon (Rick) Bonner of Swartz Creek, MI, Evelyn Hightower of Jacksonville, FL and Rose (Dave) Latchison of Fenton, MI; 6 brothers, Rev. James Hightower and Dennis Hightower, both of Flint, Michael (LaRonda) Hightower of Clio, MI, Rev. Paul Hightower of Peoria, IL, Rev. Calvin (Pamela) Hightower of Shreveport, LA and Frank Hightower of Granada Hills, CA; a host of nieces and nephews; uncle, Albert (JamesAnne) Hightower; sister-in-law, Ester Merriweather, all of Peoria, IL; a host of cousins, other relatives and friends including special friend, Erika Loper of Mt. Morris, MI.

Rev. Hightower was preceded in death by wife, Mary L. Hightower; 5 granddaughters; 1 great-grandchild; parents, Dea. James and Edna Hightower; 3 sisters, Edna Turner, Shirley Porte and Donna Fleming; 2 brothers, Robert Hightower Sr., and Jessie Hightower Sr.; 2 sisters-in-law; 1 brother-in-law; 3 aunts and 5 uncles.

The family would like to express special thanks to: Dr. Adams, Dr. Hussun, Dr. Kim, Grand Blanc Regency and staff (Jennifer Pots, Renee, Deborah, Beth and Nancy), Pastor Randolph and Antioch Missionary Baptist Church and the staff of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JAN 17. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
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<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Johnnie J. Hightower*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy is extended to the Hightower Family. May your faith in God be that source of inspiartion along with your many happy memories.*

*Michael Young ,  
Washington D.C.*

**Michael Young** - January 18, 2014 at 01:29 PM



“ *The family of Rev Johnnie Hightower we are so sorry for your loss and you have our condolences. May God bless you and your family and always remember God knows best and he's with you always.He touched our heart in a very special way and will truly be missed.We love you!*

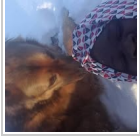
*Donnie and Emma Summers*

**Emma** - January 17, 2014 at 06:23 PM



“ *GOD bless the memory Of Revend, agood man, I've been knowing the Hightowers for over 40yrs. Praying for the family*

**Keith Champion** - January 16, 2014 at 06:28 PM



“ I and my husband did not know him long. He as a beacon of light to us. Thank you for the season you gave us, The Houston's

Lorna Goodlow - January 15, 2014 at 04:48 PM

HK

“ We enjoyed spending time with "Mr. Hightower" (as we called him) at Regency. My dad had asked about him almost every day since he's been home...we pray for you, his family and friends, that you will be comforted by the love of the Lord, and know that Johnnie is in a better place where there is no sickness, only the Glory of God!

Helena Seidel Kurowski - January 15, 2014 at 09:16 AM

HK

My dad is Vince Seidel who shared Rev. Johnnie's room at Regency...I will always laugh when I think about their TV sound wars!!! I wonder how either one of them was able to sleep as soundly as they did?

Helena Seidel Kurowski - January 15, 2014 at 09:18 AM

BB

“ Erica you have my condolences, sorry for your loss. Bishetta Buford

Bishetta Buford - January 13, 2014 at 11:58 PM

EL

“ Elder Michael & Phyllis Leslie lit a candle in memory of Rev. Johnnie J. Hightower



Elder Michael & Phyllis Leslie - January 13, 2014 at 10:15 PM

DJ

“ Please accept my condolences on the loss of your dear loved one. Take comfort in knowing that our Creator, Jehovah, will soon remove all pain, sorrow, and death forever! Revelation 21:3,4 May this promise be of comfort as you gain the strength and inner peace to cope with the days ahead knowing that Jehovah is by your side. Philippians 4:13

D. Johnson - January 13, 2014 at 09:10 PM

LI

“ Dear Hightower Family and Friends,  
I am so very sorry to hear of the loss of your dear loved one. Please accept my sincere condolences. May it comfort you to know that The Most High God has resurrected humans before and He assures us He will do it again. (Acts24:15). God longs to bring back those who have fallen asleep in death to perfect health under paradisaic conditions right here on Earth. (Job14:14,15)

Lisa - January 13, 2014 at 08:53 PM

MM

“ We, The New Jerusalem FGBC Family are praying that the Lord will give the Hightower Family Strength, Comfort and Love....And Hoping God's Peace will fill your Hearts to guide you in the days ahead.. You can be assured that God is with you all the way."TO GOD BE THE GLORY ". Elder Patrick Sanders, Pastor



Mother Margaret Montgomery - January 13, 2014 at 05:54 PM