



## Pastor Blanks

September 7, 1950 - August 23, 2011

BLANKS, Pastor Robert L., Jr. - Age 60, went home to be with the Lord, Tuesday, August 23, 2011 at Genesys Health Park. Family hour 11:30 a.m. at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, 1083 E. Stewart Ave., with funeral service commencing immediately at 12 Noon. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 11:30 a.m. Monday. Pastor Blanks will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 10-6 p.m. Sunday with Praise Service from 4-6 p.m. Pastor Robert L. Blanks, Jr. (a.k.a. Suit Man) was born Thursday, September 7, 1950 to the late Reverend Robert L. and Sister Ludell Blanks, Sr. He accepted Christ and was baptized at an early age at Metropolitan Tabernacle by Dr. S.D. Edwards and later became a member of Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church, where he served in multiple positions. Rev. Blanks attended Flint Northwestern and Beecher High Schools and went on to Mott Community College and majored in Music. After graduating in 1969 he began working for the trucking firm Blanks and Conerly and General Motors, where he later retired after 24 years. He also owned his own business along with his brother, Johnnie Blanks, Sr. called Fashion Extravaganza at the Oak Brook Business Center. Rev. Blanks served as the Financial Secretary for the Baptist Minister Alliance for many years. While attending Revival held by the late Rev. Dr. Anthony Robinson and his father the late Rev. Robert L. Blanks, Sr. at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church of Ann Arbor, MI. He met his lovely devoted, (a.k.a MoLisa) Cynthia Denise

Robinson and was united in marriage on October 4, 1975. To this union were added three children; Robert Anthony Blanks, Maurice Terrell Blanks and David Eugene Arnold Blanks. Pastor Blanks accepted his call to the ministry in 1994, and was licensed to preach and became Associate Minister under the leadership of Rev. Troy Lee, Jr. of the Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church of Mt. Morris, MI. While living in Ypsilanti, he weekly traveled back and forth to Flint to attend Sunday worship as well as Wednesday Bible services. On his way to Flint one day in 2004 as he was passing Fenton Road on the highway, he saw a rainbow and God revealed to him "The Promise" and he became the Proud Pastor of The Promise Missionary Baptist Church in 2004. The first church service was held at 3970 N. Saginaw Street, Flint, MI. The Promise then moved to Mince Manor, where the space was donated for 1 year. After leaving Mince Manor, The Promise Missionary Baptist Church rented a suite at 1207 Ballenger Hwy., Flint, MI. The Promise was also blessed to have two churches that allowed them to hold their afternoon services. Those churches were The Cross Missionary Baptist Church, where Pastor is Rev. Albert Hare and Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church, where the Pastor is Rev. Morris A. Collins, Sr. On November 1, 2009, God blessed Pastor Blanks and The Promise Missionary Baptist Church to enter into their new church home at 1058 E. Bundy Ave., Flint, MI. He was a very loving, caring, and devoted Pastor to the church and family. Everything Pastor Blanks taught came strictly from the Bible. He was a father figure to many and was lovingly called "Pops."

Pastor Robert L. Blanks, Jr. leaves to cherish his memory: devoted wife of 36 years, Cynthia Blanks; 4 sons, Robert Anthony (Shenna) Blanks, Maurice Blanks, David Blanks and Le'Andre Beard; niece/daughter, Erica (Tremayne) McLilley; 11 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; a host of special nieces and nephews; 2 special adopted sons, Sammy Robinson of Houston, TX and Dale Brown of Ypsilanti, MI; sisters, Martha R. Derricks, Margaret Darlene Blanks, Carolyn Blanks and Valerie Mangham, all of Flint; brothers, Michael (Tameka) Blanks, LeAndre Alexander and Stanley Gaither; a host of other relatives and friends including very special cousin, Ira Rutherford and very special friends

that he held in high regards, spiritual father Pastor Albert Hare, along with Deacon Larry D. Smith, Rev. Danyiel Griffin, Rev. Otis Murphy, Rev. Morris Collins, Sr., Rev. Ryan Mixon, Sr., Rev. James Beamon, Rev. Ira Jenkins, Rev. Ernest & Diane Martin, Lawrence E. & Valaria J. Conerly-Moon, Attorney Kenneth Scott, William Cargo, PJ Pointer, Russel & Alberta Bethay and many more too many to name. Pastor Blanks was preceded in death by his father, Rev. Robert L. Blanks, Sr.; mother, Ludell Blanks; 2 brothers, Johnie Blanks, Sr. and Samuel Blanks, Sr.; and sister, Toi Blanks.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pastor Blanks*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *We are sadden about our Brother in Christ, and your Love one on his Home going. Hoping and praying for the family, in time like these. My God be with you and the Family in Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen, Amen, and Amen.*

*Yours truly:  
The Kimble Family.*

**Phillip Kimble** - August 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *To Cynthia, Tony, Mo and David; You are in my prayers and have my deepest condolences. Suitman was a very dear friend and will be missed. May the Lord give you the strength and comfort needed to go through this bereavement but know that HE makes no mistakes and HE called his angel home. Like he use to always tell me "Pray for me." I'm here if you need me as he was always there for me and my family. Love you all. Jan and The Thorns family.*

**Janis Thorns** - August 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Great clam comes to any strom at sea within when faith wakes Love to rebuke fear; "peace, be stil." The King Solomon M B Church Usher's Rev Seldon J Williams Pastor*

**sallie savage** - August 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ *Blanks Family We extend our Deepest sympathy to the entire family. May God Bless you and keep you in this hour.*

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**Elder Michael & Phyllis Leslie** - August 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ *Today I was saden to hear of the lost of Mr. Blanks, and would like to send my deepest sympathy to the family. Many laughs we shared through out our years at Fisher Body. Warm personality and a pleasure to be around. Will miss you old buddy. Rest from your labor...*

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**Gloria Blackshure** - August 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *We were so saddened to learn of Robert's passing. He was a beautiful person with an infectious personality. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Blanks family. You will be remembered in our prayers. May the Lord Bless and keep you.*

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**Jeanne and Jimi Wells** - August 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ *I have been working with Pastor Blanks, on acquiring the property across the street from church, from the Land Bank! I talked with on the phone many times, however, just a few weeks back, I had pleasure of meeting face to face! I will miss him and God Bless the Family!*

*Councilman Bryant BB Nolden*

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**Bryant W Nolden** - August 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ On behalf of the Daniels family we would like to express our deepest condolences and say to you all, we will continue to keep the Blanks in our prayers..Much love to all...Cuz

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**Charita Daniels** - August 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I love you and I'm so sorry to hear of Robert passing. Things may seem dark right now but God will fix it for you just keep the faith.May God bless you is my pray.

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**JENNEL SMITH** - August 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Praying for you and your family in your time of grief. May God bless you and keep you.

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**Ronald & Mary Wiley** - August 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ May god Bless your family during this time of great loss. I will always remember Robert, he sold suits to my father Mose Nicholson for years. As a child I remember my aunt telling me how his deep and powerful voice made my baby sister cry.

*I stand in agreement with you that God will heal your family as well as his church family.*

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**Angela Nicholson-Jones** - August 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM