



Bro. R D Swilley

October 15, 1934 - January 4, 2014

SWILLEY, Bro. RD - Age 79, passed away Saturday, January 4, 2014 at his residence. Family hour 10 a.m. Saturday, January 11, 2014 at Bethlehem Temple of the Apostolic Faith, 3401 M.L. King Ave., with funeral service commencing at 11 a.m. District Eld. Phillip J. Thompson officiating. Interment Flint Memorial Park Cemetery, G-9506 N. Dort Hwy. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10 a.m. Saturday. Bro. Swilley will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12 noon-8 p.m. Friday.

Bro. RD Swilley, lovingly known as “Bra” and “Brother,” was born October 15, 1934 the fourth child of Walter and LuElla (Jones) Swilley in Ruleville, Mississippi. RD grew up a Share Cropper in Mississippi and later relocated to Flint, Michigan as a young man in the 1950's. He was employed at Chevrolet V8 Engine Plant, a division of General Motors and was a member of UAW Local #659 for 37 years before retiring. RD married the love of his life, Sarah Bernice Rich, May 31, 1957. To this union was born eight children. They were married 56 years before the Lord called him home. Bro. RD Swilley was a faithful member of Greater Holy Temple Church of God in Christ for many years and a member of the Usher Board. He loved Sunday School and was always known to take many of the neighborhood children to church who wanted to go. RD loved all of his family. He was a devoted husband, father and farmer. RD grew some of the best greens around. His famous saying

was: You may not always have what you want, but you have what you need. Always do your best and u'll have no regrets.

Bro. RD Swilley leaves to cherish his memory: loving wife of 56 years, Sarah B. Swilley; 8 children, Reynold (Theresa) Swilley, Kimberly (Jeffery) Manley, Andre Swilley, Jerry (Peggy) Bickham, Derek (Lisa) Swilley, Clarissa Swilley Green, Terrance Swilley and Demetrius Swilley; brother, Bishop Joe (Exia) Swilley; sister, Vera Glass; 22 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; family members who lived with him and were nurtured by him over the years; and a host of special cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Bro. Swilley was preceded in death by his grandson, Terrance Swilley II: parents, Walter and LuElla Swilley; brothers, Walter Swilley and JC Swilley, sisters, Ethel Giles, Katie Myles and McTisha Swilley; and lifelong friend, George E. Powell.

We are forever grateful to mother for her undying love and devoted care to taking care of daddy throughout his illness. It was certainly a comfort to dad knowing you were always by his side. Terrance, mom could not have done it without you being there with her.

The family wishes to express special thanks to Dr. Abdullah Raffee, Dr. Ali K. Owda, Hurley Medical Center nursing staff, Hurley Davita Staff, District Elder Phillip J. Thompson and Bethlehem Temple Church family, Bishop Roger L. Jones, Sr. and Greater Holy Temple Church of God in Christ Church family.

Cemetery Details

Flint Memorial Park Cemetery

G-9506 N. Dort Hwy.
Mt. Morris, MI 48458

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN **10**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Inc., Flint
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Flint, MI 48505
(810) 789-6666
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Family hour

JAN **11**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Bethlehem Temple Church of the Apostolic Faith
3401 M.L. King Ave.
Flint, MI

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bro. R D Swilley*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *To the family of R. D. Swilley I'am truly sorry to hear of his passing I worked with Mr. Swilley at V-8 Engine He was a wonderful and caring man and your family has our deepest symapathys Yvonne & William Robinson*

yvonne robinson - January 13, 2014 at 03:16 PM



“ *Our deepest and sincere sympathy is extended to the Swilley family. We pray that the Lord will comfort and keep you during your time of bereavement. May you treasure the memories of your loved one and be encouraged by reflecting on them in the years to come. Regards, Dr. Jessie & Mr. Charles Muldrew*

Jessie Muldrew - January 11, 2014 at 08:45 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bro. R D Swilley.*



January 10, 2014 at 05:23 PM

BT

“*Sis. Sarah Swilley, Clarissa, Kim, Terrence, Reynolds, Derek and the entire Swilley Family you are in our thoughts and prayers during this time of such a great loss. Bro. Swilley will be remembered for his kindness, wit, humor and his tremendous love and commitment to his wife, children and grandchildren. Family, please know you are loved by many and our God will strengthen and embrace you during this time of transition.*

Sis. Joyce E. Tate

Bro. and Sis. Joseph (Joyce E. Tate) - January 10, 2014 at 02:07 PM

BT

“*Bro. And Sis. Joseph (Joyce E. Tate) lit a candle in memory of Bro. R D Swilley*



Bro. and Sis. Joseph (Joyce E. Tate) - January 10, 2014 at 01:55 PM

CM

“*To Lisa, Derek and the entire Swilley family, we send our heartfelt condolences in the loss of your loved one. Mr. Swilley will certainly be missed by all who knew and loved him. He will surely be remembered for all of those beautiful greens he grew and shared over the years. Family, know that you are loved and thought of during this time. "Hold to Gods Unchanging Hands."*
The Warner Family

Corliss, Elaine and Michael - January 10, 2014 at 10:34 AM

JN

“ *Joyce Newton lit a candle in memory of Bro. R D Swilley*



Joyce Newton - January 10, 2014 at 04:00 AM

JW

“ *Jeanne And Jimi Wells lit a candle in memory of Bro. R D Swilley*



Jeanne and Jimi Wells - January 10, 2014 at 12:03 AM



“ *My prayers are with Reynold and family during this transitional period.*



A Jeffrey LaValley - January 09, 2014 at 10:58 AM

DS

“ *Deidre Spight~Woodson lit a candle in memory of Bro. R D Swilley*



Deidre Spight~Woodson - January 08, 2014 at 09:29 PM

DS

*To Reynold, Theresa Swilley and Family
I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad.
I'm sorry because you will definitely miss his presence.
But we rejoice because he is in The FATHER'S house where
There will be no more pain and suffering. He is whole and
Pain will be no more. And HE shall wipe away every tear
From their eyes.*

*Love,
The Woodsons, Spight, and Grahams*

Deidre Spight~Woodson - January 08, 2014 at 09:37 PM

JC

“ *To the Swilley Family
R.D. was a wonderful man, worked with him a lot of years at the
"old" V-8
plant, and we had a lot of fun as well as a lot of long nights of hard
work
together. my thoughts and Prayers are with you all.
Joe Cunningham*

Joe Cunningham - January 08, 2014 at 06:11 PM

PM

“ *Pat (Oliver) McDowell lit a candle in memory
of Bro. R D Swilley*



Pat (Oliver) McDowell - January 08, 2014 at 01:47 PM

LI

“ Dear Swilley 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 06, 2014 at 07:27 PM

KO

“ Kymberly Owens-Lucas lit a candle in memory of Bro. R D Swilley



Kymberly Owens-Lucas - January 06, 2014 at 05:22 PM

KO

“ To the Entire Swilley family. May God comfort and keep your Family.. You have a great family. Take care of Mother Swilley, and each other. Love and prayers.
Kymberly Owens Lucas.

Kymberly Owens-Lucas - January 06, 2014 at 05:21 PM