



Bishop R.B. Hawthorne

September 24, 1935 - October 9, 2024

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Bishop R.B. Hawthorne, Jr. was born on September 24, 1935, in Camden, AL, to Vinnie Ephraim and Saul McNeil. His journey took a new direction when Vinnie married R.B. Hawthorne, Sr., setting the stage for a legacy of spiritual leadership that would span decades.

At the age of 13, on March 27, 1949, Bishop experienced a life-changing moment, being saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. Just a few years later, on November 4, 1953, at only 18, he was called to the ministry and began passionately preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. By the age of 20, he founded his first church in Frisco City, AL, alongside his parents. His next move led to the creation of the Sunlight Church of God in Christ in Trenton, FL, where his ministry became a beacon of hope and community spirit.

In 1959, Bishop married the late Betty Wilson, and together, they built a large, loving family of eight children: Debora, Angela, Jacqueline, Audrey, Reginald, Decrum (Maurice), Shawn and LaTasha. Their home overflowed with love and

generosity, extending even to Phillip, a neighborhood child who they embraced as one of their own. The family's generosity and faith became the foundation for their life and ministry.

In 1971, the Hawthornes relocated to Los Angeles, continuing to grow their family and ministry. Bishop's reach expanded in the early 1980s when he became the Founder/Director and International Overseer of The Revelation International Evangelical Mission, Inc., touching lives and collaborating with community organizations such as The Brotherhood Crusade and World Opportunity Outreach.

Bishop's ministry took him across the globe, sharing the Gospel in South Korea, Japan, Mexico, and throughout the U.S. His leadership grew even further when, in 1996, he was appointed State Bishop at the Highway C.O.G.I.C. of the Apostolic Faith in Baltimore, and later, in 1998, became the International Bishop at Redeem C.O.G.I.C. in Brooklyn, NY.

Throughout the years, Bishop continued to innovate and serve. He founded The Evangelist Crusade for Christ Ministry in 2000 and helped form the Ministers' Alliance with Bishop C.C. Coatney in 2001. His passion for ministry also extended to empowering women in ministry, and he served as Director of The International Evangelist of God's House of Refuge and Strength Ministry, further championing this cause.

Bishop was a dynamic leader with a lively, approachable style that made scripture come alive for everyone who listened. He served as Assistant Pastor at Holy Temple Missionary Baptist Church, Vice President of the NAACP Carson-Torrance Branch, and Vice President of several other influential community and religious organizations.

Bishop's passions extended beyond ministry. He deeply loved his children,

spent time researching for his book *The Beginning*, studied scripture, offered spiritual counseling, and played his guitar.

Bishop R.B. Hawthorne, Jr. leaves behind a legacy of faith, leadership, and love. He is survived by seven children, 13 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren and a host of family, friends and loved ones. His life's work continues to impact communities far and wide, and his memory will be cherished by all who knew him. "Eggzacuhlee!" he'd say.

Cemetery Details

Trenton Community Cemetery

Trenton , FL

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **25**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Zanders Memorial Chapel
232 W. Michael Gladden Blvd.
Apopka, FL 32703
(407) 886-3388

Service

OCT **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Zion Hope Missionary Baptist Church
710 Orange Avenue
Sanford, FL 32771

Tribute Wall

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“ To the Family, Bishop touched so many, everyone that I introduced him to sends their love and condolences including my family. Bishop was a kind, loving and compassionate Spirit. When I met him you could feel the love of Christ within. Bishop was a teacher of the WORD, if you talk to him for more than 2 minutes he was going to teach the bible. He was an amazing teacher he could preach the house down without the Bible, and be so accurate in scripture. I loved him very much. His Spirit lives on through his family and everyone he touched. I'm praying for a Spirit filled, foot stomping, hallelujah, thank you Jesus!! Holy Ghost party good time. Celebrating the life and legacy of a great man of God. Bishop was a worshiper, he would not have it any other way. He loved God and his family. I'm sending my love and prayers. May the love of Christ Jesus rest in each of you. In the name of Yeshua!! Amen

Evangelist Dorothy Samuel - October 26, 2024 at 11:07 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bishop R.B. Hawthorne.



October 21, 2024 at 08:34 AM