



Deacon Emsy "Shorty" Hightower

August 19, 1927 - August 14, 2013

Emsy Hightower was born on August 19, 1927 in Opelika, Alabama to the late Robert Lee and Lucy C. Hightower. The youngest of thirteen siblings. Emsy relocated to Apopka from Phenix, Alabama in 1955. He was known by many as "Shorty Hightower" and his loved ones affectionately referred to him as "Uncle Toppie".

He united with the Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church in 1956, and remained a faithful member until his demise. Sixty-plus years of dedicated and faithful service. He loved the Lord, and his church. He joined the Usher Board No. 1 in January 1962, and for his untiring devotion and faithfulness in the year 2000 he was deemed "Usher Emeritus". Under the pasturage of the Late Reverend K. E. Rogers, Brother Hightower was ordained "Deacon" on the 5th Sunday in June 1991. "Those who do well as deacons will be rewarded with respect from others and will have increased confidence in their faith in Christ Jesus" (I Timothy 3:13 NLT). Deacon Hightower served well and was honored for his service on "Seniors and Elders" Day, September 2013 here at Pleasant View. Faithful and Dutiful to the call. Down through the years Brother Hightower served in many capacities. As a Trustee he was actively involved in the building of this sanctuary. He served as "Church Treasurer" until March 2013. Other areas included but not limited to: Church Custodian, The Men's Ministry, Transportation Ministry and any area he could be of service was where you would find Deacon Hightower!

After settling in Apopka he sought employment and was hired by Coca Cola and remained there until his retirement.

He leaves to cherish memories: A loving Sister: Myrtice Bennefield; Four Nieces: Ossie L. Martin, Myrtice Webb both of Maitland, FL., Lillie Mae Salter (Clemons) of Daytona Beach, FL., Georgia Francis (Martin) of Apopka, FL.; One Nephew: Theodis Dowdell of Apopka, FL.; a host of great-nieces & nephews, cousins and many sorrowing friends.

Cemetery Details

Edgewood-Greenwood Cemetery ~ Apopka

141 South Edgewood Drive
Apopka, FL 32703

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **23**. 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church
1202 S. Central Avenue
Apopka, FL 32703

Service

AUG **24**. 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Deacon Emsy "Shorty" Hightower

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ To my Nephew, John Hightower,

With deepest sympathy in the lost of your father. May you find comfort in knowing that someone cares. You and the entire Hightower family are in my prayers. May God comfort and strengthen you in the loss of your love one.

*With Love and Prayer,
Your Aunt Mamie Kelly*

Mamie Kelly - August 22, 2013 at 01:16 PM