



Pastor Billy Royals Lock

December 4, 1942 - July 5, 2020

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Billy Royals Lock, the 4th child of six children born to William Bill Lock and Inez McClain Lock on December 4, 1942.

He attended the Public Schools in Jennings and Jasper, Florida. Receiving his High School Diploma from J. R. E. Lee High School in Jasper, Florida.

Reverend Lock was baptized in the Christian Faith at the age of twelve at St. Mary M.B. Church in Jennings, Florida under the leadership of the late Reverend F. W. Williams.

In 1967, he was ordained as a Deacon and called to the Ministry and licensed in 1975 at the Zion Hope M. B. Church in Miami, Florida under the leadership of the late Reverend Paul Freeman.

In 1976, his job Caterer Air Intl. moved him to Orlando and his family united with the Bethel Baptist Church under the pastorate of Reverend Louis Boatman, Sr. Being ordained in 1979, he was called to be Pastor of Greater Harmony M. B. Church on February 11, 1979 and installed on July 29, 1979.

He further prepared himself and attended Orlando Seminary and later attended the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia; where he received his Diploma in Theology.

A baptized born-again believer and with the aid of the Holy Spirit, he received his appointment as Pastor of Greater Harmony missionary Baptist Church; where he has shown his Divine Leadership capabilities for 41 years.

Pastor Lock served for many years as the former President of the South Lake County Ministerial Alliance. He served as Counselor of the Ministers, Deacons Wives and Widows Council of Congress #2 as well as Congress Treasurer.

He also served as Asst. Financial Secretary of First South Florida M.B. District Association, resigning from all positions after dealing with health issues which did not allow him to be in attendance as needed.

Throughout his Pastorage he has ordained Ministers, Deacons and Deaconess. He implemented several programs, up grades and renovations of Sanctuary. He endured countless hours of Preaching, Teaching, Counseling, Comforting, Giving and Visiting. Most important with the aid of the Almighty God and much prayer and fasting, many lives have and still are being changed, souls were saved as he allowed God to work in his life.

As the Lord used him in the last days, you would hear him say (I want my last days to be my best days) then as his footsteps begin to get shorter, his

eyesight got a little dimmer you would hear him at the closing of his sermons (A few more risings and settings of the sun and it will all be over).

He was preceded in death by: his Parents: William "Bill" and Inez Lock, Daughter: Stephanie Lock, his Brothers: Bill Lock, Jr., Willie C. Lock, his Sisters: Ida Mae Bristol, Alberta Montgomery and Betty Pearl Lock Morris.

He leaves to cherish his memory: a special devoted Godson: Emmanuel Davis of Altamonte Springs, Florida; Nieces: Juliet Tucker, Princess Bailey and Sandra Gandy, all of Jennings, Florida, Syndiretha Warren, Deborah Aikens and Janis Smith, all of Lake City, Florida, Gwendolyn Curry of Hinesville, Georgia, Sheila Tucker of Tampa, Florida, Cacynthia Lock of Tallahassee, Florida, Cheryl Ann Lock of Gainesville, Florida, Demetra Proctor of Chicago, Illinois; Nephews: Bennie J. Morris of Bellville, Florida, Eric Lock of Tallahassee, Florida, William Bill Lock and Carlos Lock, both of Evansville, Indiana, William Grant of Gainesville, Florida and William B. Lock and Kenneth Lock both of Jennings Florida.; two Sisters-in-Law: Mary Lock of Chiefland, Florida, Norma Lock of Lake City, Florida; special Friend and Caretaker: Cassandra Davis of Altamonte Springs, Florida; Godchildren: John Cowart, Marquise Wilson, Latrese Henderson and Kedrick Johnson; a host of great nieces: nephews: cousins: Greater Harmony Church family, other relatives and sorrowing friends.

Cemetery Details

Sasser Landing Cemetery

Jennings, FL

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Greater Harmony Missionary Baptist Church
1129 Parkwood Street
Groveland, FL 34736

Service

JUL 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pastor Billy Royals Lock*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *Wow July 5th, 2022 will be 2 years since you went home to be with the Lord. My how time flies it seem like it was a few days ago because the memories are still so fresh in my mind. As we prepare to move to the next level I pause to again say thank you for the lessons and legacy that you taught and left with us. You fought a good fight and you finished your course. Not perfect but faithful Man of God. Rest on Pastor Billy Royals Lock we loved you but God loved you best. RIP*

Cassandra - July 04, 2022 at 06:33 PM



“ *My deepest sympathies to the Lock family. May God continue to give you peace during this difficult time. Pastor Lock always greeted you with a smile and kind words. I along with many others will miss his sermons and singing. Rest on Pastor.*

Margo Woodard - July 22, 2020 at 08:15 PM



“ *A Candle was lit in memory of Pastor Billy Royals Lock*



Dot Newsome - July 22, 2020 at 11:02 AM

HC

“ Pastor Lock was always a good a joy to listen to. I can't remember a time I missed an opportunity to hear him preach in January and November. Whenever we made our annual visit to Greater Harmony Baptist Church, he always had something to give each of us. He had a giving heart to all who knew him and those that did not. He was a great example of love is what it does. I have blessed to have your last sermon preached at Greater Mt. Moriah, Lacoochee on January 19, 2020.

We will miss you Pastor Lock. I have no doubt that you will continue your service up there as you did down here. Another soldier gone home. Harriet Craig-Greater Mt. Moriah-Lacoochee, FL.

Harriet Craig - July 19, 2020 at 01:07 PM

BW

“ Betty Washington lit a candle in memory of Pastor Billy Royals Lock



Betty Washington - July 19, 2020 at 11:35 AM

AJ

“ Angelia M. Johnson lit a candle in memory of Pastor Billy Royals Lock



Angelia M. Johnson - July 18, 2020 at 10:17 AM

ED

“ I love you God papa but God loves you the best. Forever in my heart and will miss you.



Emmanuel D. - July 18, 2020 at 03:32 AM

SF

“ The Brothers of the Leesburg Florida Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. send our condolences to the Officers and members of the Greater Harmony Missionary Baptist Church as you mourn the loss of your pastor, Rev Billy Lock. We share in your loss and will truly miss your Pastor also. He was a friend of our chapter and always made us feel welcome whenever we were in his presence. May God welcome him into his presence and the Greater Harmony Family be comforted in knowing that Pastor Lock is no longer in any pain and is resting comfortably with our heavenly Father.

Stanley Fischer - July 17, 2020 at 07:48 PM

TH

“ Trudy Hansberry-Anderson lit a candle in memory of Pastor Billy Royals Lock



Trudy Hansberry-Anderson - July 17, 2020 at 08:59 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Pastor Billy Royals Lock.*



July 17, 2020 at 08:03 AM



“ *Pastor Charlie Banks lit a candle in memory of Pastor Billy Royals Lock*



Pastor Charlie Banks - July 16, 2020 at 08:44 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Pastor Billy Royals Lock.*



July 16, 2020 at 04:17 PM



“ *Shelia, Kimberly and Kisha Reid purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Pastor Billy Royals Lock.*



Shelia, Kimberly and Kisha Reid - July 15, 2020 at 03:30 PM

SR

“ As I look back and remember how you were always there for my mother and I during her illness, she looked forward to your visits so she could brag to the staff and other patients about her handsome cousin who is a Reverend. Oh, I think about the grand time that I know you are having with Aunt Carrie, Mother Naomi and all of your siblings in the presence of the Lord. I will miss you dear cousin but I will not say goodbye; just see you later. To the family, friends and the Greater Harmony Missionary Baptist Church Family, I will keep each and everyone lifted up in prayer and may God continue to bless and keep you.

Shelia Reid and Family

Shelia Reid - July 14, 2020 at 10:55 PM

CO

“ Though we know heaven is truly rejoicing, we will miss him dearly. Continuing to pray for our family and the Greater Harmony church family as we all say...Until we meet again...



Charles & Dynetta Griffith - Dayton, OH - July 14, 2020 at 06:47 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Pastor Billy Royals Lock.



July 13, 2020 at 08:06 PM

GS

“ To Our other Esteem Pastor, Rev. Billy Lock, We will miss You. Thank You for Your Time and Service rendered into Me and My Family. We pray a Special Prayer for the Lock Family & Harmony Baptist Church Family. Love, Kido & Gloria Sanders

Gloria Sanders - July 13, 2020 at 06:53 PM

TF

“ The Oak Grove Church Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Pastor Billy Royals Lock.



The Oak Grove Church Family - July 13, 2020 at 05:15 PM

LS

“ Linda Smith lit a candle in memory of Pastor Billy Royals Lock



linda smith - July 13, 2020 at 11:54 AM

TD

“ A virtual gift was sent in memory of Pastor Billy Royals Lock by Terric and Candace Durden



Terric Durden - July 13, 2020 at 10:03 AM

AM

“ *What a friend we have in Jesus. Our beloved Pastor has left us to be with the Lord. Sometimes when we ask God our why questions, instead of giving us answers he gives us Himself, the Comforter. Luke 11:13: Even as fathers give good gifts to their children, so our fathers gives the best gift, the Holy Spirit, the Comforter to us as we ask. Greater Harmony, we had and awesome man of God as our Pastor. I say to you be not discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. PRAY, FAST and remember his teachings. It is well!*

*BLESSINGS AND PEACE TO THE LOCK FAMILY!
Sister, Angelia Mckinnon*

Angelia Mckinnon - July 12, 2020 at 11:49 PM

HZ

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Family and Church Family of Pastor Lock*

Helen R. Zanders

Helen R. Zanders - July 12, 2020 at 10:35 PM

AW

“ *He was a very kind loving and caring person he was a great friend to my mom and was always there for her he will be truly missed ..The Walker Family*

Angelia Walker - July 12, 2020 at 10:27 PM

DC

“ Dea. Charlie & Diane Coleman lit a candle in memory of Pastor Billy Royals Lock



Dea. Charlie & Diane Coleman - July 12, 2020 at 04:40 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Pastor Billy Royals Lock.



July 11, 2020 at 01:15 PM

CW

“ Clarence Williams lit a candle in memory of Pastor Billy Royals Lock



Clarence williams - July 11, 2020 at 10:02 AM

BW

“ Bernice Wilson lit a candle in memory of Pastor Billy Royals Lock



Bernice wilson - July 10, 2020 at 03:59 PM

EB

“ *My condolences to the family of Rev Lock and Harmony Baptist Church. May God be of comfort during your time of bereavement.* ”



Edith Braddy - July 08, 2020 at 06:42 PM



“ *Carlidernett Davis lit a candle in memory of Pastor Billy Royals Lock* ”



Carlidernett Davis - July 08, 2020 at 06:27 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the family and the Greater Harmony Missionary Baptist Church Family. Rest in Heaven Rev. ❤️* ”

Carlidernett Davis - July 08, 2020 at 06:27 PM

PS

“ *May you rest in peace as you lived in peace, my friend. You were a real friend, you will be missed until we meet again. Pastor Isaac D. & Margie Wilkes* ”



Pastor Isaac D. Wilkes Sr. - July 08, 2020 at 06:04 PM