

*A Celebration of Life  
for  
Rev. Dr. Harold E. Trammell*



*Sunrise: August 15, 1924*

*Sunset: December 15, 2006*

*Thursday, December 21, 2006*

*Viewing: 3:00 p.m. - Celebration Service: 7:00 p.m.*

*Friday, December 22, 2006*

*Visitation: 9:30 a.m. - Homegoing Service: 11:00 a.m.*

*Mount Jezreel Baptist Church*

*420 University Boulevard, East  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20901  
Rev. Eldridge Spearman, Senior Pastor*



Rev. Eldridge Spearman  
Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Harold E. Trammell  
Pastor Emeritus

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Lay Pastor Church Administration

Brenda T. Christopher  
Administrative Assistant

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Church Clerk

*"For we preach not  
ourselves, but  
Christ Jesus the Lord."  
2nd Cor. 4:5*

## Mt. Jezreel Baptist Church

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Dear Sister Denese Trammell and Family:

On behalf of the official ministries and members of the Mount Jezreel Baptist Church, I would like to extend our heartfelt sympathy in the death of your husband, father, grandfather, and our Pastor Emeritus and friend, The Rev. Dr. Harold E. Trammell.

Pastor Trammell served as pastor of Mount Jezreel for 37 years with distinguished faithfulness. He was unwavering in his commitment to God. He was a preacher, teacher, lecturer, and scholar. He was a man of great wisdom, compassion, and vision, unselfish in giving of his time, talents, and treasures to the Mount Jezreel Baptist Church. We are truly grateful to God for all the blessings we received through Pastor Trammell's dynamic service, instruction and leadership.

We shall always remember how Pastor Trammell moved Mount Jezreel from an anemic congregation consumed with "church work" to the active ministries of "work of the church."

Pastor Trammell had an eloquent way with words. He always knew just what to say and how to say it. He instilled in all of us, from the youngest to the oldest that "whether a task be large or small, do it well or not at all." "AMEN."

We too are saddened by the passing of Pastor Trammell. We will miss his presence, we will miss his laughter, and we will miss his loving, caring, sharing spirit. Our hearts go out to you, Sister Trammell, and the rest of the family. We trust God to give all of us the peace, comfort, and courage to press forward.

To God Be the Glory for our beloved Shepherd, brother, and friend, the Rev. Dr. Harold E. Trammell. We acknowledge our loss is God's eternal gain.

*"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those called according to His purpose."* Romans 8:28

Peace and Many Blessings to you and the Family, fondly, His servant,

*Eldridge Spearman*

The Rev. Eldridge Spearman  
Senior Pastor

# Rev. Dr. Harold E. Trammell

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## Obituary



Harold E. Trammell was born in Atlanta, Georgia, on August 15, 1924, and departed this life on December 15, 2006. He was the youngest of two sons born to his parents, Zach and Maude Trammell. After the death of his father, his mother remarried. In this union were born two more sons and a daughter.

While he was a “barefoot boy in the red clay hills of Georgia,” he accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior and was baptized at the Zion Baptist Church. He graduated from Booker T. Washington High School and received his Bachelors in Business Administration from Blayton College. He later moved to Nashville, Tennessee, where he worked as the Bursar at American Baptist Seminary. It was there he met his future bride, Denese Gunn. They married in 1950 and started a wonderful, sweet marriage, in which they always called each other “Daddy” and “Nese” and spoiled each other continuously.

They relocated to Cleveland, Ohio, where their son, Michael, was born in 1953. In 1955 they moved to Wooster, Ohio, where Rev. Trammell pastored his first church, the Second Baptist Church, for eight years. In 1963, Rev. Trammell was called to pastor the Bethlehem Baptist church in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, for 2 ½ years. In October 1965, he was called to pastor the Mt. Jezreel Baptist Church that was then located in Southeast Washington, DC. In 2002, after 37 years of a prosperous pastorate, Rev. Harold E. Trammell retired with the distinction of Pastor Emeritus of Mt. Jezreel.

Pastor Trammell was an example and advocate of education. The Baptist Bible Institute of Cleveland, Ohio (later the Cedarville Baptist College), conferred on him the Bachelor of Divinity degree. He earned a Master of Theology degree at the Burton Theological Center in Manitou Springs, Colorado. The Inter-Baptist Theological Center of Houston, Texas, then conferred the Doctor of Divinity degree upon Rev. Trammell in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the related fields of religion and mental health.

Pastor Trammell was not only a preacher, he was the preachers’ preacher. He was a well-sought preacher-teacher for conventions, seminars, and conferences. He was a preacher whose ministry evolved into teaching, counseling, and mentoring his fellow ministers of the Gospel. He is most well known for his Church Alive! Institute, a straightforward approach presented by pastors to their Church Family to redefine the roles and responsibilities of the Church. In 1994, he compiled and published these teachings in his book, Church Alive!

## Obituary (continued)

Pastor Trammell was a family man. As a pastor, he was often home during the days and played a very significant role in guiding and shaping the life of his son, Michael. The gifts and talents that he used in the privacy of his home are the same gifts and talents that were being honed, making him such a successful pastor and father-figure to every Church member. He was our “Daddy.” During his tenure in Wooster, Ohio, Pastor Trammell did an internship at Apple Creek Mental Hospital on pastoral psychology. It was at that time he learned the healing and delivering power of simply showing Christ-like love to the patients and demonstrating it with compassion and caring. He began to successfully incorporate this into his pastoral ministry. At Mt. Jezreel, “loving, caring, and sharing” became his Church motto and his open door policy won the hearts of young and old. He was visionary, a man ahead of his time --He was one of the first Baptist pastors to include drums in the worship service and to license and ordain female preachers.

Pastor Trammell was a man of many interests, including ham radio, computer work (including his own website), learning new things (ranging from playing the organ to earning an online law degree), and new business ventures (selling vitamins). He was also a man of many gadgets, the latest being the new LCD TV and his electric guitar.

Pastor Trammell was a big man with an even bigger heart. His presence will be greatly missed.

Preceding him in death were his parents Zach and Maude Trammell; brothers, Billy and Winfred, and his sister Margarite. He leaves to celebrate his life his loving wife of 57 years, Denese G. Trammell; son, Michael Trammell; daughter, Julia Ann Valentine; daughter-in-law, Cynthia R. Trammell; son-in-law, Reginald Valentine; brother, Melvin Denham; six grandchildren, Nakeesha Mya Trammell, Krystle Mia Trammell, Henry Harrison Valentine II, Reginald L. Valentine Jr., Renee L. Martin, Angela Yvonne Valentine; six great-grandchildren, Desiree Valentine, Henry H. Valentine III, Cora Valentine, Laila Martin, Saint Edward Martin, Xavier Roman; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and a loving church family.



*“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.”*

1 Peter 4:11 KJV

# From the Pen of Dr. Harold E. Trammell

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*"To my loving wife, Denese G. Trammell, whose love for our Lord has been my inspiration. I have been blessed to have her as my companion, buddy, defender, and best friend."*

*"To the officers and members of Mt. Jezreel Baptist Church, Washington, D.C. Their love and support has made serving as pastor a joyous experience."*

*"To the many churches that gave me an opportunity to conduct the Institute with their congregations, and for their many letters and words of encouragement."*

*"Church work and the work of the Church will be fully supported by the members of the body in relationship to their dedication to God. Stewardship involves commitment to the Body of Christ. You must be determined to give of your time, talent, and treasures that God's love may be shared throughout the world."*

*"I can only hope that these words will penetrate your heart and mind as you go about the precious life you have through our Lord Jesus Christ."*

As Pastor Trammell always reminds us:

*Whether a task be large or small,  
do it well or not at all! AMEN!*



**Pastor, Mount Jezreel Baptist Church  
1965 - 2002**

**Pastor Emeritus, Mount Jezreel Baptist  
Church 2002 - 2006**

# Earth's Departure

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December 21, 2006  
7:00 p.m.

## Order of Service

Presiding: Rev. Walter Bryant and Rev. Paul S. Smith  
Music Ministry: The Trammell Chorale

Song of Praise

Scripture  
Prayer

Rev. Ethel Wright  
Rev. Robert Brown

Ministry of Music

Reflections/Remarks

Rev. Cynthia Swann  
Rev. Gregory Tanks  
Rev. Danny Mott  
Rev. Anthony Maclin

Ministry of Music

Reflections/Remarks

Rev. Beverly Brooks  
Rev. Vandy Kennedy  
Rev. Kent Johnson

Ministry of Music

Reflections/Remarks

Rev. Veneda Polite  
Rev. Gloria Jenkins  
Rev. Rosemary Wright  
Rev. Camilo Richards

Ministry of Music

Reflections/Remarks

Rev. Clarence Dow  
Rev. Malcolm Williams  
Rev. Alycia Brown  
Rev. Tammy Lark

Ministry of Music

Benediction

Rev. Eldridge Spearman

# Heaven's Arrival

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December 22, 2006

11:00 a.m.

## Order of Service

Presiding: Overseer Lanier C. Twyman, Sr.

Music Ministry: The Voices of Mt. Jezreel

Organ Prelude

Processional

The Family

Hymn of Celebration

Invocation

Rev. John J. Nicholas

Scripture Reading

    Old Testament

    New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Rev. Gloria Jenkins

Rev. Richard Woods

Rev. Hilary Stryker

Acknowledgements

Obituary (read in silence)

Sis. Gloria D. Gardner, Church Clerk

Ministry of Music

Reflections/Remarks

Rev. John M. Alexander, Jr.

Rev. Walter E. Fauntroy

Bishop Arthur House, Jr.

Rev. L. B. Jones, II

Rev. John K. Jenkins, Sr.

Family Expressions

Sis. Krystle Trammell

Sis. Nakeesha Trammell

Bro. Gregory Duckett

Ministry of Music

Eulogy

Rev. Eldridge Spearman

Recessional



*Devoted Husband, Father and Grandfather*

Visionary  
Teacher  
Preacher  
Faithful  
Dedicated  
Mentor and  
Encourager



Loving  
Caring  
& Sharing



Celebrating with  
His Sons  
and Daughters  
in the Ministry - 2006



Celebrating with  
His Sons and Daughters  
in the Ministry - 1994



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20850

Isiah Leggett  
County Executive

December 18, 2006

To The Family of Rev. Dr. Harold E. Trammell:

Dear Friends:

It is with heartfelt sympathy that I write to express my condolences to you in the recent loss of your beloved Rev. Dr. Harold E. Trammell. I was very sorry to hear of his passing on Friday. Please be assured that my thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Rev. Trammell was a man of God, a wonderful human being and dedicated many years of service to Montgomery County. I have heard many positive comments about his love for his church and his family and his dreams and visions for continual enrichment of his community. God understands our sorrow and will be there through the hurting and hard times. He was a blessing!

Again, please accept my deepest sympathy. I pray that your sorrow will lessen over time.

Sincerely,

Isiah Leggett  
County Executive

# Letters of Condolences



**Church  
Helping  
All to  
Navigate to  
Greater  
Expectations**

Bethlehem Baptist Church  
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412-664-7272 Office 412-664-4737 Fax  
Rev. Earlene Coleman - Pastor

December 19, 2006

To the Family of Pastor, Reverend Harold E. Trammell

Rest

*Rest for bodies that are weary rest for souls in deep despair,  
Sweet assurance of His presence, even in a world of care  
Blessed rest in times of trouble  
Peaceful harbor in the storm in the midst of dark depression  
Rest and safety in His arms.*

*When the heart is heavy laden, Trust the one that loves you best  
For He knows about each heartache, In His love is blessed heart rest.  
Toils of life may make you weary, When you do your very best*

*Place you head upon your pillow, As He gives you sleep and rest  
When life's sun is quickly setting  
And you pass that final test, His amazing grace will take you  
To that final place of rest*

*The Pastor, officers and members of, Bethlehem Baptist Church Family deeply extend our prayers of comfort and words of encouragement to you and your family in the passing of your love one.*

*In our hearts we pray that the Lord in all His wisdom, will give you peace and comfort in your time of bereavement. We pray that love and joy will gently heal your wounds of grief, pain and separation.*

*"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble," "For I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help, my help cometh from the Lord".*

Done by the order of the:

Rev. Earlene Coleman, Pastor  
Rev. B. Campbell, Admin. Secretary

The Family of Rev. Dr. Harold E. Trammell and the Mt. Jezreel Baptist Church Family wishes to thank the church community and the community at large for its prayers, and support in the death of our Pastor Emeritus.

## Pallbearers

Bro. Robert Bradshaw  
Dea. Gregory Brown  
Rev. French Bryant, Jr.

Bro. Earl S. Gardner  
Dea. Carl Gilbert  
Bro. R. Steve Williams

## Honorary Pallbearers

Bro. John Ellison  
Dr. Kirdell Minor  
Bro. George Smith

Bro. Eric Wood  
Bro. Richard Wilson  
Deacons and Trustees of Mt. Jezreel

*The family of the late Rev. Dr. Harold E. Trammell is profoundly grateful to God for the gift of friends and family, who have been so kind and thoughtful in every way during the loss of our loved one. Your prayers, gifts, visits, calls, flowers, and every act of kindness have given us immeasurable strength and comfort during this time. A special thanks to Pastor Spearman and the Mount Jezreel Church Family, Gregory Duckett, the J. B. Jenkins Funeral Home and a host of assisting angels. May God bless and keep you always.*

### *The Family*

The Repast will be held in the Harold E. Trammell Educational Building immediately following the interment service.

#### Arrangements Entrusted To:

J.B. Jenkins Funeral Home  
7474 Landover Road  
Landover, Maryland

#### Interment:

Fort Lincoln Cemetery  
3401 Bladensburg Road  
Brentwood, Maryland