

*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

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

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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

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

"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

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

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

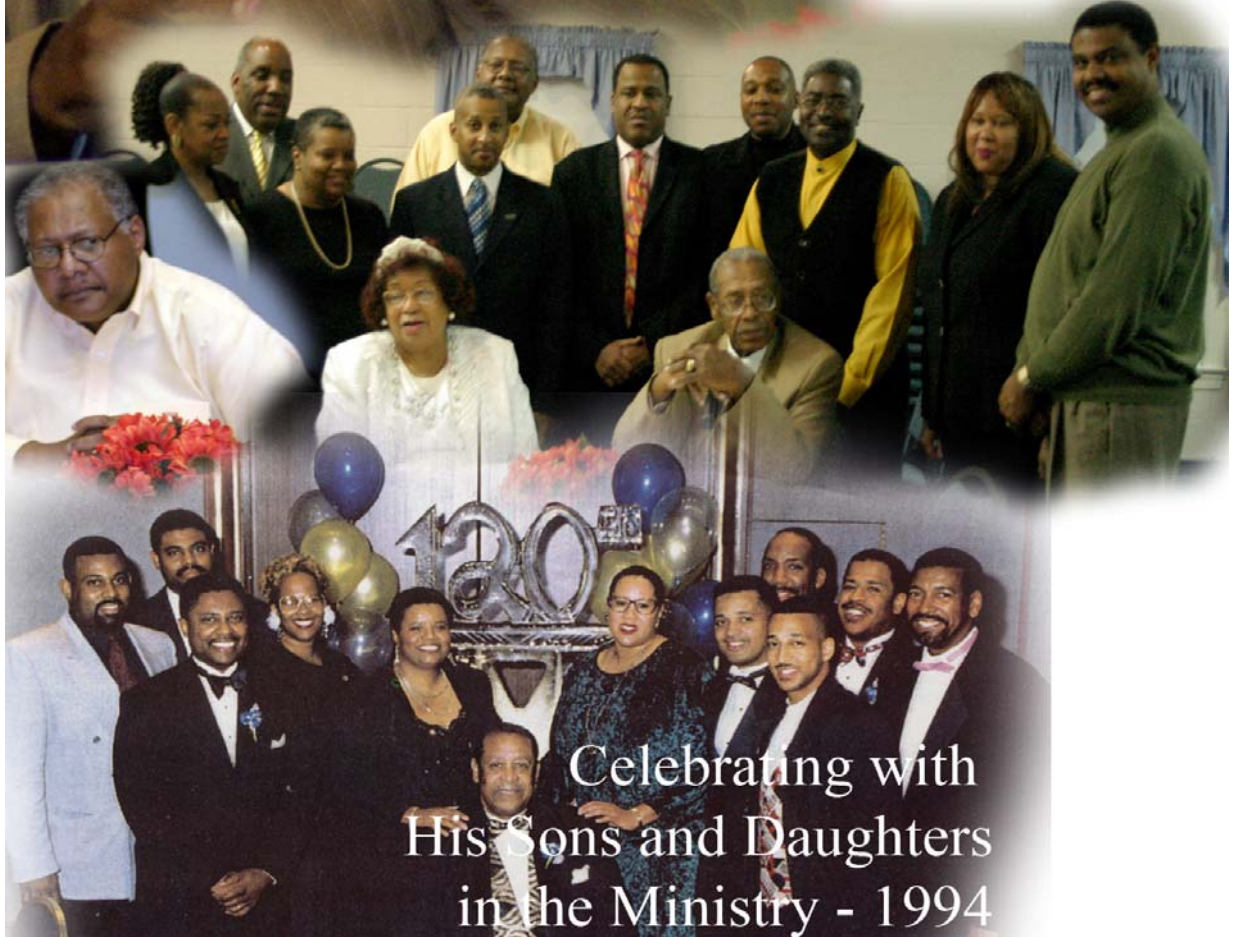
Visionary
Teacher
Preacher
Faithful
Dedicated
Mentor and
Encourager



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**

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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