



## Bishop Charles Edward Washington Sr.

March 12, 1950 - May 25, 2023

Bishop Charles Edward Washington Sr., 73, transitioned to his heavenly home on May 25, 2023 at 11:05 am at OSF St. Francis Medical Center.

Bishop Charles Washington, Sr. was born March 12, 1950 to Mary Louise (Washington) Brown and Edward Mayes in Coldwater, Mississippi. Bishop Charles married the love of his life Nellie Johnson on August 20, 1977 in Pleasant Hill Mississippi. The two became inseparable and to that union they bore 2 children. In addition, God blessed their union with four more beautiful children.

Bishop Charles worked for the City of Peoria for 20 years where he also retired and became a full-time Pastor. Bishop loved everything about ministry and helping people. He was a great influence and inspiration to all he came across. No one was a stranger; he would talk to a stop sign and minister. He loved fishing, reading and watching his all-time favorite TV show was Gun Smoke. Bishop Charles was the Founder of New Freedom True Holiness Ministries and also the founder of the gospel group Nell and the Gospel Connection. Bishop Charles was an amazing musical artist. He was a talented song writer and a gifted musician who played multiple musical instruments. Bishop Charles was also a past session musician with Stax Records while in Memphis, TN where he played with the famous Isaac Hayes, Elvis Presley, the Bar-Kays and Con Funk Shun. He will truly be missed as being an

amazing husband, father, friend, Pastor and mentor.

Bishop Charles leaves to cherish his most precious memories, his beautiful wife of 45 years, Evangelist Nellie Washington; three sons, Charles (Britnay) Washington, Jr., Pastor Victor (Charlene) Washington and Alfred Washington all of Peoria, IL; four daughters, Charlene (Thomas) Douglas of St. Louis, MO, Cassandra Washington, Letreauna Washington and Tyressa Washington all of Peoria, IL; six sisters, Ruby Richardson, Julis Franklin, Ruby Nell (Scott) Combs of Peoria, IL, Barb (James) Threatt of Olive Branch MS, Diane Newson of Memphis TN and Emma Jean Harris of Olive Branch, MS; one brother, Wilbert Mayes of Olive Branch, MS; his play daughter, Christina Sykes of Peoria, IL; and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends whom he loved dearly. He is preceded in death by his parents, one son, Christopher Mayes; three brothers, Robert Massey, Jimmy Mayes and Willie Mayes and four sisters, Willie Mae Wellmaker, Rosie Petty, Mary Massey and Carolyn Myers.

Celebration of Life Services will be held on Saturday, June 10, 2023 at 10:00AM at Grace Apostolic Church, 1523 S Laramie St, Peoria, IL 61605, with a one hour visitation prior beginning at 9:00AM. Rev. Victor Washington, Pastor of The Life Outreach Center and son of Bishop Washington, will officiate and bring the eulogy. Bishop Washington will be laid to rest at Lutheran Cemetery.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [SimonsMortuary.com](http://SimonsMortuary.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Lutheran Cemetery

914 S Pleasant St  
Peoria, IL 61604-5954

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 10. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Grace Apostolic Assembly  
1523 S. Laramie St.  
Peoria, IL 61605  
(309) 637-4111  
miracle1523@gmai.com  
<http://graceapostolicassembly.com>

## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Bishop Charles Edward Washington Sr.*



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**Simons Mortuary** - June 12, 2023 at 11:47 AM



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**Simons Mortuary** - June 08, 2023 at 01:46 PM



*What a Beautiful Bless Life.*

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**John H Lee** - June 09, 2023 at 07:09 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Simons Mortuary** - June 12, 2023 at 11:47 AM



“ Sonya Dye sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles Washington



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**Sonya Dye** - June 10, 2023 at 02:39 PM

 John H  
Lee

“ *To The Family of Bishop Charles Washington:*

*I Pray that The God of Grace and Mercy to be with you all and The Love Of God to Shine on The Family and Friends.*

*John 14:1-7 says: "Let not your Heart be trouble: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again receive you unto Myself, that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.*

*THOMAS SAITH UNTO HIM, LORD, WE KNOW NOT WHITHER THOU GOEST, AND HOW CAN WE KNOW THE WAY?*

*JESUS SAITH UNTO HIM, I am the way, the truth and the Life: no man cometh unto The Father, but by Me. If ye had known Me, ye should have known My Father also: and from henceforth ye know Him, and have seen Him. Amen Hallelujah*

*All I can say is, Look to The Father, The Son Of God, The Holy Spirit Of God for everything. Love you all.*

*Rev. John H. Lee Sr.*

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**John H Lee** - June 09, 2023 at 04:48 PM

 John H  
Lee

“ *John H Lee lit a candle in memory of Charles Washington*



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**John H Lee** - June 09, 2023 at 03:44 PM

LT

“ Sending heartfelt condolences to the Washington family may God continue to shine on you and keep you in his will.



Linda Taylor-Faulkner - June 08, 2023 at 11:51 PM

JB

“ Joanie Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles Washington



Joanie Brown - June 08, 2023 at 12:28 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bishop Charles Edward Washington Sr..



June 07, 2023 at 05:41 PM

CG

“ Chantay Gray lit a candle in memory of Charles Washington



Chantay Gray - June 04, 2023 at 09:41 PM

CG

“ *Chantay Gray lit a candle in memory of Charles Washington*



Chantay Gray - June 02, 2023 at 10:26 PM

KC

“ *Kathy Collins lit a candle in memory of Charles Washington*



Kathy Collins - June 02, 2023 at 09:02 PM

RA

“ *Renee Adell lit a candle in memory of Charles Washington*



Renee Adell - June 01, 2023 at 07:18 PM

TW

“ *Daddy you had faith as a mustered seed ... you was a God fearing man, you was a loving family Father. I enjoyed the time God allowed us to spend with you & I will forever cherish that /you.... I'm just gone have to do my job so I can see you again.  
Long live My Bishop C.E Washington, Sr.  
I love you dad & I'm going to miss you dearly  
Never goodbye, I'll see you later 📞💔🥲*

Tyresss Washington - June 01, 2023 at 04:46 AM

TW

“ Tyresss Washington lit a candle in memory of Charles Washington



Tyresss Washington - June 01, 2023 at 04:35 AM

MG

Mary Gulley lit a candle in memory of Charles Washington my you rip.

Mary Gulley - June 06, 2023 at 03:27 PM

MR

“ Mattie Risby sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles Washington



Mattie Risby - May 31, 2023 at 02:39 PM

PH

“ Phillip Hickman lit a candle in memory of Charles Washington



Phillip Hickman - May 31, 2023 at 08:25 AM

RW

“ Over 40 years ago this man and his wife became my friend. I treasured the times we spent with each other, and the knowledge shared. He and his wife were the first Gospel recording artist I had on my show. Through the years I have watched him grow into a leader, teacher, loving father and Preacher. God welcomed a disciple home and said, " Well Done ". Until we meet again, my friend. To the family his legend will live on through you. Love you all.  
R. Norris Watson

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**Robert Norris Watson** - May 30, 2023 at 07:39 AM

MP

“ Mancy Pittman lit a candle in memory of Charles Washington



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**Mancy Pittman** - May 30, 2023 at 02:45 AM

RF

“ Rena Horton & Family lit a candle in memory of Charles Washington



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**Rena Webster Horton & Family** - May 29, 2023 at 10:57 PM

JM

“ Earth has no sorry that heaven can't heal, as we all know this was a family loving Brother he just enjoyed loving people, and one of greatest guitar players every grace the strings and loved his family even before he was called into the ministry he was just a good person RIP my brother Jimmie and Rosie Maxwell we love you Nell and family we are here for you all Praying always. Bishop C.E. Washington Family

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**Jimmie Maxwell** - May 29, 2023 at 10:23 AM

RA

“ Renee Adell lit a candle in memory of Charles Washington



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**Renee Adell** - May 28, 2023 at 10:31 PM

ZB

“ Zerlyna Burse-Taylor sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles Washington



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**Zerlyna Burse-Taylor** - May 27, 2023 at 07:37 PM

MR

“ *Bishop ! Washington , your labor was not in vain , well done ! Thy good and faithful servant . Your Legacy lives on through your wife Lady Washington and son Pastor Victor and family and Church friends and all that you impacted on this side of earth . Take rest in your Lord and savior Jesus Christ rest in his arms you've fought the good fight of faith MOG !!! We the Potter's House if Peoria IL . sends well wishes and prayers and condolences and comfort to each and everyone in your time of sorrow Bishop will truly be missed ! He was well Loved and known in Peoria and around the WORLD ! Its time too Celebrate his time in Heaven ... Minister Roslyn*

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**Minister Roslyn** - May 27, 2023 at 12:14 PM

DC

“ *Deborah Carrasco lit a candle in memory of Charles Washington*



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**Deborah Carrasco** - May 26, 2023 at 10:48 PM

LW

“ *Letreauna Washington lit a candle in memory of Charles Washington*



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**Letreauna Washington** - May 26, 2023 at 09:00 PM

LW

“ *Ima miss you dad, I love you so much, my main man 🥺*”



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**Letreauna Washington** - May 26, 2023 at 08:59 PM

SG

“ *A true inspiration to many but to me he's my grandfather. With a smile so bright it can bring light to the world. Grandpa I am going to miss you so much this is definitely a hard pill to swallow but I have to be strong for your daughter which is my mother just know I got her. No more suffering Papa go be free with the Lord*”

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**Sheri Gayton** - May 26, 2023 at 08:28 PM