



Pastor RW "Robert" Randle

April 12, 1940 - June 20, 2020

Pastor RW "Robert" Randle, 80, Founder and Pastor of Higher Dimensions Praise & Worship Church and CEO of Peoria Palace Skating Rink of Peoria, IL transitioned to his heavenly home at 6:51 am on Saturday, June 20, 2020 at UnityPoint Methodist Hospital.

RW was born into this life's journey on April 12, 1940 in Cruger, Mississippi to proud parents Nathaniel and Lizzy B. (Reedy) Randle. In 1955 he moved to Peoria, IL where his first job was with Block and Co. He moved on to work at Pabst Blue Ribbon Brewery. He later went to work at Caterpillar, Inc., where he retired in 1996. He married his love and life's partner, Dorothy Mae Mines on October 2, 1960. Together with the grace of God, they raised their family and built a prosperous church and business.

RW received his formal education in Mississippi. He attended Illinois Central College where he received his Associates Degree in Applied Science. He later received his Bachelor's of Arts from Sangamon State University. He was a long-time Deacon and Chairman of the Deacon Board at New Morning Star M.B. Church under the leadership of the late Dr. Calvin Hightower. He accepted his calling into the ministry June 13th 1997. Pastor RW founded Higher Dimensions Praise & Worship Church on December 24, 2000. He became CEO of Peoria Palace Skating Rink in March of 2003.

Pastor Randle loved his Hospital Ministry. He may not have even known the person, but would come to their room and pray for them.

In his spare time, Pastor RW loved jogging, working in the yard and tending to

the skating rink. He Loved helping others.

Pastor RW worked with the Peoria Tri-County Urban League and ministered at The Peoria County Jail and various nursing homes around the city.

Pastor RW leaves to cherish his most precious memories his loving and devoted wife, 1st Lady Dorothy M. Randle of Peoria, IL; three children, Verna Lesi Randle, of Mesquite, TX; Robert LaMarr (Zipporah) Randle of Los Angeles, California and DeAndre Ladell Randle (Melissa Clemons) of Peoria, IL; 8 grandchildren, Rev. Marcus Howard, Nicholas (Brittney) Howard, Ashtin Howard, MeKeisha Howard, British Randle, Drelyn Randle, LJ Randle Jr, and Nala Davis; 9 great grandchildren, Marcus Foreman, Malachai Howard, Josiah Howard, Nya Howard, Nicholas Howard, Ca'Liyah Williams, Jailyynn & Jason Lawrence, and Phoenix Howard ; four brothers, Nathaniel Randle, Jr., Charles (Mary Ann) Randle and L.A. (Linda Faye) Randle & Robert (Cassie) Harris all of Peoria, IL; two sisters, Nancy Moredock and Leola Jefferson both of Peoria, IL and one sister-in-law, Joan Randle. He is preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Rutha Mae Randle Sargent and Liz Randle Lobdell: two brothers, Frank "Sonny" Randle, Jimmy "Bopeep" Randle.

A Private Funeral service will be held at 12:00 noon on Saturday, June 27, 2020 at Higher Dimension Praise and Worship Church where Rev. Harold Webster Jr. is Interim Pastor. There will be a two-hour visitation from 10 am to 12 noon. Rev. Marcus Randle Howard will bring words of comfort. Pastor RW Randle will be laid to rest at Swan Lake Memory Gardens Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, Memorials may be made to Higher Dimensions Church.

The funeral service will be live streamed on Simons Mortuary's Website or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Simons-Mortuary-232095303487150> promptly at time of the service. Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, social distancing and attendance limits will be observed. Online condolences may be made at SimonsMortuary.com.

As the States begin re-opening in response to the Global Coronavirus Pandemic, some people are returning to their previous normal living

standards. Unfortunately, we are now in our new normal as unreal and sometimes uncomfortable as the socially distancing and continuous use of protective masks may feel. *In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, we ask that everyone in attendance: wear a face mask and refrain from hugging, kissing and shaking hands (as hard as it is to see someone you care about and not touch them). Thanks in advance for your cooperation! *It is our responsibility as a Funeral Directors, to do everything we can to advise families in order to honor our beloved Families and to keep everyone as safe as possible. The church can socially distance and seat a limit of 50 or less people. All others will be able to flow through and view prior to beginning the Celebration of Life Ceremony.

Cemetery Details

Swan Lake Memory Gardens

4601 W War Memorial Dr.
Peoria, IL 61615

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 27. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Higher Dimensions Praise & Worship Church
2610 W. Nebraska Ave.
Peoria, IL 61604
<http://higherdimensionspeoria.org>

Celebration of Life

JUN 27. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Higher Dimensions Praise & Worship Church
2610 W. Nebraska Ave.
Peoria, IL 61604
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Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Pastor RW "Robert" Randle*



Simons Mortuary - June 29, 2020 at 11:02 AM



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Pastor RW "Robert" Randle*



Simons Mortuary - June 26, 2020 at 03:30 PM



*GOD bless you Randle Family
From Will & Jackie Harris*

Granny Punkun - June 27, 2020 at 11:28 AM



Beautiful, God fearing couple.

Mary Bolden - June 27, 2020 at 11:49 AM

SS

It hurt so bad to let go, you shall be missed but never forgotten. Love you my spiritual godfather.

Senior Bishop Dr. Tony R. Smith - July 13, 2020 at 11:56 PM



“ *Pastor RW "Robert" Randle*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Pastor RW "Robert" Randle*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM

“ On this I give all praise to the Lord, and yet I want to say how truly sorry I am for the lost of your love one.

He was truly a man of God, a man with a vision, and a heart full of compassion. He gave many of us a door to walk through, a school to learn, a vision to uplift, and a goal to achieve.

When others didn't think I was worth it, he gave forth and lead me on the right path, when those I love walked away, he came into my life and share the truth about salvation, when I felt the need to give up, he stood firm and spoke like a father with a master plan and purpose. And the day I was saved, he hug me and told me this is only the beginning.

I never shared this with anyone, I can remember when we first spoke, and I was given a sermon in Bloomington at the church of St. Mary's, and he was there for a conferences, he walk up to me and asked me where I was from, and why am I so afraid to let the spirit take control for it was shining bright as I was speaking. We talked for hours, after a month or to, I ran into him again at a Spiritual Gathering for Leadership in Indiana, and we travel on the bus from Peoria to there, and I know it was God because every step I made he was there encouraging me to speak more loudy, to let the spirit lead me to open up and show others what God has done in my life.

Since that day, he became not only a friend, but a god father, a minister, a mentor, and a true family in Christ. With his compassion toward mentoring the younger generation I was able to grow spiritual emotionally, mentally and physically. To let go is so hard to do right now. But I know he is at peace and he is now speaking with God pointing out what we are doing, trying figure out ways to help us more, and coming up with plans that will give each of us a new path to follow in Christ.

You may be gone by physical stage, but spiritually I know you are here, emotionally you shall be deep in my heart, mentally I shall continue the vision he gave me. Thank You for caring about a

person like, once a sinner who has now become a part of Christ, student of Pastor Randle and a member of Higher Dimension Praise and Worship Church. I love you dad, and I will see you again real soon.

*Your God Son
Bishop Dr. Tony R. Smith*



Senior Bishop Dr. Tony R. Smith - July 13, 2020 at 11:53 PM



“ 8 files added to the album *Funeral Program*



Simons Mortuary - July 03, 2020 at 11:58 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Burial at Swan Lake Memory Gardens*



Simons Mortuary - June 29, 2020 at 11:03 AM

BI

“ *Brenda Idreez sent a virtual gift in memory of
Pastor RW "Robert" Randle*



Brenda Idreez - June 29, 2020 at 08:00 AM

VR

“ *The Randle Family, Please know that God will see you thru. Pastor
R W was a great person we all grew up in the same time span.
Dorothy you have my sympathy. R.I.P Pastor.*

Vernell Richmond-Bradshaw - June 28, 2020 at 04:08 PM

MB

“ I last saw Pst. R.W. Randall when he and Dorothy invited me to do a concert in 2008, after I had recorded my 2nd CD, No Weapon. They were very kind hearted and made me feel most welcome to be invited a second time around as I had been invited in 2005 also, after my 1st.CD was recorded.

I remember him also as Deacon R.W.Randall, as we all grew up together in old Morning Star church under the late Rev. Calvin Hightower. He always had a friendly smile and hello to me and all others.

I know he suffered long, as Lisa kept us informed about his illness. But, I kept him in prayer and I knew God wouldn't put on him anymore than he could bear. And he lived a long life and finished his course on earth. So God has called his servant on home to receive his just rewards. Hallelujah Jesus. Amen.

May the peace of God that surpasses all understanding, rest, rule, and abide upon Dorothy and all of the family. In Jesus mighty name. Amen.

Evangelist Mary Bolden

Mary Bolden - June 27, 2020 at 11:39 AM

ES

“ Earl & Denise Jackson Sr. lit a candle in memory of Pastor RW "Robert" Randle



Earl & Denise Jackson Sr. - June 27, 2020 at 11:05 AM

AF

“ Andrews Family lit a candle in memory of
Pastor RW "Robert" Randle



Andrews Family - June 27, 2020 at 10:10 AM

LV

“ We are sorry to hear of transition of our dear friend love and prayers
Leroy and Ernestine Vinson

leroy Vinson - June 27, 2020 at 12:18 AM

CS

“ Curtis Shumate lit a candle in memory of
Pastor RW "Robert" Randle



Curtis shumate - June 26, 2020 at 04:36 PM

AF

“ Aliesha, Corey Hosea & Family lit a candle in
memory of Pastor RW "Robert" Randle



Aliesha, Corey Hosea & Family - June 25, 2020 at 10:30 AM

JC

“ *Jessie Copeland lit a candle in memory of Pastor RW "Robert" Randle*



Jessie Copeland - June 24, 2020 at 08:57 PM

RW

“ *Richard And Theresa Walker sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor RW "Robert" Randle*



Richard and Theresa Walker - June 24, 2020 at 07:48 PM

CH

“ *Calvin & Pamela Hightower lit a candle in memory of Pastor RW "Robert" Randle*



Calvin & Pamela Hightower - June 24, 2020 at 06:24 PM

BT

“ *To all in the Randle family my sincere condolences for your loss. Bob was one of the most genuinely nice people I've ever had the pleasure of knowing. I hadn't seen him since we were neighbors in Mossville but I've thought of him often and missed our conversations. I know and trust that we'll all see him again in a better place.*
Bob Travers (Central Illinois Countertops)

Bob Travers - June 24, 2020 at 04:59 PM

NT

“ Nate Terry lit a candle in memory of Pastor RW "Robert" Randle



Nate Terry - June 24, 2020 at 04:33 PM

RW

“ Renessa Watkins sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor RW "Robert" Randle



Renessa Watkins - June 24, 2020 at 04:00 PM

MJ

“ Pastor Robert Randle; friend Pastor husband, pawpaw, business entrepreneur and so much more to everyone he came in contact with. When I first started being around the skating rink and helping I remember him showing love ❤️ and being polite and always telling me to pray about anything I didn't know understand. He would invite me to his services and ask me questions about the Bible. Lady Dorothy was always the boss, but had respect for what her husband would say 😭! We need to support her because she will miss her only love 💕! To Lamar and Marcus and other family members we will all miss Dad Pawpaw Randle very much! 😭😭😭 Keep God first and you will find strength and comfort!
Love,
Michelle Jones-Douglas



Michelle Jones-Douglas - June 24, 2020 at 02:36 PM

MR

“ *Mattie Risby sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor RW "Robert" Randle*



Mattie Risby - June 24, 2020 at 01:52 PM

DH

“ *To the Randle Family,
Sending my condolences to the family, praying for the family, we know God never makes mistakes. To Dorothy & Lisa stay strong he fought a good battle.*

*Diane Dotson-Herron
Bloomington, IL*

DIANE D HERRON - June 24, 2020 at 09:39 AM

MW

“ *My the God of all comfort, comfort you now and always. Sis. Pat Ward* 🤝💕



Ms. Pat Ward - June 24, 2020 at 07:09 AM



“ *Tina Lepretre lit a candle in memory of Pastor RW "Robert" Randle*



Tina Lepretre - June 24, 2020 at 06:09 AM

LH

“ Linda Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor RW "Robert" Randle



Linda Harris - June 24, 2020 at 12:17 AM

JB

“ Our Thoughts and Prayers Are With The Entire Randle Family. RIH Pastor RW" Robert" Randle. May The Lord Give You Strength And Understanding That Only He Can In Your Time Of Need , For He Will Be With You At All Times. 💖💕🙏Joanie Brown And Family



Joanie Brown - June 23, 2020 at 11:32 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Pastor RW "Robert" Randle.



June 23, 2020 at 09:54 PM

KA

“ Karen Ashby sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor RW "Robert" Randle



Karen Ashby - June 23, 2020 at 09:24 PM

PB

“ My FRIEND and I, stood together on many issues in Peoria in favor of the citizens that we served.

In 2010, it was Pastor Randle who partnered with me, as Assistant Director of the Peoria Association of Pastors For Community & Spiritual Renewal along with a handful of other caring local pastors as we conducted Peoria's first and ONLY citizen sponsored gun exchange. And to this day is unacknowledged Black history in Peoria.

Pastor Randle's church, Higher Dimension, was one of the exchange sites and Pastor Randle was valuable with administrative issues to insure procedure was followed.

In 2010-2011 before there was anything such as Black Lives Matter, or any community groups to rally for attention to issues, Pastor Randle and I were in regular and significant talks with the police regarding community policing and policy, maximizing gun exchange success, seeking change in how the police policy and how it dealt with its citizens. We did not tear down a statues nor did we create an occupied zone. We WORKED and worked together IN THE NAME OF CHRIST!

Shortly thereafter, Pastor Randle, with my blessing worked on and led Peoria's only citizen sponsored annual prayer vigil to pray for the condition and peace of Peoria every new year.

We vied at City Hall against bad council moves that led to economic disparity within the Black community and what we pointed out to be atrocious inequity for Black citizens within this area, long before there was a single online report about Peoria being the worst city for Black Americans.

THANK YOU Pastor Randle, for being my friend and riding with me through some pretty tough places, through some hatred and jealousy and into VICTORY every step on the way.

Until we meet again my brother!!!!

Pastor Harvey Burnett



Pastor Harvey Burnett - June 23, 2020 at 09:10 PM

EC

“ Words can't describe how sorry i am for your loss. May Pastor Randle's memories sustain you during this difficult time.



evelyn tate clayton - June 23, 2020 at 07:35 PM

DA

“ Doris Alexander lit a candle in memory of Pastor RW "Robert" Randle



Doris Alexander - June 23, 2020 at 07:09 PM

JH

SENDING CONDOLENCE TO 1ST LADY DOROTHY AND THE REST OF THE FAMILY PRAYING GOD GIVE YOU STRENGTH DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME.RIP MY BROTHER.JOYCE KENNEDY HOWARD

JOYCE KENNEDY HOWARD - June 25, 2020 at 06:42 PM