

Acknowledgement

*The Rhodes Family expresses their thanks and gratitude for your acts of kindness, love, support, and prayers during the time of our loss.
May God grant you all His abundant blessings.*

Pallbearers

DEACON RAY HALE ~ MINISTER HARVEY HALE
CAMERON J. KANNEY "CJ" ~ MARK NICHOLS II
DEACON MARK CRUMP ~ DEFOREST RHODES JR.

Flowerbearer

TRACY CRUMP



Don't Weep For Me

*Don't weep for me. I will be okay.
Heaven is my home now, and this is where I'll stay.
Don't weep for me. I'm where I belong.
I want you to be happy and try to stay strong.*

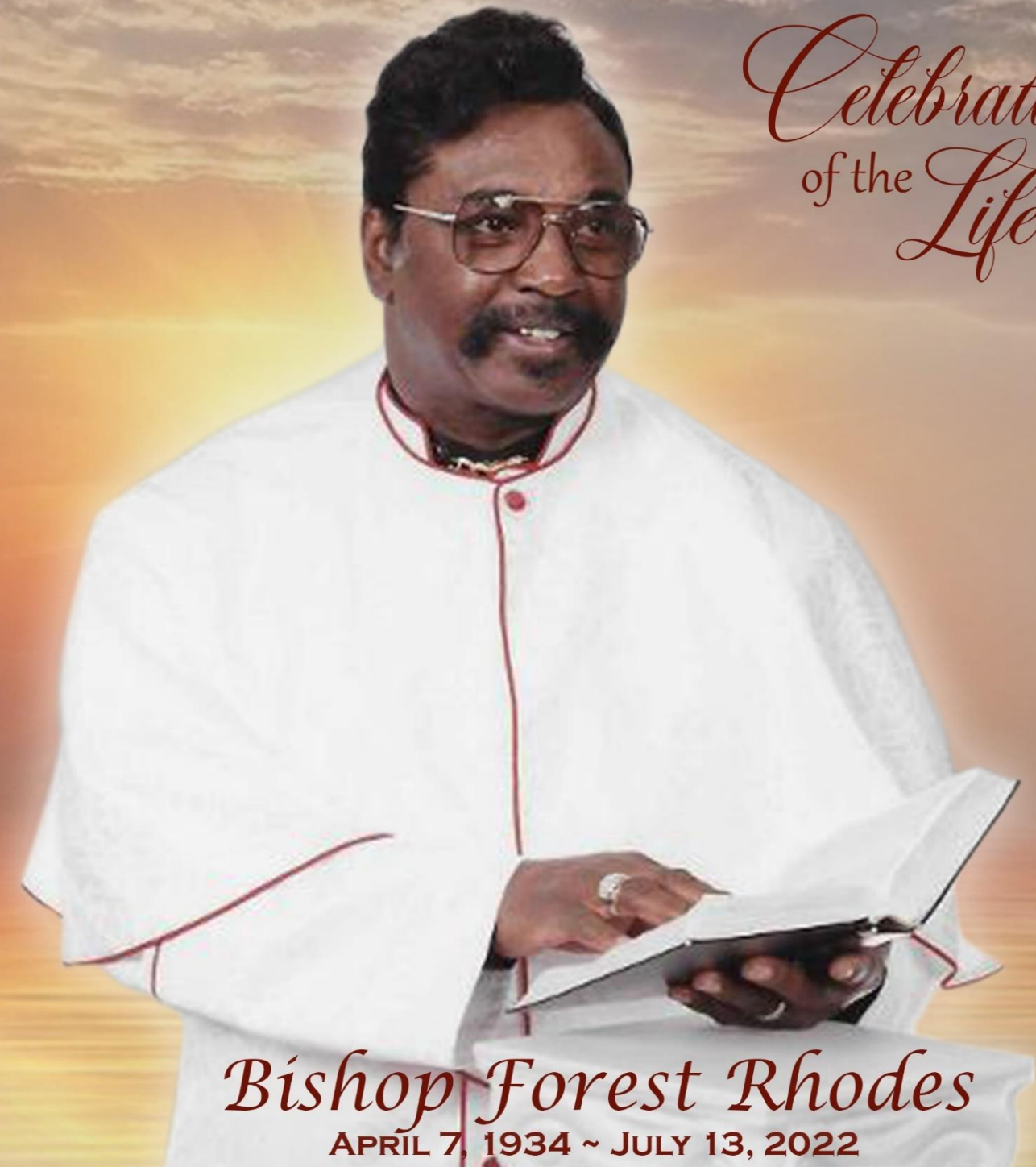
*Don't weep for me. I am not alone.
The angels are with me to welcome me home.*

*Don't weep for me, for I have no fear.
All my pain is gone, and Jesus took my tears.
Don't weep for me. This is not the end.
I'll be waiting here for you when we meet again.*

To offer condolences to The Rhodes Family,
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*Celebration
of the Life of*



Bishop Forest Rhodes
APRIL 7, 1934 ~ JULY 13, 2022

SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2022 · 10:00 AM

**COLUMBUS CHRISTIAN CENTER
2300 NORTH CASSADY AVENUE ~ COLUMBUS, OHIO**



Obituary

Bishop Forest Rhodes, age 88, was born DeForest Rhodes on April 7, 1934, in Roanoke, Virginia to parents, Emmett S. Rhodes and Beatrice E. Rhodes (Brown). Bishop Forest Rhodes was called to the ministry at the young age of nine years old.

Bishop Rhodes served as a minister at the 8th Avenue Sanctified and Holy Church in Roanoke, Virginia and he was ordained to become a minister at the age of 15. He served in the United States Airforce from 1953-1957. Forest married the love of his life, Johncie Mae Rhodes (Lathon), on August 3, 1957. In 1972, he founded the Apostolic Assembly Church. In 1976, he founded and organized the foundation of the Apostolic Assembly Worldwide, Inc. The church later became Promise Land Believers Fellowship Assembly.

Bishop Rhodes earned a Bachelor's degree in Religious Education from the Aenon Bible College, a Master of Theology from Freelandia Institute College of Theology, and a Doctor of Theology. He served as a professor at Aenon Bible College from 1977-1984. Bishop Rhodes retired from the City of Columbus, Water Division after 34 years of service.

Bishop Rhodes was an avid reader and a student of the word. He was also known for his dapper and debonair attire. He was a kind and loving partner to his spouse Johncie, as well as an amazing father to their five children. You never had to question if he loved or cared for you because he made it so obvious. He was a man of few words (except in the pulpit), yet he had such a strong and commanding presence. He was a dedicated family man, who was always there when you needed him.

Bishop Rhodes is preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Johncie M. Rhodes; parents, Emmett S. Rhodes, and Beatrice E. Rhodes; and ten siblings that included six brothers and four sisters.

Bishop Rhodes leaves behind to cherish his memory five loving children, his sons, Joseph "Joe" McGhee, James Rhodes (Rossetta), DeForest Rhodes, Jr., DeForest "Buddy" Rhodes III (Keyosha); daughter, Johncie Kanney (Cameron); sisters, June Harper, and Ann Bosley (Troy); and countless grandchildren, great grandchildren, nephews, nieces, other relatives, friends, and church family.

May I Go Now?

*May I go now?
Do you think the time is right?
May I say goodbye to pain filled days
and endless lonely nights?
I've lived my life and done my best,
an example tried to be.
So can I take that step beyond
and set my spirit free?*

*I didn't want to go at first,
I fought with all my might.
But something seems to draw me now
to a warm and loving light.
I want to go, I really do.
It's difficult to stay.
But I will try as best I can
to live just one more day.*

*To give you time to care for me
and share your love and fears.
I know you're sad and afraid,
because I see your tears.
I'll not be far,
I promise that, and hope you'll always know
that my spirit will be close to you
wherever you may go.*

*Thank you so for loving me.
You know I love you too,
that's why it's hard to say goodbye
and end this life with you.
So hold me now just one more time
and let me hear you say,
because you care so much for me,
you'll let me go today.*

Order of Celebration

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PARTING VIEW Immediate Family

SCRIPTURE READING
Old Testament Elder Lonnie Hale
New Testament..... Elder Harvey Hale

PRAYER Evangelist Cordelia Foster

SELECTION Nicole Davis, Psalmist

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/CONDOLENCES Sister Dina Hale

REMARKS Family and Friends

READING OF OBITUARY Silently

SELECTION Anointed Sons of God

The Eulogy
BISHOP MARK A. NICHOLS
Nephew
Lovely Zion Baptist Church, Bedford, VA

BENEDICTIONBishop Mark A. Nichols

RECESSIONALClergy, Family, and Friends





Interment
EASTLAWN CEMETERY

The Broken Chain

We little knew that morning
That *GOD* would call *Your Name*
In *LIFE* we *LOVED* you dearly
In death we do the same

It broke our *Hearts* to lose *You*
You did NOT go *alone*
For *part* of *us* went with you
The *Day* *GOD* called You *Home*

You left us BEAUTIFUL *Memories* 
Your LOVE is *Still* our Guide
And Although we cannot See you
You're ALWAYS by Our side

 Our FAMILY CHAIN is *broken*
And *Nothing* seems the Same
But, as GOD calls us *One* by *One*
The CHAIN will LINK Again 