

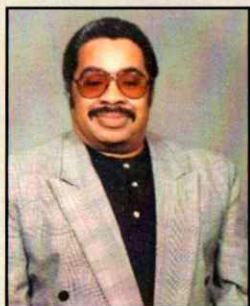
Pallbearers

Marcus Christian
Jamar Christian
Jayquan Brown

Marquin Christian
Peyton Johnson
Jamaal Brown

Acknowledgement

The family of Bishop John R. Christian acknowledges with deep appreciation, all acts of kindness extended to us during this time of sorrow. We pray the favor of God be ever present in your lives. God bless you all for your thoughtfulness, concern, and prayers.



*We think about you always.
We talk about you still.
You have never been forgotten,
and you never will.*



*We hold you close within our hearts,
and there you will remain,
To walk and guide us through our lives,
until we meet again.*



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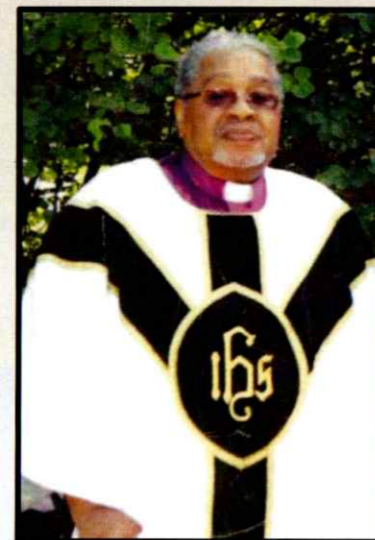
Homegoing Celebration

for

Bishop John R. Christian

SUNRISE: December 22, 1939

SUNSET: February 7, 2023



The Service of Celebration

Friday, February 24, 2023
12:00 p.m.

Miracle Deliverance Faith Center
69 Whitney Street
Rochester, New York 14611

Officiant
Pastor V. Marilyn Mathis

"Life Reflections"

Bishop John R. Christian, age 83, passed away peacefully at Unity Hospital in Rochester, New York on Tuesday, February 7, 2023. He was born December 22, 1939, in Rockford, Alabama to Myrtle Gamble and Adell Christian. He attended and graduated from Coosa County High School in 1957. At the young age of 14, John had a calling to walk with the Lord and to minister. During his youth, John enjoyed running track as well as playing basketball.

He relocated to Rochester, New York with his mother. In 1960, he graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology. The following year, he met and married Jannie Margaret Kelly at the 16 Helena Street Church. Their union was blessed with four children: Marcus Q. Christian, Yancy P. Christian, Ann M. Christian, and Adrian D. Christian. John spent his years working at NYS Janitorial Services, NYS Hospital, and retiring from the YMCA and NYS Janitorial Services in the mid-1990s. John enjoyed days at the lake where he loved fishing. He also enjoyed watching westerns and basketball, and spending time with his grandchildren. Among his favorite hobbies were sewing, crocheting items for his children and grandchildren, and mastering computers.

He attended and continued to minister and teach at Christ Tabernacle Church for many years. He was a devoted, long-time Christian and child of God who truly enjoyed serving the Lord. He later became an ordained Elder in 2004. He enjoyed playing the organ and piano for the church choir for many years. His favorite activity, by far, however, was Sunday morning services and understanding the Gospel. John was able to preach the Word of God to a congregation at his own church, Jesus Christ Ministry Apostolic Doctrine, where he continued to preach until the Lord called him home.

Bishop John R. Christian is predeceased by his loving wife, Jannie Margaret Christian; a grandson, Yancy P. Christian, and his parents, Adell Christian and Myrtle Gamble. He leaves to cherish his memory and continue his legacy: his devoted children: Marcus Q. Christian, Yancy P. Christian, Ann M. Christian, and Adrian D. Christian; grandchildren: Marcus A. Christian, Marquin T. Christian, Shereal M. Christian, Quinton L. Christian, Yalawn Christian, Shameria Christian, Antoinique (Jamaal) Brown, Jamar L. Christian, and Jayquan J. Brown; 11 great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, Godchildren, church family and friends.

Order of Service

Processional and Parting Glimpse	Clergy and Family
Prayer of Comfort	Elder Douglas Nowlin
Musical Selection "I Won't Complain"	Regina Rumph
Scripture Reading Old Testament: The 23 rd Psalm New Testament: I Thessalonians 4:14-17	Brenda Doucette Fields
Reading of "Life Reflections" and Acknowledgement of Condolences	Cheryl White
Remarks (2 minutes, please)	Family and Friends
Eulogy/Words of Comfort	Pastor V. Marilyn Mathis
Recessional	Metropolitan Staff

Interment

Riverside Cemetery
2650 Lake Avenue
Rochester, New York 14612

*"When you leave me in the grave,
Don't say goodbye.
Remember a grave is only a curtain for the paradise behind."*

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The family will receive friends at
672 Emerson Street
Rochester, New York
immediately following interment.
(space is limited)