



In loving memory of

Bishop Marvin Cox

Sunrise January 21, 1950 - Sunset May 6, 2023



May 27, 2023 11:00 a.m.

State Street Community Church
1200 S. State Street
Raleigh, NC 27610

Old Testament Scripture

PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.
He restores my soul;
He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; for You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I
will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.

New Testament Scripture

ROMANS 8:35, 37- 39

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword. No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Order of Service



InvocationRev. Michael Eric Owens, Officiant
Old Testament Reading.Mr. Cardie Cox (brother)
New Testament Reading.Minister Peggy House
Worship Team.Led by Ms. Shayna Stancil & Ms. Natasha Robinson
Tributes & Remarks (3 minutes each)
 ▪ Mr. Eddie Foxx
 ▪ Minister Don & Bonita Barrett
"Sheltered in the Arms of God"Voices of Praise
Tributes & Remarks (3 minutes each)
 ▪ Bishop Michael Williams (brother-in-law)
 ▪ Minister Dr. Sherman Stevens (cousin)
Musical Selections.
Acknowledgements.Pastor Jacqueline Kehinde
Reading of Obituary. Mrs. Alexia Wallace Best (niece)
Solo - "I Can Only Imagine".Ms. Natasha Robinson (niece)
Prayer for Family.Mr. Yelverton Cox (brother)
Eulogy. Bishop Trevor Reid (nephew)
Flag Presentation.
Benediction.Pastor Alexis Wallace (brother-in-law)
Recessional.

Interment

Graveside Committal - Bishop Winston Reid, Sr.
Historic Oakwood Cemetery
701 Oakwood Ave, Raleigh, NC 27601

Repast

State Street Community Church, COGOP
1200 S State St, Raleigh, NC 27610

Marvin Glen “Special” Cox



Heaven's band received a new member on the morning of May 6, 2023. This was the day Bishop Marvin Cox became absent from this body, but we know that he is present with the Lord.

Early Life

On January 21, 1950, Leanna Sara and Milton Rodon Cox Sr. welcomed their third child, a baby boy, in the quiet settlement of Snug Corner, Acklins, one of the southernmost Bahamian islands. Because he was born prematurely at seven months, Marvin was called “Special” as a little boy, as was the customary nickname for premature babies. Marvin's early education started at the All-Age School in Snug Corner, Acklins. In 1961, Marvin moved to the capital, Nassau, Bahamas, with his grandmother. He continued his education at the Eastern Senior High School. After completing high school, he worked for his uncle Bishop Brice Thompson at a shop named Thriftway Supermarket. In 1969, he started working at the Bahamas Telecommunication Corporation (BTC) where he stayed for several years.

Marvin attended the Church of God of Prophecy where he played the cymbals as a member of the renowned Bahamas Brass Band. Additionally, he was a very gifted guitar player. A man of many talents, he also became a part of the popular singing group called the Golden Trumpeters. The Golden Trumpeters' first recorded album was titled “One Day He's Coming Again”, followed by their second album titled “His Eye Is On The Sparrow”. Their music continues to be played on the national radio station of the Bahamas.

Family, Life in the United States, and Ministry

Marvin met the beautiful Iva Mae Jacqueline Williams (Jackie) while attending a Church of God of Prophecy (COGOP) General Assembly. Initially, Jackie lived in Chicago, and Marvin lived in Nassau; however, distance made their hearts grow fonder, and they decided that they wanted to spend their lives together. They became engaged in 1970, and in 1975 they married. Their marriage produced a son, Carlon, followed by their daughter, Crystal. Marvin and Jackie enjoyed 48 years of marriage together before God called Marvin home.

In 1977 Marvin and Jackie moved to Chicago, Illinois where he immediately began serving at his father-in-law's church as a musician, as well as a Sunday School teacher and superintendent. He received his first Pastoral Appointment in 1982 to the Markham COGOP and was later appointed Pastor to the Evanston COGOP. He spent 10 years pastoring in Evanston, Illinois. His final Pastoral appointment was in Wisconsin at God's Miracle in Milwaukee COGOP where he served diligently for 17 years, during which time he was ordained as a Bishop in the COGOP. He retired in 2013.

While pastoring, he also worked as a supervisor in the Copy and Records Department for Carter & Company, the corporate arm of True Value Hardware. Nearly every year at Carter & Company, Marvin received an award for perfect attendance. Additionally, he worked at Integrity Family Services as a Crisis Stabilizer.

After retiring, he moved to Raleigh/Durham, North Carolina. Because of his love for studying and teaching the Word of God, as well as his love for the people of God, he served as Associate Pastor over the Seniors Ministry at Research Triangle Park (RTP) COGOP and faithfully conducted a Weekly Bible Study at his residence in Chapel Hill. We cherish memories of him making a joyful noise, faithfully serving God, fiercely loving his family, and working hard until the Lord called him home to rest.

Preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Frelon (Glenda) Cox, Marvin will forever be cherished in the heart of his beloved wife, Iva Mae Jacqueline (Jackie) Cox; his children Carlon Jerod (Tamira) and Crystal Nicole Cox, his grandchildren Taliyah, Carson, Aria, and William Alexander; his brothers Yelverton (Jennymae), Beauford, Milton Jr. Esq., Cardie, and Orville (Clarice) Cox; and his sisters Trudie Cox, Miriana Bethell, Evelina (Alexis) Wallace, and Dotlyn Cox. *His nieces and nephews:* Saron (Sharell), Caleb, Darcy, and Jade (Adena) Cox; Vashti (Andrew) Joseph, Kishtor and Lavade Cox; Doctors Charisse (Ian) Kelly, Sidney (Kessandra) and Cassie Esq. Bethell; Jenson, Pastor Breon, and Luke Cox; Alexia Esq. (Garrison) Best, Sydney Wallace; Jason and Chantal Cox; Camrawn Cox; Orvette Ross (Sean), Clydeshia, and Christian Cox. Also cherishing his memory are Marvin's in-laws, cousins, church families, and dear friends.

Bishop Marvin Glen "Special" Cox passed away at the age of 73 and will be remembered for the love he had for God, his beloved family, and quartet gospel music. Our beloved Marvin has transitioned from labor to reward.

Tributes



This message should have been written years ago, but here I go. There is NO way I can thank you enough Pastor Marvin Cox for the spiritual cement you added to my foundation. In my mind, I am your greatest accomplishment. When you reach heaven's gate, I'm sure God will present you with a crown and the largest jewel will be for the impact you had in changing my life. Prov 27:17 – As iron sharpens iron, So one man sharpens and influences another through discussion. I love you Sir! -- **Randy Ross**

Pastor I'm still in disbelief, I know it's crazy I'm texting you right now. I just want you to know that this text is coming from a spiritual standpoint. I appreciate everything that you've done and taught me! From a boy to man! I never had a dad and once I met you, you filled that void in my heart. You've always been there whenever you could. You introduced me to God, help fixed my marriage through prayers, gave me words of wisdom, comfort and compassion when I felt lost. You prayed for my baby when he was fighting for his life, and many more things you've done to help me become a better man and father. I know you can't read this in the physical form, but I know your spirit sees. I love you, Pastor Cox. I am praying for the family, and I promise I will continue to stay in touch, serve the Lord and teach my baby boy the way you taught me. I love you and miss you. Congratulations, you completed your mission and got your wings. To my Cox family, I love you in spirit and in truth. Y'all are my family and that will never change no matter how far of a distance we are from one another. We love you. --
Terrance Braggs

On my gosh Carlon, I am so so sorry to hear about your dad! He was such a great kind thoughtful and welcoming man. So many memories and laughs with you all. Please send my love and condolences to your Mom for me. Praying for you. -- **Amy Reid**

We are so sorry for your loss. We loved him! We remember several of his stories, especially "Look Around Brown". Prayers for your whole family. -- **Larry Barker**

I'm so sorry for your loss. I thought the world of your father. He was such an awesome man of God. May God give you and your family comfort and peace. -- **Carol Haupt**

Tributes

My heart is with you Crystal and your mother! I love y'all so much. I literally just told my daughter how he let me wire up the logging and plugs in his house basement when I was 12 years old. Then he paid me the most cash I had ever made at that point in my life. My heart hurts! I love y'all. -- **Don Charles**

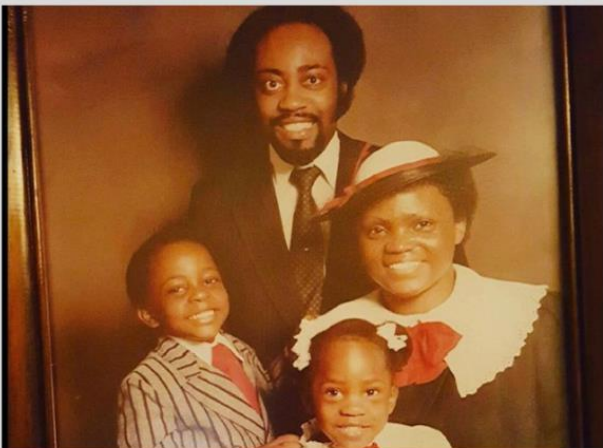
I am truly sorry to hear about your loss. My love goes out to you and your mom and the rest of the family. I have so many good memories of Pastor Cox. He would spend countless hours with me and answer so many questions that I had. He has had a tremendous amount of influence and impact on my life. He was a man that had a heart for God and pursued God faithfully. I pray for peace during this time! I love you guys dearly! -- **Steve Devroy**

Bishop Cox and your mom and family mean so much to us!!! TY!!! Our lives were forever transformed after meeting Jesus at your dad's church so forever thankful. Your parents came the day our son was born can't believe that was 14 years ago. Praying for you all. -- **Charity Devroy**

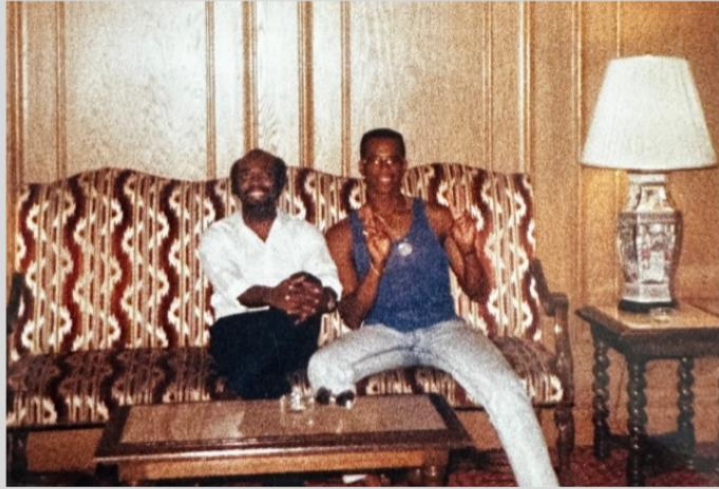
Condolences are extended to Bishop Marvin's family. Marvin and I grew up in the Grove and Engleston Nassau Bahamas and were members of a gospel singing group the **Junior Sons of Joy (The Gospellairs)** in the early 70s. Marvelous Years. My prayer is that God grant you and your family strength as you go through this time of bereavement. May His Soul Rest In Paradise. -- **Alvin N Sargent**

My precious friend has met his reward. I love him and loved serving the Lord with him. A dear man of God! -- **Pastor Devon Blanton**

Sis Cox - me and my family are praying for you at this time. We all loved Bro Cox as our pastor while here in Milwaukee. He always made time for you when you needed to talk. God bless you and your family. -- **Tommie Reed Green**







PALLBEARERS

Mr. Caleb Cox (nephew)

Mr. Sydney Wallace (nephew)

Mr. Milton Cox (brother)

Mr. Camrawn Cox (nephew)

Mr. Orville Cox (brother)

Mr. Cardie Cox (brother)



ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

IN APPRECIATION TO OUR DAD...

We hold you close, within our hearts, And there you shall remain
To walk with us throughout our lives, until we meet again.

So rest in peace dear Dad, and thanks for all you've done
For we know that God has given you, The crown you've truly won.



IN APPRECIATION TO FAMILY & FRIENDS

You were there to wipe away our tears as we cried. And we saw the many beautiful flowers that you sent to cheer us up. We read the many cards of condolences that you sent to brighten up our days. We ate the delicious food you prepared for us. So that we would have the strength to face another day. We heard many telephone messages that said, "We are praying for you and God Bless you in your hour of grief". We felt the warm hugs that you gave us. Letting us know that you were grieving with us, too. We heard the spirit-filled music that you rendered for us. We saw the smiles on your faces as you served us with kindness. We heard the wonderful inspiring message that was spoken for our benefit.

Our family wishes to acknowledge with gratefulness each act of kindness and every expression of sympathy shown during our time of bereavement.



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I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course,
I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for
me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the
righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to
me only, but unto all them also that love his
appearing.

2 Timothy 4:7-8