

CELEBRATING  
*the Life & Legacy of*

*Elder*  
THOMAS K.  
*Store, Sr.*

April 5, 1937 - November 17, 2022



Saturday, November 26, 2022 | 11:00 A.M.

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*Open Door Church of Deliverance*  
2503 North Central Avenue  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
Bishop Rufus C. Hicks, Pastor





# Life & Legacy of *Elder* THOMAS K. *Stone, Sr.*

**ELDER THOMAS K. STONE, SR.** was born in Indianapolis, Indiana to the late Mr. T. K. and Willie Nancy Moore Stone on April 5, 1937. He attended Manuel High School and worked in the Automotive Manufacturing Plant Industry where he held various responsibilities as a forklift driver and an assembly line worker producing quality designs, improving new developments, and complying with the manufacturing safety procedures at Ford Motor Company for thirty-five years.

**ELDER THOMAS K. STONE, SR.** was a phenomenal man of noble character who worked tirelessly to support his family, community, and church. He went above and beyond for others. He was selfless, honest, righteous, and a generous man who never complained even during his illness. He was a loving, supportive, tower of quiet strength for his wife. He was an excellent husband, father, grandfather, and godfather; son, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend. He was an awesome provider creating a home of comfort and order with laughter. He was a strict disciplinarian with a soft and gentle voice and he raised his children with love, dignity, and respect.

**ELDER THOMAS K. STONE, SR.** loved to read and listen to quartet musical groups. His favorite sports were football and basketball and he was

the family master chef of barbequing. His favorite Western Movie was Gun Smoke and his favorite TV show was In the Heat of the Night. Every night, he craved his favorite snacks: ice cream, honey buns, and popsicles. **ELDER THOMAS K. STONE, SR.** was a car enthusiast and his favorite two vehicles were his Cadillac and Lincoln which were detailed, shinning, and well maintained all the time. **ELDER THOMAS K. STONE, SR.** was always fashionably and modestly dressed and adorned himself with holiness in clothes and modeled it for the world to see he was set apart.

On March 29, 1956, **ELDER THOMAS K. STONE, SR.** was united in Holy Matrimony to Carolyn P. and they became a loving family. **ELDER THOMAS K. STONE, SR.** accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior on November 22, 1981 and God blessed him with the precious gift of the Holy Ghost. Being led by God, he and his family became faithful and dedicated members uniting with Open Door Church of Deliverance under the leadership of Bishop Rufus C. Hicks in December of 1981. As stated in 1 Samuel 13:14, **ELDER THOMAS K. STONE, SR.** was a man after God's own heart. His life was in harmony with the Lord by loving his brethren, being obedient, and allowing God's word to be rooted in his heart.

**ELDER THOMAS K. STONE, SR.** was an Elder par excellence, a wise counselor, skillful, knowledgeable, and conquering prayer warrior, who severed as a Deacon, Minister, and Elder, Sunday School Superintendent, President of the Minister's Board, and Men's Ministry over 40 years under the Leadership of Bishop Rufus C. Hicks at Open Door Church of Deliverance as a facilitator and gatekeeper. Later, he was proclaimed as a good and faithful servant and appointed Assistant Pastor at Open Door Church of Deliverance for twenty-five years.

Along with his son, Elder Thomas K. Stone, Jr., **ELDER THOMAS K. STONE, SR.** became a beacon of light to Open Door Church of Deliverance Outreach Prison Ministry preaching and teaching at Marion County Jail, Liberty Hall and Wheeler's Mission. He calmly navigated the charted course of his roles with grace, poise, wisdom, dignity and strength. His "down-to-earth" conversations drew a wide listening audience encouraging and leading others to repentance. He enjoyed reading and listening to God's Word and it was his desire to live for Jesus.

**ELDER THOMAS K. STONE, SR.** went home to be present with the Lord on Thursday, November 17, 2022 at the age of eighty-five years, seven months, and twelve days. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

**ELDER THOMAS K. STONE, SR.** was preceded in death by his parents; T.K. and Willie Nancy Moore Stone; his daughter, Cynthia Stone; his son, Byron Frierson; his grandson, Anthony Stone; his brothers, Pastor Wallace O. Stone, Sr., Bishop Joe C. Stoner, Rev. George Shannon, Donald and DeWitt, Calvin Shannon, Charles and James Palo; his sisters, Mariam O. Macklin, Margaret Williams, Mary Richards, Mary Alice Dixon, and Willie Mae Franklin.

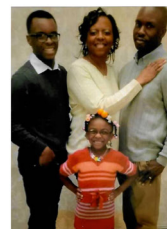
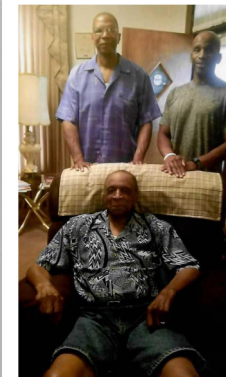
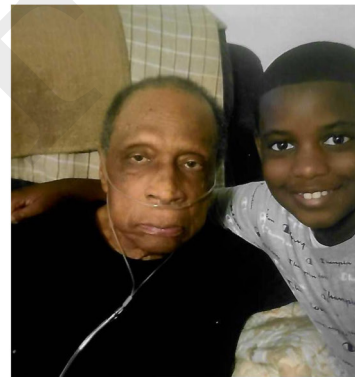
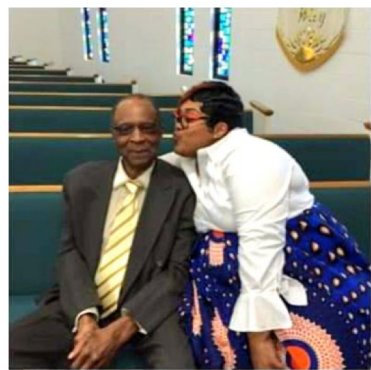
He leaves to celebrate his life and cherish his memories: His beloved wife of sixty-six years, Missionary Carolyn P. Stone of Indianapolis, IN; his daughters, Raynatte Rollins (Otha) of Indianapolis, IN; Stephanie Patrick (Eric) of Lakeland, FL; his sons, Thomas K. Stone, Jr. of Indianapolis, IN; Jeffery Stone (Lori) of Lemars, IA; Thomas Anthony Stone (Martha) of New Albany, IN; Thomas D. Stone (Jennifer) of Indianapolis, IN; his nineteen grandchildren, his eight great grandchildren; his goddaughter, Sherrell Hicks (Rufus) of Indianapolis, IN; **ELDER THOMAS K. STONE, SR.** will be greatly missed by a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, relatives, his Open Door Church Family, and friends.





*"Memory is a way of holding on to the things you love, the things you are, and the things you never want to lose."*

*- The Family*





Don't Cry For Me

Don't cry for me.  
I will be okay.  
Heaven is my home now,  
and this is where I'll stay.

Don't cry for me.  
I'm where I belong.  
I want you to be happy  
and try to stay strong.

Don't cry for me.  
It was just my time,  
but I will see you someday  
on the other side.

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

Don't cry for me,  
for I have no fear.  
All my pain is gone,  
and Jesus took my tears.

Don't cry for me.  
This is not the end.  
I'll be waiting here for you  
when we meet again.



Order of Service

Pastor Carl Wilson, Officiating  
Cross Ministries | Indianapolis, Indiana

Processional ..... Musical Prelude

Scripture

    Old Testament..... Elder Eric Patrick

    New Testament..... Elder Otha Rollins

Prayer..... Pastor Terry Adams

Selection..... "Packing Up"..... Adrian Adams & Deon Adams

Acknowledgements ..... Deaconess Charmita Gibson

Obituary ..... Read Silently..... Soft Music

Remarks ..... Two (2) minutes please..... Elder Rodney Flynn,  
Bishop Donald Edwards, Jr.  
Pastor Terry Adams

Selection..... "Safe In His Arms"..... Minister LaTanya Thomas  
Open Door Reunion Choir

Family Tribute ..... Evangelist Raynatte Rollins, Elder Thomas K. Stone, Jr.,  
Jeffery Stone, Thomas A. Stone, Stephanie Patrick

Selection..... "My Response"..... Deaconess Ikresha Harden

Eulogist ..... Bishop Rufus C. Hicks, Open Door Church of Deliverance

Parting Review..... Stuart Mortuary Staff  
"I Shall Wear A Crown"

Benediction ..... Minister

Recessional..... Musical Postlude

Committal and Interment  
Floral Park Cemetery | Indianapolis, Indiana





## *Pallbearers*

Elder Thomas K. Stone, Jr.  
Thomas Anthony Stone  
Jeffery Stone  
Jeffery Anderson  
Elder Eric Patrick, Jr.  
Deon Adams

## *Flower Bearers*

Ikresha Harden  
Tiffany Adams  
Serenity Patrick  
Ebony Stone  
Jennifer Stone  
Harmony Hicks  
Shavonna Sherrod



## *Thank You*

The family of **Elder Thomas K. Stone, Sr.** acknowledges with sincere appreciation, your many prayers, at this time of bereavement. We say "thank you" for every covered dish, drinks, cards, flowers, visits, calls, and messages. Your acts of kindness and your thoughtfulness lightened the heaviness of our days. Special thanks to Kindred Hospice, Ikeshia Harden, Bishop Rufus & Lady Sherrell Hicks, Open Door Church of Deliverance, Dee Crooks, Tiffany & Deon Adams, KaSandra & Darryl Franklin, and Erica Starks for their outstanding love and support.

**The Stone Family**

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*Let not your heart be troubled: 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, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.*

**St John 14:1-3**

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