



Condolences & Resolutions
Honoring
Richard L. Stokes

Allen Chapel
African Methodist Episcopal Church
1203 Olive Ave. ~ Sanford, FL~ 32771
Octavius L. Smith, Pastor



Resolution for Richard L. Stokes

Why shall we weep when the weary one rests, in the bosom of Jesus Supreme?
In the Mansion of glory, prepared for the blessed, death is no more than a dream.

Whereas, the passing of Deacon Richard L. Stokes brings sadness for our members, Bro. Mitchell Stokes, Deaconess Annie O’Neille and the Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church Family; and

Whereas, Deacon Stokes was a dedicated and faithful member serving the Lord. Deacon Stokes was the oldest male member of Christian Faith Fellowship. He received many honors and awards for his services in the church and community. He was a life member of the Washington Fire Department where he served as a chaplain.

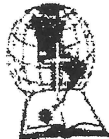
We pray that the family will find comfort and consolation in the words of Jesus who said: “Cast your burdens on Him, for earth hath no sorrows that Heaven cannot heal.” We commend you to Him, who is able to comfort you and wipe away your tears.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that Pastor Octavius L. Smith, the Ministers, Officers and Members of Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church, extend to the family and friends our heartfelt sympathy. We bow in humble submission to the Will of God, and we lift you in prayer during your time of bereavement. We commit the spirit of our brother into the hands of the Almighty God, who is too wise to err and too just to make a mistake.

Be It Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be given to the family and a copy be held by the church for its records.

Prayerfully and Humbly Submitted,
This 1st Day of August, 2017

Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church
Sanford, Florida 32771
Octavius L. Smith, Pastor



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August 1, 2017

Tabernacle Baptist Church
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Re: Letter of Condolence

To Minister Tracy Johnson and the Family and Loved Ones of Deacon Richard Stokes

"Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted" Matthew 5:4 KJV

We were saddened to hear of the loss of your beloved uncle, Deacon Richard Stokes. Please know that we are praying for you and your family and that we extend our heartfelt condolences to you during this time of bereavement.

*I encourage you to remember this promise of our Lord and keep it close to your hearts:
"God has promised to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness." (Isaiah 61:3a)*

My prayer is that you will find comfort and peace in knowing that God has promised in His word that He would never leave nor forsake us. (Hebrews 13:5)

May the peace of God which passeth all understanding keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:7 KJV)

In closing, please know that I and the Nothing But The Word Deliverance Church will continue to remember you in our prayers.

Done on the order of the Ministers, Deacons, Mother's and Missionary Boards of Nothing But The Word Deliverance Church.

Prayerfully and Humbly Submitted

Patricia A. Phillips

Apostle Patricia A. Phillips
Pastor and Founder

"...Speak the Word Only" Matthew 8:8 b



CONDOLENCE

I have fought a good fight, have finished my course, I have kept the faith.
2 Timothy 4:7

The St. Benedict the Moor Church would like to extend our sympathy to the family of Mr. Richard Stokes, father of our parishioners; Margretta (Greta) Stokes-Tucker.

Whereas it has pleased the Lord to take Mr. Richard Stokes from our midst; we, the pastor and members of St. Benedict the Moor Church, bow our heads along with you in humble submission to a power higher than any known. We also confess God is too wise to make a mistake and too just to be unkind.

We pray that your fond memories of ^{Richard} Gladys and your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ will sustain and comfort you in your loss. Remember the Word of God is your strength and it will help to release you from the pain you now feel and will help you to triumph in Christ Jesus even though ^{HE} she will always be missed.

The Pastor, Richard J. Zelik, OFM, Cap and members of St. Benedict the Moor Church will continue to offer prayers for your strength. If we can be of any assistance to you, please call on us.

In regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rev. Richard J. Zelik, OFM Cap".

Rev. Richard J. Zelik, OFM Cap

HomeGoing Condolence for Richard Stokes
August 1, 2017

From Rev. Kevin McCoy Hunt, Senior Pastor of Trinity United Bible Church of Coatesville:

To the Stokes' sisters, Margarita, Kay, Deborah, Angela, and especially Rosa, my 79' Classmate throughout my Coatesville Public School Experience, your spouses and family at large:

I was glad to attend last night's watch and viewing our dear brother, for the last time, on this side of glory, beyond photos. You have my deepest sympathies.

Deacon Richard Stokes, along with his lovely wife, Mrs. Josephine, made a profound impact on my life that I will always cherish, once my father, J. Emmett Hunt moved back into Coatesville, as the proprietor of the former Sarah. B. Prout Funeral Home, at 725 Merchant Street, Coatesville, PA. Besides their interactive relationship through the Baptist Church affairs and Masonry, Mrs. Stokes was my 3rd grade teacher, and at that time, my first black teacher, performed it with such grace and distinguished values. She is written in the first chapter of my book, "44 Degrees", and I could have shared a whole lot more. How blessed I was and how she made us feel, as her young students.

Here is a funny story but it describes some of the gracious impact that I am referring to. It was there at the Terry Elementary School that I had 'a puppy love' for the young lady, also in another class but nonetheless, 3rd grade, Rosa by name. You know, dogs only remain puppies for a year or less, so cut that in half.....and that was my plight with Ms. Rosa Stokes. But, young church acquaintance, who now is my brother-in-law, Jeffrey Hyden, was in the same grade and but his family moved out of Coatesville, to Atglen and the Octorara School District. So, we were now in the fourth grade, and Jeffery comes around my house on a Sunday afternoon. He suddenly gets the impulse, and wants to go visit...Who? Rosa Stokes. So I give in as I know that she no longer adored me....but Jeffrey was still trying, now that I failed. So we walk from Merchant Street to the house on 9th Avenue and Chestnut Street, and knock on the door. Debbie answers, and we ask for Rosa. Rosa comes to the door, and states: "Wait a minute". So Jeffrey and I are waiting and prancing back and forth, outside the gated fence. Who

comes suddenly to the door? Deacon Richard Stokes. He said: "So, you want to see my daughter Rosa, huh? And we are shaking- like standing before the Wizard of Oz- and He says "Alright". We had this big old relief on our faces, when all of a sudden, Mr. Stokes continues his statement: "You can come in, if you wash all the dishes!" We said, "Wash the dishes?" He said, "Yes, you will have to wash the dishes, and then after we eat dinner, wash them again, and put them away." Then he said, "Or you can visit another time." Guess what? That ended all player, I mean befriending-Sunday visitations.

And I am now happily married with 5 children, and 5 grandchildren, and have been WASHING dishes ever since. Deacon Stokes said a whole lot that day and I can remember it like it was YESTERDAY.

**Sincerely a friend of the Family and Always Grateful for Your Father
And Mother,**


Rev. Kevin McCoy Hunt

Brewer Memorial Baptist Church

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Servant Pastor, James Grove, Sr.

August 1, 2017

CONDOLENCE

To: The Family of Deacon Richard Stokes

The pastor, officers and members of Brewer Memorial Baptist Church extend our deepest sympathy in the passing of your loved one.

Deacon Stokes, a man of faith who would always share a Word about the Lord, has left his testimony about the love and faithfulness of God to live on through his daughters, and grandchildren.

The Bible tells us that "*Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted (Matthew 5:4)*. We know that if you look to Jesus, He will send the Holy Spirit to comfort you during this difficult time.

Our church family will continue to pray for your strength and comfort in the days ahead. Be encouraged and remember *earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal*.

On Behalf of the Pastor and the Members,

Sister Donna Rowland

Correspondence Secretary

TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH
819 COATES STREET
COATESVILLE, PA. 19320
July 31, 2017

TO THE FAMILY OF BROTHER "DEACON" RICHARD STOKES, THE INTERIM PASTOR, DEACONS, TRUSTEES AND CONGREGATION OF THE TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH, KNOW THAT YOU ARE SADDENED BY THE LOSS OF YOUR FATHER AND GRANDFATHER, BROTHER RICHARD STOKES, IN DUE TIME, GOD SHALL WIPE ALL TEARS AWAY.

CHERISH HIS MEMORY AND THINK ON THE HAPPY TIMES YOU HAD TOGETHER. YOU MAY THINK OF HIM AS A SMALL BOY AT THE END OF A HAPPY DAY. HE SELDOM THINKS OF SLEEP AS A FRIEND, BUT WOULD RATHER KEEP ON PLAYING...BUT AFTER A WHILE, MOST RELUCTANTLY, HE LIES DOWN TO SLEEP IN HIS MOTHER'S ARMS. THEN HIS WEARY BODY BEGINS TO RELAX AND HE RESTS.

IN THE EARLY MORNING, HE AWAKENS IN NEWNESS OF LIFE AND REJOICES EQUAL TO THE NEW DAYS WORK OR PLAY.

"I GO TO LIFE AND NOT TO DEATH,
FROM DARKNESS TO LIFE'S NATIVE SKY,
I GO FROM SICKNESS AND FROM PAIN
TO HEALTH AND IMMORTALITY.
LET OUR FAREWELL, THEN, BE TEARLESS.
SINCE I BID FAREWELL TO TEARS;
WRITE THIS DAY OF MY DEPARTURE
FESTIVE IN YOUR COMING YEARS.

THE FAMILY HAS LOSS THEIR PATRIARCH, THE SONG AS A CHOIR MEMBER IS SILENCED, THE BRUSH OF PAINTING THIS OLD CHURCH HAS BEEN LAID DOWN AND IS VACANT FROM THE DOOR. A MEMBER FROM THE CHURCH PEW IS NOW GONE AND THIS DEPARTURE LEAVES US WEEPING. WE COMMEND HIM TO GOD, WHO IS ABLE TO COMFORT, CHEER AND DRY YOUR TEARS AND HEAL YOUR BROKEN HEARTS. YOU WILL MISS THIS GENTLE, LOVING AND PRAYERFUL MAN OF GOD, BUT WE FEEL CERTAIN THAT IT IS WELL WITH HIS SOUL!..

Rev. Dr. Gradis M. Eggleston, Jr.
REV. DR. GRADIS M. EGGLESTON, JR.
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II CORINTHIANS 4:6

Resolution to the Family of Deacon Richard Stokes

July 27, 2017

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding...In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths" Proverbs 3: 5, 6

We, the pastor and members of Christian Faith Fellowship, extend our deepest sympathy to Kaye Woods and Rosa Stokes on the death of their father, Deacon Richard Stokes. Our prayers go out for the Stokes family as well.

We acknowledge the sovereignty of almighty God in His decision to call His servant, Deacon Stokes into His glorious presence. While our hearts are truly saddened by this loss, we realize that for the believer, to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.

Deacon Stokes was a dedicated member of Christian Faith Fellowship. He joined our fellowship in 2007, at which time we made him an honorary deacon. One of our memories of Deacon Stokes was him singing with other seniors on one of our Senior Saints Sundays; and he also sang with our men's chorus before his health further deteriorated.

Deacon Stokes attended worship services with his daughters, Rosa or Kaye.

Although we mourn his passing, we anticipate a grand reunion with him. For the word tells us; *"...and the dead in Christ shall rise first...and so shall we ever be with the Lord." IThessalonians 4: 16, 17*

Be it resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family and a copy placed in the church's historical archives.

Humbly submitted,

Pastor Ricky Wilson
Christian Faith Fellowship Family

VISION STATEMENT

We will Celebrate Christ and proclaim Him to everyone for the purpose of producing mature believers equipped to demonstrate Christ-like character in daily living.