

Acknowledgements

The family of Ernest Curtis Stevenson would like to take this time to offer our deepest appreciation for the many prayers, words of encouragement and support during this time of bereavement.

Pallbearers

Steve Dunn • Jeremy Sleet • Pete Thomas II
Gregory Falls • Jonathan D. Tye • Derrick Tye

A Special Tribute – His Testimony

1 John 1:8-10 — *If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.*

Ernest Curtis Stevenson was a good man. Did he make mistakes? Yes, just as we all have. We can't change the past. We acknowledge our wrongs and work to become a better person.

He worked to turn his life around. He loved his family. So very proud of his kids. Was the situation and circumstances always best? No, but he worked to rectify and overcome those short falls. With the Lord's help, he overcame a drug addiction that caused him to want to end his life. But God! Who woke me up and told me to check on him. There he was with all the pill bottles from the cabinet in front of him on the table. He said, "Lovi, I'm tired!" The Lord allowed me to pray that suicide demon off of him that night. A week later in Gallatin, Tennessee, we attended a service where Bishop Williams laid hands on him and he was slain in the spirit and was delivered from that addiction. He was delivered from a gambling addiction after attending a conference in Youngstown, Ohio in the mid 90's where he was once again slain in the spirit and he overcame drinking and smoking. His life had turned around. God had a purpose for him. He was living his life for the Lord.

He was a hard worker who never met a stranger. He would give you the shirt off his back if it would help you. We loved one another. We were married 36 years. He loved my family and they loved him. His natural family called him Ernest, mine called him Steve.

After purchasing our home, he wanted to have the backyard fenced in so he could watch all his grands playing together. Well, there's a fence there now, but the pandemic hindered the rest of the process, but he tried.

He tried to support his family. He started calling them more and stopping by after church to see Thad's children and grandchildren. You see, he wanted them to know him and for him to know them. Grandson, Carl Jr. was daily at the house and they spent plenty of time together.

When Thad passed, he wanted to support him, by taking his kids to the Stevenson family reunion, but we couldn't swing it on such short notice. He supported me when my mom passed, he supported me when my dad was found laying in his foyer having a massive heart attack. He supported whenever and wherever he could. He loved the Lord and loved going to church. He worked as a deacon and enjoyed working with the brotherhood. But because of his ill health, he stayed home to watch the service live streamed. He enjoyed the every Monday zoom meetings with the brotherhood and wanted to study the Bible more, so if called on, he would have a subject ready to teach.

Ernest/Steve was a good man, who may have had an imperfect start, but it's not how you start, it's how you finish, and he finished his course a changed man, walking with and serving the Lord Jesus Christ.

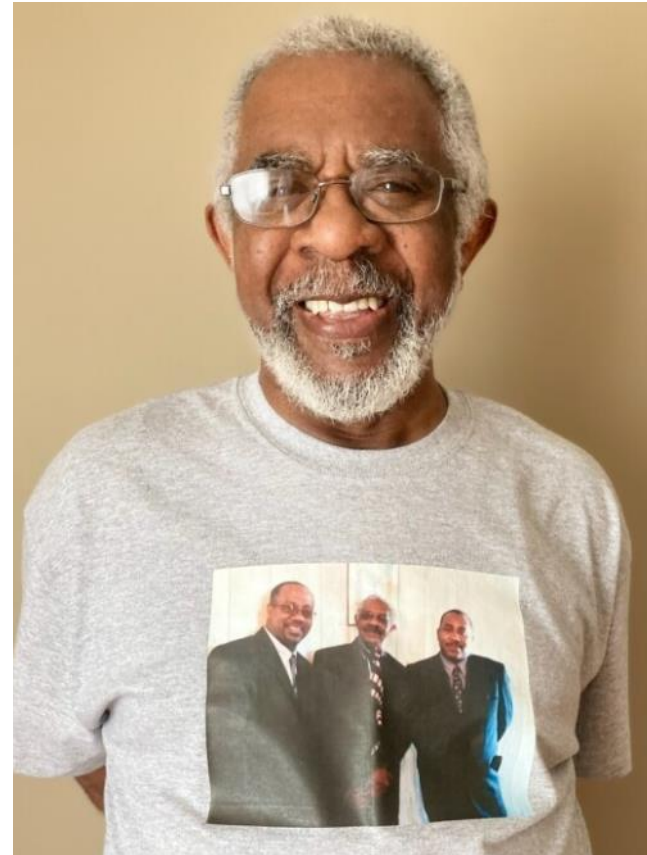


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Homegoing Service

Ernest Curtis Stevenson

November 27, 1944 — December 14, 2020



Saturday, January 9, 2021

Visitation – 9:30 a.m. • Service – 10:30 a.m.

The Spirit of Christ Church

**9784 Wayne Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45215**

Elder St. John Jackson, *Officiating*

Obituary

Ernest Curtis Stevenson was born in Stanford, Kentucky on November 27, 1944 to the union of Jordan L. and Fannie Mae Stevenson. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Everhart, Raymond and Andrew Y. Stevenson; sisters, Othola Gibbs and Lillian Dunn Young; son, Thaddeus S. Stevenson; and grandson, Thaddeus S. Stevenson II.

Ernest worked on the family farm doing the chores his dad gave him to do. Every morning the two would go to the church to pray early in the morning before starting work. He spent a lot of free time as a youth with his cousin, Joe. Both sides of the road was Stevenson property.

He graduated from Lincoln High School in 1962 where he played on both the basketball and football teams. In 1967, Ernest enlisted in the United States Army and served 1 year in Vietnam with the 101st Airborne Division where he was hit by enemy fire sustaining an injury to his left leg as the bullet entered and exited through his foot shattering all the small bones. He was honorably discharged after serving 2 years in 1969. He was awarded the Purple Heart for the injury as well as the National Defense Service Medal and the Bronze Star, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon, Expert Badge and Auto Rifle Bar, as well as the Marksman Badge, Pistol Bar, Rifle Bar and the Parachute Badge. It wasn't until 2015 that he received these medals at a ceremony at the Cincinnati City Hall. Ernest moved to Cincinnati and got hired at Western Electric Company from 1970 until October 1983 when the company closed the Cincinnati location.

Ernest met and married Lovia B. Perkins on August 24, 1984 and to this union was born 1 daughter, Teresa Lyn. He was a hard worker and began searching for another job. He took and passed the Postal Exam and was hired as a career employee in March 1984. He continued making many friends through the 25 plus years he worked there. He retired in 2009.

But he wasn't one to just sit around. He began working part time in 2010 as the maintenance man at the famed Cincinnati Cable House where he was called the mayor. Everyone there knew him and would stop by his office just to chat. He worked there until 2015. Due to a stroke of the optic nerve in January 2013, which took his left peripheral vision in both eyes, it became increasingly difficult to drive so far to work. He became the sitter to grandson, Carl Jr. and Lovia went back to work part time. He and Carl became best buds as they were together 5 days a week while Teresa worked. He was an avid gardener and took great pride in his yard. He also loved to cook, preparing dinner everyday. Teresa shared this love of cooking and would often share recipes.

Ernest joined the True Church of Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith under the leadership of Bishop John T. Cohen and Bishop Michael Cephas where he was baptized in Jesus Name for the remission of sins in 1994, and not long after, received the gift of the Holy Ghost. After many years,

he went to a deacon's class in Lexington, Kentucky and was being tried out as head deacon.

He also served with his wife as a member of the Transforming Jail Ministry. In 2012, he began serving at the Christ Temple Apostolic Faith Church under Bishop Donald D. Sorrells D.D. and Dr. Thelma Sorrells who is the current pastor. He continued serving as a deacon there and enjoyed working with the brotherhood. He would also, for a while, come to pray with his wife on Saturdays from 6:00 to 7:00 a.m. and then they would clean in the church.

Ernest had many chronic conditions: high blood pressure, diabetes, c.o.p.d. and atherosclerosis. Due to the pandemic, he would no longer come to church, but would watch services live streamed. He would continue giving in the offering and paying his tithes.

Ernest will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved him.

He leaves to cherish his memory: wife, Lovia; sons, Stephon Warren and Cornelius Stevenson; daughters, Tonya (Stacey) Jones and Teresa L. Burton; grandsons, Orlando and Bryson Stevenson and Carl D. Burton, Jr.; granddaughters, Ma'Shaya (James) Randall and Ma'Keya (Arron) Thompson; 7 great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

Program

Prelude	Soft Music
Processional	Ministers, Funeral Directors
Parting View	The Family
Prayer	Elder Derrick Tye
Scripture – Old Testament – New Testament	Elder Lauren White Minister Donovan Gilbert
Selection	Elder Jonathan D. Tye
Acknowledgements of Cards and Condolences	Evangelist Lisa Kavanaugh
Special Tribute	Lovia Stevenson (wife)
Selection	Deaconess Deborah Gilbert
Remarks (2 minutes, please)	Ministers Family and Friends
Eulogy	Elder Jonathan V. Tye
Recessional	Ministers, Funeral Directors and Pallbearers
INTERMENT	Arlington Memorial Gardens