



Pastor Walter Thomas Pryor

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Pastor Walter Thomas Pryor, was born to the late Deacon Willis G. Sr., and California Pryor on December, 4, 1936 in Villa Ridge, IL. Very early on day, February 2, 2025, at 1:17 AM. Walter received a summons from his earthly house, to his mansion in Heaven, where the streets are paved with gold.

Pastor Walter T. Pryor who is affectionately known to his family and friends as “Tom” was educated in the public schools of Jackson, MI, where he graduated from Jackson High School in 1955. Soon after graduation Pastor Pryor began to work at Clark Equipment as a technician. During his tenure at the Clark facility on Falahee Road, Pastor Pryor was allowed to institute a side hustle where he would sell bottles of soda pop to the employees for a fair price during their shift. And because his desire was not to take advantage of the people, the income he made from this venture was just enough to keep the inventory stocked.

In the late 1950’s Pastor Pryor was introduced to this pretty young lady named Roberta, through his sister Doris’ friend Odessa. Odessa happened to be Roberta’s older sister. Well, on June 13, 1960. He married Roberta Cawthon. And to this union three sons were born, Walter Timothy, Rex Darryl and Thomas Corey. Together Tom and Roberta spent many joy-filled years loving each other and raising their family in the fear and admonition of the Lord. They were devout Christians and more than members of Bethesda Church of God In Christ for many years. Together they instilled the idea of working hard for what you want and family unity into their children, teaching them to always take care of one another.

In the mid 1960’s Pastor Pryor answered the call of God into ministry. He was ordained and licensed in the Church of God In Christ. This is when Pastor Pryor’s great ministry would take off. He spent many years traveling around the country and into the foreign countries evangelizing to all that would listen. He was known for the many miracles, signs and wonders that would happen in the revivals he would



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conduct. He has also been credited for jumpstarting many dormant ministries to become thriving churches.

In the early 1980's Pastor Pryor, along with his sister Doris and brother Willis "Junior", opened a small but popular family restaurant named 'Pryor's Pleasant'. There you could find some of the finest soul food north of the Mason-Dixon line. Many patrons also enjoyed the deliciousness of the northern style 'What-a-burger' which Pastor Pryor designed personally.

The early 1980's was also a time of transition, for Pastor Pryor's primary place of employment, Clark Equipment, shut the doors in Jackson and moved to Statesville, NC. Being so close to a full retirement from Clark, Pastor Pryor moved along with them to Statesville to finish his tenure. It so happened that it was there where the expanse of his ministry would grow even more.

Never believing that God's great power was locked in one church or denomination, Pastor Pryor connected with the fine people of Clark's Chapel Baptist Church where he would worship. The then Pastor C.B. Mingo, recognizing that he had a jewel in the pews, gave Pastor Pryor free reign to teach the congregants from his wealth of knowledge about the benefits of the fulness of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor Pryor retired from Clark Equipment in 1992 and he and his then wife, Roberta would move back to Jackson. In 1993, together they founded the Oasis of Love Full Gospel Church. The initial push of the ministry was to capture those who were not going to church, in need of a church or unchurched altogether. Pastor Pryor's teaching style, which was not as popular amongst his peers, turned out to be what many were looking for, causing the ministry to thrive under his leadership.

In 1999, Roberta Pryor passed away. Pastor Pryor would marry again in 2000 to his current wife, Jacqueline Childers-Pryor. These two lovebirds traveled near and far exploring the beauty of God's creation. One of their trips to highlight was the trip they took to the Motherland Africa. Pastor Pryor would say that particular trip was life changing. Tom and Jackie would've celebrated 25 years of marriage in April of this year.

In March of 2018, Pastor Pryor retired from the rigors of ministering after nearly 30 years as a traveling evangelist and 25 years of pastoring. He turned the reigns of his



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heart's passion, the Oasis of Love Full Gospel Church, over to his sons; Lead Pastor Corey Pryor, Assistant Pastor Timothy Pryor, and Minister of Music Rex Pryor. It made his heart glad to know and see his three sons saved, sanctified, full of the Holy Ghost and willing to work in the ministry he started.

Outside of ministry, Pastor Pryor had many joys. He loved watching boxing, football, baseball, basketball, tennis and golf (only when Tiger was playing). He was a very skilled bowler. He was a man of many talents. He was an expert in carpentry and auto mechanics. He loved to cook. His baked hams were seasoned just right. And his homemade pound cake from scratch was "to die for". Pastor Pryor also LOVED him some ice cream.

It would not take long for anyone talking to Pastor Walter T. Pryor to discover his love for God, his wife, his family, and his church. He was an amazing husband, father, granddad, great granddad, mentor, teacher, pastor, and stalwart of faith in the Jackson community and beyond.

He was preceded in death by his parents Willis G. Sr., and California, his stepmother Flora B. and his two brothers; Alfred (Linda) and Marvin (Ruth); sister, Doris; and beloved son Rex (Denise).

He leaves to cherish fond memories; his wife of nearly 25 years Jacqueline, two sons; Walter Timothy (Rosalind) and T. Corey (Julie); two stepdaughters; Tonjya and Toni, grandchildren, Timmy, Josh, Jashana, Trenton, Jordan, Majik, Chaz, Rex II, Jaelynn, Cierra, and Corey II; great grandchildren; brother Willis "Junior" Pryor, two sisters, Lee Ethel Ellis and Carol Pryor, and a host of nieces and nephew who claim to be his favorites, special friend for over 50 years: Elder Robert Stephens, along with other loving family and friends.

This True Servant of the Most-High God will be dearly missed.



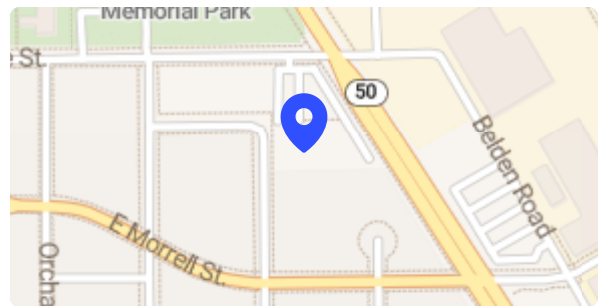
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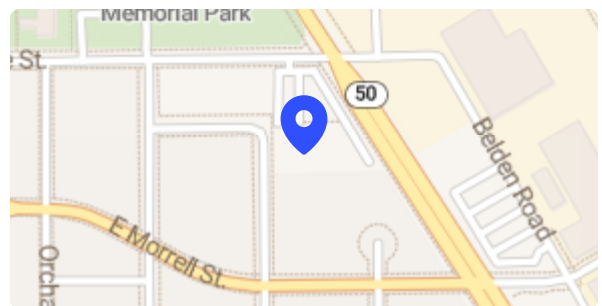
Visitation

- Friday**, February 7, 2025
- 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET
- Oasis Of Love Full Gospel Church**
800 South Cooper Street, Jackson MI 49203



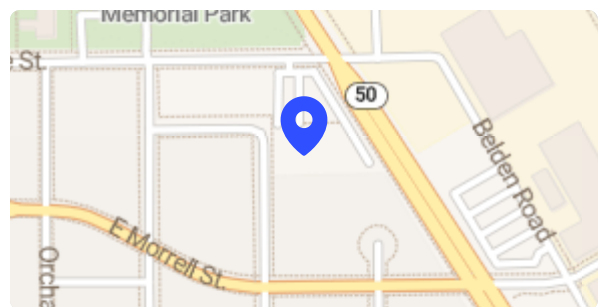
Family Hour

- Saturday**, February 8, 2025
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET
- Oasis Of Love Full Gospel Church**
800 South Cooper Street, Jackson MI 49203



Funeral Service

- Saturday**, February 8, 2025
- 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM ET
- Oasis Of Love Full Gospel Church**
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Tribute Wall

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TE

Terri lit a candle in honor of Walter.

February 9 at 5:06 PM



EF

Ernestine Goodall - Family/ Friend lit a candle in honor of Walter.

February 8 at 3:02 PM



LB

Lawanna Brown lit a candle in honor of Walter.

February 8 at 9:27 AM



OL

Ollie & Tony Lyons posted:

GOD BLESS THE FAMILY OF PASTOR WALTER PRYOR. WE'RE SO SORRY FOR YOUR GREAT LOSS. PASTOR PRYOR WAS A LOVING, HUMBLE MAN OF FAITH. THROUGH MANY TRAILS AND TESTS, HE STAYED THE COURSE. IT WAS JOY WORSHIPPING WITH HIM AT BETHESDA CHURCH UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF PASTOR HENRY LYONS. REST IN PEACE PASTOR PRYOR!!! PRAYING FOR ENTIRE FAMILY!! PASTOR TONY & LADY OLLIE LYONS 🙏❤️🌹🙏

February 8 at 8:29 AM

WB

William & Sabrina Berry lit a candle in honor of Walter.

Condolences 🌹 and prayers to the Pryor family. May God give this family comfort during this difficult time 🙏

February 8 at 7:13 AM



JN

Janet Oliver Reynolds-Nichols lit a candle in honor of Walter.

Family, my family is praying for you. May God grant you his glorious peace and comfort as you travel this journey. Much love to all of you.

February 7 at 5:34 PM





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Linda Austin lit a candle in honor of Walter.

February 7 at 10:55 AM



Dallarie Haney lit a candle in honor of Walter.

February 7 at 7:26 AM



Arlene Robinson And Family sent a virtual gift in honor of Walter.

To the Family, Sending my heartfelt condolences to the family in the loss of our dear loved one, Pastor Pryor. May the love of God surround us all in the days to come. Keeping the family lifted up in my thoughts and prayers. Pastor will always be remembered and truly missed by all!

February 7 at 5:10 AM



From Rosie And Terry Norris And Family sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Pryor family.

February 6 at 6:40 PM



Sylvester & Paula Langston posted:

Sending our deepest condolences to the Pryor family on the loss of your father, grandfather. May the Lord comfort each and everyone of you during this difficult time.

February 6 at 6:27 PM



Thomas Davis lit a candle in honor of Walter.

February 6 at 10:02 AM





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SF

Sis. Teresa Gibson And Family sent a virtual gift in honor of Walter.



"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His faithful servants", we thank the Lord for the faithful service of Pastor Pryor for over 30 years in the Jackson community. We now pause to send our Deepest condolences and Love to the entire Pryor family. Praying that the Lord above will give each of you the strength and comfort needed on this very difficult journey. In the days and nights ahead when your are missing your Beloved presence remember whose precious memories fir the will linger close to your hearts forever. Family as you gather together not to say "goodbye " but to Rejoice and celebrate a Godly well lived. Thank you for sharing Pastor Pryor with us. Blessings upon you always...Remember that Love still lives beyond the grave.

February 5 at 3:53 AM

ES

Ernestine Goodall, Family Member To Some February 8 at 2:34 PM

Sending my condolences 🙏 and prayers 🙏 to the family of pastor Walter Thomas Pryor a great man of God that I've known for years and his family my condolences to first lady Jackie and the Pryor son's and daughter in laws my cousin pastor Roslyn and my cousin willis pryor and family and the extended pryor family's may God comfort you all at this time but he's with God now but you will always have the memories he's in a better place now he's gone but not forgotten and he will be truly missed I will be praying for you all and God bless.

SF

Sis. Teresa Gibson And Family February 5 at 7:41 AM

So sorry for the missing and misspelled words...just was trying way too fast."memories for they will linger ""celebrate a Godly Man well lived "

CM

Claudette Hunt & Sharon Martin posted:

Prayers and Condolences to the Pastor Walter Thomas Pryor Family.

February 4 at 7:38 PM

JJ

Jeanette Jones lit a candle in honor of Walter.



February 4 at 7:34 PM



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Dana White lit a candle in honor of Walter.



February 4 at 2:40 PM



Sharon Greene-Leverett posted:

May God continue to cover your Family during your loss.What a great corner stone and mentor for the Jackson community.May his Spirit continue to live with every church service, and his memory stay in your hearts.Sharon Greene- Leverett

February 4 at 2:18 PM



Yvette posted:

My condolences to the family and loved ones. Pastor Pryor opened my eyes to possibilities in God: raising the dead, taking the limits off God, taking what is yours by faith and knowing the true story of Job from the Bible. These were all things Pastor Pryor taught and lived. He was a part of my family, before I was born and my three generations since, he is still known and has been a part of our lives.Yvette (Mike) Swint-Blakely

February 4 at 10:47 AM



Julia White sent a virtual gift in honor of Walter.



February 4 at 10:35 AM



Terri Watson sent a virtual gift in honor of Walter.

My Heartfelt Condolences To The Pryor Family And Friends 🙏



February 4 at 9:28 AM



Donna Binion lit a candle in honor of Walter.



February 4 at 8:54 AM



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Rev. Minnie Autry posted:

Mrs. Pryor and Family, My deepest condolences in the death of your beloved husband, father, grandfather and the entire family. I served in Jackson at Community AME Church for several years and I remember the kindness of both Pastor and Mrs. Pryor. He was truly a man of God with a brilliant smile to match his personality. May God comfort each of you in His own special, compassionate, and loving way. Servant of God well done. Peace & love, Rev. Minnie Autry, Retired Pastor

February 4 at 5:50 AM



Victoria Walker And Family sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Pryor family.



February 4 at 4:03 AM



Victoria Walker And Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Walter.



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Kashay Edwards posted:

My sincerest condolences to the family with the loss of Pastor Pryor. But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall run and not faint. (Isaiah 40:31)

February 3 at 5:17 PM



Doris Westbrook February 5 at 8:39 AM

The spirit of God lived in this man servant, never judging and always loving. Godly greatness!



Kim Ragland February 4 at 10:41 AM

Sending sincere condolences to the Pryor family. May God comfort you all during this difficult time. Love, The Ragland Family.



Donna Binion February 4 at 8:57 AM

Ros and Family , I am so sorry for your loss. May Gods love comfort each and everyone of you and your memories bring you peace. God has gained a wonderful angel . May God Bless and Keep each and everyone of you .



Ethel Moss February 4 at 5:42 AM

My condolence to Families and Friends of my brother in Christ Bless be the name of the Lord
♥♥♥♥🙏🙏🙏♥♥♥🙏🙏🙏 God Bless



Annette Guinn Potts February 4 at 12:03 AM

Sunday morning the Angels ushered in a true man of God, into his mansion and I could the Lord saying none other but enter in my good and faithful servant who worked until your day was done, My sincere condolences to the entire Pryor Family. For the consolation to be absent from the Lord, is to be in the presence of the Lord, I love you and will miss you dearly My Monarch Pastor RIH enjoy your new life.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Walter by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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