



Bishop Jerome Timothy Edgerton Sr.

August 18, 1956 - September 24, 2020

Bishop Jerome Timothy Edgerton, Sr. the Presiding Prelate of New Faith International Ministry, transitioned life unexpectedly on September 24, 2020 at the age of 64 years old. His Homegoing Celebration is on October 3, 2020 at Mt. Hope AME Zion Church, 65 Lake Street White Plains, NY. The Wake is open to the public from 10:00-11:00am. The Funeral service is private.

Bishop Edgerton was born in Grasslands Hospital in Valhalla, NY on August 18, 1956 to Anna (Schofield-Edgerton) Smalls and Rev. Charles Edgerton. He attended public schools in White Plains NY and upon graduating from White Plains High School he pursued studies for his bachelors degree and Biblical studies. He attended New York Theological Seminary. Livingstone College Salisbury, NC; The International Bible Institute and The Gordon-Conwell Seminary. In 2018 he accomplished a major goal and earned his Th.D from Greater International Horizons Bible College and Seminary School of Christian Counseling. As a child he was an active member of the Boy Scouts, Young Marines and a lifeguard. He received private piano lessons at the Music Academy. He developed into an accomplished musician, a classically trained violinist, and a gifted bass guitar and self-taught keyboard player. He played with the Westchester County Orchestra, numerous local bands and played the bass guitar with the world renowned Cameo before being called to ministry. He loved to write gospel music. His original music is sung by church choirs throughout the East Coast. The

J.T.Edgerton Singers of Wilmington, N.C. organized by Bishop Edgerton in

1987 continues to be a sought after soul-stirring Gospel Choir.

His community work included serving as the founding Musical Director and coach of the Pittsfield Youth Alive Step and Drum line in Pittsfield, Ma. He touched the lives of many youth in this role as a mentor, father figure and coach. He was known in the community for his sense of humor, zeal for entrepreneurship, giving spirit, deep love for humanity, praising GOD and sharing the Gospel.

The Bishop's christian walk began at Mt. Hope AME Zion Church where he was baptized, participated in youth ministry and was led to join the church at 12 years of age and preached trial sermon in 1979 under Rev. Gillette. He followed his mentor, spiritual leader and step-father, Rev. William Smalls to St. Thomas AME Zion Church where he continued to serve as a Steward, maintenance worker and choir member.

In 1981 he was ordained a Local Preacher and in 1983 he was licensed as an Elder in Wilson N.C. For over 37 years he labored in the vineyard, sowed seeds and devoted his life to shepherding congregations in N.C., NY, Ma and RI. While pastoring in Wilmington NC in 1985 began a soup kitchen at Price Cathedral AME Zion Church and the Truth and the Light Television Ministry, a weekly broadcast that shared the melodious songs by J.T.Edgerton Singers and Bishop Edgerton preaching the gospel of JESUS CHRIST. When GOD called him to Pastor in Pittsfield, MA he revived the Truth and the Light Television Ministry. The broadcast aired in various parts of MA,NC,NY and CA.

As time passed GOD moved Bishop's heart and challenged every aspect of his belief and determination to remain in the service of the LORD. According to the will of GOD, he relinquished his duties and commitment to the AME Zion denomination and established the Word of Life Global Ministries Church, Providence, RI. In 2007, GOD called him to a higher and more profound work. He was consecrated on Sunday, September 30, 2007 as Bishop Jerome Timothy Edgerton Sr.

Bishop Edgerton's ministry was global, including ministering to souls in East

Africa, South Korea and journeying several times to the Holy Land. The prelate work increased to the establishment of the New Vision Center of Family Worship and Praise Fellowship, now New Faith International Ministry which has national and international Ministries which serves New England, NY, East Africa and India.

Bishop Jerome Timothy Edgerton Sr. was an erudite theologian, scholar, teacher and preacher. He is survived by his parents, Anna Smalls, Rev. William Smalls (step-father), Rev Charles Edgerton, his brother, Charles Schofield, five adoring children, Brian Edgerton, Kendra Edgerton Frazier, and from his marriage to Shirley Session Edgerton; Pastor Akilah Danette Edgerton, Jernee Samone Edgerton and Minister Jerome T. Edgerton Jr., 10 grandchildren- Alexis Harrison, Dumars Harrison, Sanya Frazier, William Edgerton, Jamel Frazier, Elise Henderson, Malachy McGuirt, Zion Edgerton, Brian Edgerton Jr. and Shevani Edgerton, his beloved reformation New Faith International Ministry and a host of aunts, cousins, friends, brethren and sisters in CHRIST.

To GOD be the Glory!

ZOOM link for Celebration of Life Bishop Jerome T. Edgerton Sr service
Meeting ID # 882 1411 9165

Cemetery Details

Kensico Cemetery

Valhalla, NY

Previous Events

Wake

OCT 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Hope AME Zion Church
65 Lake Street
White Plains , NY 10604

Funeral

OCT 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PM

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. After all this time and ocean away, I won't ever forget his kindness towards me, back during my difficult times.*
Lord has tasks for us and Jerome, certainly accomplished them, without fail, throughout his life.
Blessed meeting him.

Pascal Mazeppa - November 14, 2020 at 08:50 AM

RL

“ *Bishop was an awesome preacher and one of the baddest bass players in town. I enjoyed working and playing with Him. He will be greatly missed by many.*

Reverand Dr Kimberly Littlejohn - October 06, 2020 at 03:30 PM

YT

“ There are so many words to describe how Bishop had touched many many lives. I still remember my Mom & Dad coming home from church speaking about the new Pastor that was assigned to Hood Memorial A.M.E Zion Church, with Mom adding what a fancy dresser he was. 😊 but I can say I have learned so much from his teachings and loved that he was such an historian. I thank God for him being a huge part of blessing my entire family from Dad, Mom, and my brother Kevin. He was my siblings spiritual Dad and had a way of talking and getting his point across to the younger generation. So many people who were blessed to know him as well as those who didnt know him but had the pleasure of meeting him and hearing a inspiring word or two. We all know how you loved the Lord and God knew as well as you were elevated to become a Bishop. We will have our memories..stories..some funny and some sad but your memory will live on in our hearts and on our minds. Bishop Jerome T. Edgerton Sr. The we love you but God loved you more. Now it's your time to rest. God bless you. 💜



Yvette Tomlinson - October 05, 2020 at 01:04 PM

JH

I met Jerome when my brother and he in Jr. High went to the White Plains High School to practice. My Mom used to drive them, there and back home. Jerome was always sensitive, and very kind. We attended High School together. I have nothing but the very highest regard, and love for Jerome. A man of honor, and great heart for his fellow man. He is missed. He was loved and always will be. He touched my heart. I will always cherish him, and his friendship ❤️

Judith Horvath - January 02, 2022 at 07:43 PM

RY

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. The memory of his friendship will remain sweet in my mind and heart. I am blessed to call him my friend.*

Rev Kweli Ya-Saleem - October 04, 2020 at 08:15 PM

BM

I just heard of Your Spiritual Transition To Paradise. Bishop My Brother You Will Be Missed and Always Loved. Rest My Brother In The Arms of The Master.....Rest.

Bishop Miller - November 07, 2020 at 11:10 AM

PA

“ *Amen, Men, its Worth memory!!
Bishop Jerome Timothy Edgerton, was a chosen of God, since I came to know him eight years ago.
He could talk to me as he knew me from the beginning. I remember when my late wife was sick. He kept on encouraging me all the time.
I can't forget this word from him, (KEEP FAITH MY SON) May his garden he planted on this keep on yielding more fruits in Jesus name..*

Pastor William Ojijo Abonyo - October 03, 2020 at 06:25 AM

TT

“ Love to the whole family, from the Turner family. We send our deepest prayers your way. For Bishop will be missed always & forever, but never forgotten. His memories will carry on always. He has taught a lot that I will keep safe and remember. One thing I can say through this hard time is if he was still here. He will tell us all to rejoice in the Lord. So that's what I will be doing for his home going service, Celebrating a great, very gifted, talented and wise man of God. I can hear him preaching, singing and playing his instruments now. WHAT A MIGHTY GOD WE SERVE Blessings always FAMILY love you all.

*From Tawana & My Turner Family also
Part of Bishop Edgerton, Naomi A.M.E Zion Church Family
in Brooklyn N.Y*

Tawana Turner - October 02, 2020 at 09:20 PM

MA

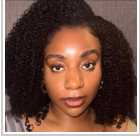
“ I met Bishop through his Life Partner Yvette . He touched many hearts and changed many lives. Wonderful man. My prayers and thoughts go out to the Edgerton Family and to Yvette and Brianna Tomlinson .

m amaral - October 02, 2020 at 07:12 PM

EY

Sleep on my friend and brother see you in the morning when all the saints are gather around the Throne 🙏🙏

Eduardo Yarde - October 03, 2020 at 10:46 AM



“ Sending thoughts and prayers to the entire Edgerton family. Bishop Edgerton was an AMAZING man of God! If it was not for his obedience to our Heavenly Father, I probably would not be where I am today with my walk with Christ. It was through his obedience to our Heavenly Father that I myself dedicated my life to Christ. Bishop Edgerton was full of wisdom, talent (He was an amazing pianist and base player), and among other great things. One thing I will forever cherish was his wonderful sense of humor. Bishop Edgerton will be dearly missed. Thank you Heavenly Father for allowing me to cross paths with this WONDERFUL, BEAUTIFUL man of God. He has imparted in me so many spiritual nuggets that I will forever cherish.
Love, Michelle

Michelle Atiemo - October 02, 2020 at 05:08 PM



“ I truly thank God for the opportunity to meet and fellowship with Bishop Edgerton he will always have a special place in the hearts of the Evans family being that he married my husband and I July 13th 1985 he also baptized our 2nd child in 1986 to this wonderful family please know that you will always be apart of this family for God has allowed us to be just that our prayers will continue to flow your way we love you all Trudy and Lynwood Evans and family 💔

Trudy Evans - October 02, 2020 at 04:37 PM

LR

“ I would like to send my deepest heartfelt sympathy and prayers to Yvette and Mr. Edgerton's family. I was so sad to hear of Mr. Edgerton's passing. He was such a good man who touched so many people in so many ways. I am so happy that I had the pleasure of knowing him and sharing many good memories with him and Yvette. Yvette, I send you big hugs with lots of love and may God give you comfort and peace knowing he is with God and he is now at peace. He will be greatly missed by many and I will keep Yvette and his family in my prayers and thoughts.



Lynn Tavares and family, Prov, RI - October 01, 2020 at 11:52 PM

JM

“ We would like to wish our sincere sympathy to the Yvette & his family. My husband & I had the pleasure of him & Yvette attending our wedding 2 yrs ago. Truly an inspirational human being. Our thoughts & prayers are with all of you. May the blessed memories heal your broken heart. Rest in peace my friend.

John & Maria - September 30, 2020 at 07:44 AM

JR

“ When I rededicated my life to Christ in 2006, it was Bishop E who sat and taught me how to understand the word. At that pivotal point in my life I wanted to know all about what God had in store for my life. I told Bishop E I didnt any sugar coating about the word. Bishop E was such an awesome spiritual father. In 2010, Bishop E officiated and my husbands wedding. He was bold and said things to us we still hold onto along with the word of God. He was this to encourage my husband to speak the word of God on a Sunday! He jammed on that keyboard!!! He was passionate about the word and his people. Often we look through old video and our wedding pictures and speak of Bishop E and the impact he had me and Guzman. We are truly blessed and honored to have had man such a great man who loved God with all his heart.

Love,

Jen and Joel

Jennifer Raphael-Guzman - September 27, 2020 at 11:41 AM