



Mr. James M. Mills

September 16, 1955 - August 12, 2024

The Life and Legacy Of A General

Apostle James "Bubba" Mills

It is with heavy hearts and profound gratitude that we celebrate the life of Apostle James "Bubba" Mills who was born in Cheverly, MD on September 16, 1955 to Lela V. Mills and James A. Mills. James was the third of six children, alongside Petra, Michael, Pedro, Nevin and India. Apostle Mills ran his race and finished his course and went from labor to reward at home peacefully on Monday, August 12, 2024.

Growing up in a lively and loving family, he embraced the spirit of community, humor, and togetherness that would define his life. James matriculated and received his education in the Prince George's County public school system where he graduated from Central High School in 1973 where he was known for his athleticism on the junior varsity basketball and varsity football teams. Bubba loved sports especially football where he proudly wore the jersey number 54 for the Central Falcons. He stood his ground as a center on offense and a linebacker on defense. Bubba was always a jokester. At any given moment you may find him doing or saying something to bring joy and

laughter to those around him. His sense of humor was unmatched. Bubba loved with his whole heart and would give you the shirt off of his back and would give his last to anyone that was in need. As a young man, Bubba would sit and watch Billy Graham with his grandmother Maria Lopez and sometimes attend church with her just to keep her quiet, but from that moment a transformative journey of faith began.

At the age of 21, he accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior-a decision that would shape his entire life. He dedicated himself to the Lord and began his ministry at The Righteous Church of God in 1976, serving under the guidance of Elder William R. Vicks as his reader. In 1978, Apostle Mills met his best friend and soulmate, Vanessa. Their unbreakable bond blossomed into holy matrimony on June 5, 1982. Together, they shared the joy of raising three children: Tierra, Jay, and Jason. Apostle Mills was not only a devoted husband and father but also a loving grandfather to eight grandsons-James III, Jason Jr., Miguel, Jeremiah, Jyzaiah, Anthony and Kevin-and three granddaughters- Joi, Darryn and Cindy. He poured love into his family, always finding a way to lift their spirits with his infectious sense of humor and charm. Bubba took pride in his family and would do anything for his wife, children and grandchildren.

For approximately 20 years, Apostle Mills worked at D.C. General Hospital starting out as the supervisor of the mail room and later served with honor and compassion as the Director of Chaplaincy at D.C. General Hospital, where he trained and equipped chaplains to minister to diverse families and individuals with grace and empathy.

In 1982 Bubba was ordained as a minister by the late Elder William R. Vicks

and was later called and sent to Pastor the Righteous Church of God Mission Church in Warrenton, Virginia where there was only an outdoor toilet and an oil stove with a handful of elderly members, but that did not deter him at all. He served with humility and faith and trust in God and traveled every Sunday for an 1hr and 15 minutes one way and he NEVER murmured or complained.

Here, Apostle Mills shepherded his congregation with a heart of service, demonstrating the Holy Spirit's power in all his endeavors.

In October 1991 this mission church re-established itself as the Newness of Life Bible Church in Bealton, VA with Apostle Mills as the founding Pastor through the leading and guiding of the Holy Spirit. It was then that the Lord began pouring out His spirit upon Apostle Mills and he began moving and operating in the fullness of the Spirit of God..."Not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in the demonstration of the Spirit and of Power." (1 Corinthians 2:4) Apostle Mills was a loving, caring Shepherd who was a firm believer of the operation of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. In 2002 under the direction of the Holy Spirit, Apostle Mills relocated the Newness of Life Bible Church from the backside of the desert to a land that was flowing with milk and honey within the DMV area. Apostle Mills was a true shepherd and servant of God's people, who daily and continually gave of himself to fulfill the purpose of the anointed ministry God entrusted to him. He answered to the call on his life to "Preach the gospel to the poor...heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised and to preach the acceptable year of the Lord" (Luke 4:18-19). Apostle Mills operated in the gifts of the Spirit, especially the Power gifts; miracles, healing and faith. Apostle Mills believed in the resurrection power of Jesus Christ and through this God equipped and

operated through him to minister to thousands of people who suffered with substance abuse, heal those who were sick with various diseases from AIDS/HIV to cancer to a common cold, he opened blind eyes (spiritually and naturally), to cause the deaf to hear, the mute to speak, to cast out devils, and also raise the dead three times.

His commitment to growing in faith led him to earn multiple degrees from the Spirit of Truth Institute of Studies, including a Bachelor's in Ministry, a Master's in Pastoral Counseling, an earned Doctorate in Christian Education, and an Honorary Doctorate in Humanities as well as publish his first book in 2012 entitled "Demons, Devils and Deliverance" which can be purchased on Amazon.

Apostle Mills was a true servant of God. His faith was a source of miracles; countless lives were touched by his prayers and the power of God that flowed through him. Thousands of souls have given their life to Christ through this mighty man of God. His life was a testament to the resurrection power of Jesus Christ. As we reflect on the life of Apostle James "Bubba" Mills, let us remember his great sense of humor, his immense love for Jesus, and the profound impact he had on all whose lives he touched. He has gone on to his eternal home, where laughter and joy abound, leaving behind a legacy that will inspire generations to come. We take comfort in knowing that he is rejoicing in the presence of his Savior.

Apostle Mills was a beacon of joy, humor, and unwavering faith, leaving an indelible mark on all who knew him.

Apostle James "Bubba" Mills leaves behind a legacy of faith, love, and laughter. He was preceded in death by his Mother Lela V. Mills, father James A. Mills, grandmother Maria Lopez and brother Nevin Mills. He is survived by his wife, Pastor Vanessa Mills; children Tierra Mills, James Mills II (Portia), Jason Mills (Jakarya); his eight grandsons and three granddaughters; siblings Petra Jacobeson, Michael Mills (Mekdim), Pedro Mills (Peggy) and India Porter; cherished goddaughters Candice King and Joi Key; and a vast family of nieces, nephews, cousins, church family, spiritual sons and daughters and friends who will forever cherish his memory.

Cemetery Details

FORT LINCOLN CEMETERY

3401 BLADENSBURG RD
BRENTWOOD, MD 20722

Previous Events

Wake

AUG **23**. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM.

Righteous Church of God 616 56th St. N.E. Wash., D.C.

Wake

AUG **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM.

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Funeral Service

AUG **24**. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM.

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Tribute Wall



“ You taught me EVERYTHING I know about God, you introduced me to him. I know it’s kinda crazy but I thought you would live forever.



Alexis Beckham - August 23, 2024 at 06:34 AM



“ I miss you so much dad! This is so hard for me to accept 💔😭! I love you so much 🥰😘💞💞💞💞💞💞💞💞💞💞😭😭😭🕊️

Tierra Mills - August 20, 2024 at 08:49 PM



Big Sis I love you all!!! I wish i could be there! You know how I feel about Bubba! He played a major role when I was growing up as a little kid.

Douglas Soule' Sr - August 21, 2024 at 11:48 AM



“ Apostle Frye & First Church Ambar Family purchased the Wings of a Dove Tribute Blanket for the family of Mr. James M. Mills.



Apostle Frye & First Church Ambar Family - August 20, 2024 at 11:47 AM