



## Elder Purnell Evans

July 28, 1944 - August 3, 2023

Elder Purnell Evans, aged 79, born on July 28, 1944, in Washington, North Carolina, was called home to be with the Lord, on August 3, 2023. He was the beloved son of Helen Jones Evans and Walter Roosevelt Evans. Elder Evans was a cherished husband, father, and grandfather. He is survived by his devoted wife of 46 years, Lorna F. Evans, daughters Denise T. (King) and Cynthia M. Evans, granddaughters Robin and Iylana, and great-grandchildren Rojonna and Lavender. His dear sister Velma Dorsey of Raleigh, NC, and brothers Frank Evans of Tampa, FL, and John Jones of Washington, NC, along with numerous nieces and nephews, also mourn his loss. He is preceded in death by sisters Annie Archie of San Diego, Calif., Catherine Bailey of Washington, NC, and his brother Charles Evans, of FL.

Elder Evans leaves a lasting legacy as an ordained Elder of The Greater Refuge Temple in Harlem, New York. He fervently embraced the Holy Spirit and dedicated his life to proclaiming Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior since 1983.

Known for his melodious voice reminiscent of Sam Cooke, it was often said that he was “anointed to sing” because his voice would usher in the Holy Spirit, changing the atmosphere of the church, causing a deeper worship and praise to take place. Elder Evans sang all the time, wrote songs and produced an album in the late 1960s, sharing his passion for music. Beyond his talents,

he found the most joy ministering to others about Jesus Christ, and sharing revelations with his family.

In his leisure, Elder Evans loved a quiet day with family taking walks or a long drive. He indulged in the pleasures of good food, relishing favorites like fried Northern red snapper, cornbread, and baked mac and cheese. He loved a good movie, with classics like Gun Smoke, The Ten Commandments, Ben-Hur, The Robe, Lethal Weapon, and Die Hard topping his list. Witnessing planes taking off or landing and the sight of horses running brought him additional delight.

Elder Purnell Evans will be remembered not only for his balanced and family-oriented personality but also for his willingness to share his thoughts and experiences. He was a committed and loving husband, father, grandfather and provider that put his family first. Above all, his true treasure was found in his unwavering faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. May his soul be present with the Lord.

Funeral Services were held on August 11, 2023 at 11:00 am at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. The funeral will closed with interment at the Holy Redeemer Cemetery, in Niskayuna, NY.”