



Bishop Jack Townsend Sr.

January 6, 1949 - August 8, 2024

Bishop Dr. Jackie (Jack) H. Townsend, Sr. was born on January 6, 1949, in Edwardsville, IL: to the union of Rev. Henry B. and Inez Townsend. He was the youngest of four children. He was preceded in death by his parents; two siblings, Evangelist Bernice Smith and Joseph B. Townsend. On July 28, 1975, Bishop Jack married the love of his life, Joanne Lockett. Bishop Jack and Sis. Joanne have three children. He loved his family and extended family and did not fail to let them know they needed the Holy Ghost!!!

Bishop Jack accepted Christ in his life at the age of 28 years old. He served as the Assistant Sunday School Superintendent at the local church in Edwardsville where he worked hand in hand with the late Pastor Larry Hogg who was the Sunday School Superintendent. He served as the Illinois State Sunday School Superintendent of The Church of God in Christ Congregational from 1985 until 2003. Bishop Townsend loved Sunday School because he said he could learn there and then he would be able to help someone else. "Bro Jack" as he was affectionately called by many, was widely known for his Christ-centered leadership and love for people. He served on the Madison County Ministry for Christ Team at Pere Marquette and at the Dwight Correctional Facility for Women for over 10 years and received several certificates for his excellent and faithful service. Bishop Jack "Loved the Lord" the Church, and God's people, the Saved and the Unsaved. He wanted to help spread the gospel of Jesus Christ to everyone he could. He would always

say "If this gospel be hid, it is hid to those who are lost". Bishop Jack Loved to Have Church!!! He blessed the church with strong leadership, character, and integrity. He did as the bible said, visit the sick, the fatherless and the widows in their afflictions. He reached out to all nationalities. Bishop Jack continued to seek the will of the Lord for himself and the church. On October 26, 2014, Pastor Jack Townsend, Sr. was installed as "Bishop Jackie H. Townsend, Sr." He attended the Temple of Deliverance College of Theology receiving his Doctorate on June 4, 2016.

Presiding Bishop Dr. Jack Townsend, Sr. leaves to cherish his memories: his Brown Sugar Evangelist Missionary Joanne Townsend of Glen Carbon, IL, children: Graylan "Monte" (Felecia) Alexander of Alton, IL, Emmabelle Marie Townsend of Alton, IL, Jackie H. Townsend, Jr. of Edwardsville, IL, and daughter in law: Rachel Townsend of Fresno, CA, one sister: Mrs. Inez Townsend Price of Grand Rapids, MI, Grandchildren: Leecananeshia, Montres, Jameera, Ja'Ryea, Makayla, Montiarra, Ikiera, Reggie, Demilo, Ryan, Monty, Rashaud, Malik, Demarcus Alexander, Jawan, Jackie III, Jade, and Jaylen Townsend, 16 Great-grands, Aunts: Ms. Polly Pea White of Mansfield LA., and Ms. Beatrice White of Houston, TX, 2 brothers in law: Donald I, Lockett, Sr. and Tommy M. Lockett of Houston, Texas, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, church family and all those who loved him

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

Edwardsville , IL

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG **23**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. John United Methodist Church
7372 Marine Rd
Edwardsville, IL 62025

Service

AUG **24**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside

AUG **26**. 11:00 AM.

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Tribute Wall

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“ I remember Brother Jack keeping the peace when he played basketball with us when I was a younger. Anytime we argued over foul calls we would ask Brotha Jack what he thought. However he called it was the end of the arguing because we all had so much respect for him.

Dwight Woods - August 24, 2024 at 05:25 PM

CJ

“ Clifton Sprivey Jr lit a candle in memory of Bishop Jack Townsend Sr.



Clifton Sprivey Jr - August 24, 2024 at 05:49 AM

KH

“ My Name is Henry Hudson. Jack Meant A lot to me. My Dad and him were Good Friends. When my Father Pass. Jack stepped Up and became a 2nd Dad to me. I didn't want to listen but he gave me guidance. My Family and I will TRULY Miss Brother Jack. I'm sending Prayers Also to Mrs JoAnn & Family. Gone To SOON. Never Forget. I Thank You & I LOVE YOU.

Karen Harrison - August 23, 2024 at 06:27 PM

TT

“ *The National Women's Dept. TCOGICC purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Bishop Jack Townsend Sr..*



The National Women's Dept. TCOGICC - August 20, 2024 at 09:57 PM

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“ *The National Women's Dept. TCOGICC planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Bishop Jack Townsend Sr..*

The National Women's Dept. TCOGICC - August 20, 2024 at 09:57 PM

JE

“ *Mo. JoAnne -Bishop Townsend's "Brown Sugar" With sincere heartfelt condolence to Bishop Townsend's "Brown Sugar" Mo. Townsend, Emma, Jackie Jr., Monte, Henrillean, and the Townsend Family, Church Family and Friends. This came as such a shock and were so sorry when we received the news about Dr. Jack Townsend Sr.'s passing It's still hard to believe. Dr. Jack Townsend Sr. - Thank You for all the lives you've touched "especially mine". It was with great honor and gratitude for me to have had you as my Brother, Assistant Pastor, Pastor, Bishop and Presiding Bishop. As I reminisce on how God had elevated and promoted you through each elevation you attained a meek and humble spirit. Although you held many titles you knew and exemplified the most important position "God's humble Servant". A man of servitude, prayer, and praise. I thank the Lord I had the privilege and was allowed to serve as your Pastor's Aide Leader. We will miss your example of servitude, your unwavering faith, rejuvenating smile, kindness, wisdom, support and encouraging expression of words. Love and God Bless!!! Charles and Jeannie Edwards*

Jeannie Edwards - August 15, 2024 at 05:04 PM

CJ

Amen

Clifton Sprivey Jr - August 24, 2024 at 05:09 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bishop Jack Townsend Sr..*



August 14, 2024 at 02:43 PM

DM

“ David & Karen McDonough planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bishop Jack Townsend Sr..

David & Karen McDonough - August 14, 2024 at 02:43 PM



“ We’ve been friends since I was 16 years old we share things talks. I will truly miss you my friend. I will always love you you made it home rest in peace, Bishop Joanne, Emma little Jack. I love you all you have my condolences.

James Webb - August 13, 2024 at 07:53 PM



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