



Bishop Tyrone Gregory Spears Sr.

November 30, 1962 - June 18, 2024

His Journey

Bishop Tyrone Gregory Spears, Sr. often said, “God has the last say over my life; on June 18, 2024, God whispered come, my faithful servant. Bishop Tyrone Gregory Spears was not just a man but a divine appointment and anointed by God to lead people to Jesus Christ. He was born in Stamford, Connecticut, on November 30, 1961, to the late Arnold Anthony Spears Sr. and Dorothy Betty Bannister Spears. Bishop Spears is a 1981 graduate of Stamford High School. Afterward, he joined the Army National Guard to serve his country and earned the title of staff sergeant. The military further fortified his strong belief in leading by example and exercising authority to make positive decisions in life. After working various jobs, his employment at Stamford Advocate for 27 years became his career. Bishop Spears began to hear the voice of God at an early age and accepted to serve God at Bibleway Church of God in Christ Jesus of Stamford, Connecticut, under the leadership of Pastor Nina Bond. Bishop Spears quickly absorbed God’s word and shared it generously with everyone he encountered, leaving a lasting impact on the church community. He used his struggles as a testament to the goodness of God and encouraged others to invest in God and not the flesh. In 1994, Bishop Spears married Rudean Stephens, the love of his life, and they called each other ‘HONEY.’ This union was not just a physical union but a spiritual union. If anyone stood in their presence briefly, the love they shared became

contagious as they demonstrated agape love for God and one another. God blessed them with three children: Joshua, Joye, and Tyrone Spears Jr. Preceding him in death are Dorothy Betty Bannister (mother), Arnold Anthony Spears, Sr. (father), and Evonne Spears Bigham (Sister).

The Vision

Bishop Spears was elected to pastor Bibleway Church of God in Christ Jesus in Stamford, Connecticut. God blessed him with Mother Gladys Gaskins, who became his spiritual mother as he led the flock through mentoring, encouraging, and supporting him to deliver the truth to the people of God. Under the leadership of God, many miracles manifested in the ministry. The church drew many individuals to God and equipped them to work in the vineyard of Christ. At this time, Bishop Spears realized the ministry was a stopping post to equip others to serve God. He became the role model, especially for younger men and women entering ministry work, by demonstrating that faith is the ultimate weapon against sin. Bishop Spears taught about God and lived a life that pleased God regardless of the circumstances. A validation of his calling was supported when Bishop Skyers installed him to serve as a Bishop of the Bibleway Church of God in Christ Jesus. Bishop Spears was the overseer of the Jamaican churches and is a member of the International Royal Priest Hood Fellowship under Bishop John R. Thompson.

Bishop Spears often spoke about the beautiful land in the South when visiting and imagined himself planting a ministry. In 2015, God began re-directing his spiritual walk to relocate to Columbia, South Carolina. Equipped with hand-drawn plans and directions from God, Bishop Spears researched various sites to start a ministry to bring souls to Christ. However, health issues prevented him from fully launching into constructing a house of worship. Refusing to allow the enemy to gain victory over his calling, he joined Daily Living Ministries Christians Fellowship under the leadership of Pastor German Wright.

The Mission

As his health declined, Bishop Spears' unwavering determination to serve God shone through, serving as a beacon of inspiration for all. He used technology as a powerful tool to reach the unreachable, transforming each unfavorable doctor's report into a teaching opportunity for all who crossed his path. His preaching engagements included nurses, doctors, lab technicians, emergency workers, transporters, and other patients. His favorite quote, 'For God, I live, and For God, I Die, 'encapsulates his unwavering faith. Even during his last days on earth, he never questioned God's plans for him. He understood that dying and being in Christ should be the ultimate goal of a Christian. His mission is not complete because the knowledge he imparted to each of us must go out to a dying world through us.

He leaves the following missionaries to go forth on his mission: Rudean Stephens Spears (wife), Joshua Spears (son), Joye Spears (daughter), and Tyrone Spears Jr. (son) of Columbia, SC. Arnold Anthony (Sherry) Spears (Brother) of Stamford, Connecticut, and Zina Alexander (Sister) of Camden, SC; Micheal (April) Cardwell of Meriden, Connecticut; Andre Cardwell (brother) of Waterbury, Connecticut; Darryl Clayborne of Stamford, Connecticut; Rudolph Stephens Sr.(father-in-law) of Holly Hill, SC, Brothers-in-law: Samuel Lee Brown of Jacksonville, Florida; Herbert Lee Robinson of Holly Hill, SC; Anthony Stephens, Altonia Stephens, Rudolph Stephens Jr., and Brian (Angie) Stephens of Columbia, SC. Sister-in-laws Juanita Brown of Columbia, SC, and Vernell (Bobby) Watson of Holly Hill, SC. A host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Previous Events

Lie in State

JUL 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Kingdom Visions Church
1701 Alta Vista Dr
Columbia, SC 29223

A Celebration of Life

JUL 2. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (Est)

Kingdom Visions Church
1701 Alta Vista Dr
Columbia, SC 29223

Interment

JUL 2. 1:30 PM - 2:15 PM (ET)

Promise Land
1740 Cushman Drive
Columbia, SC 29204

Tribute Wall

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“ *Spears Family:*

*Sending our deepest heart ❤️ felt condolences to the family.
Tyrone was like a brother to our family as we grew up on Custer St..*

*May our HEAVENLY LORD & SAVIOR give you comfort, peace, &
devine strength during your time of sorrow...*

Continual PRAYS & BLESSINGS ..

THE SIMMONS FAMILY

Doreen drungo - July 18, 2024 at 02:11 PM

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“ *On Behalf of Alliance Medical Service we
send our deepest condolence on the passing
of your loved one. Thank you for allowing us
to service you through the years. We will
continue to keep you and the family in our
prayers.*

Blessings from staff



Marquita - June 30, 2024 at 07:54 PM

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“ *Gloria Harrison-Brown and Family lit a candle
in memory of Tyrone Spears*



Gloria Harrison-Brown and Family - June 29, 2024 at 12:57 AM

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“ *Our deepest sympathy and condolences and prayers to the family and relatives.* ”



Gloria Harrison-Brown and Family - June 29, 2024 at 12:56 AM

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