

Celebrating the *Life*  
and *Legacy* of

PASTOR JAMES RICHARD ADAMS  
1946-2013

HOMEGOING SERVICE  
FOR  
PASTOR JAMES R. ADAMS

DECEMBER 17, 1946

JANUARY 28, 2013



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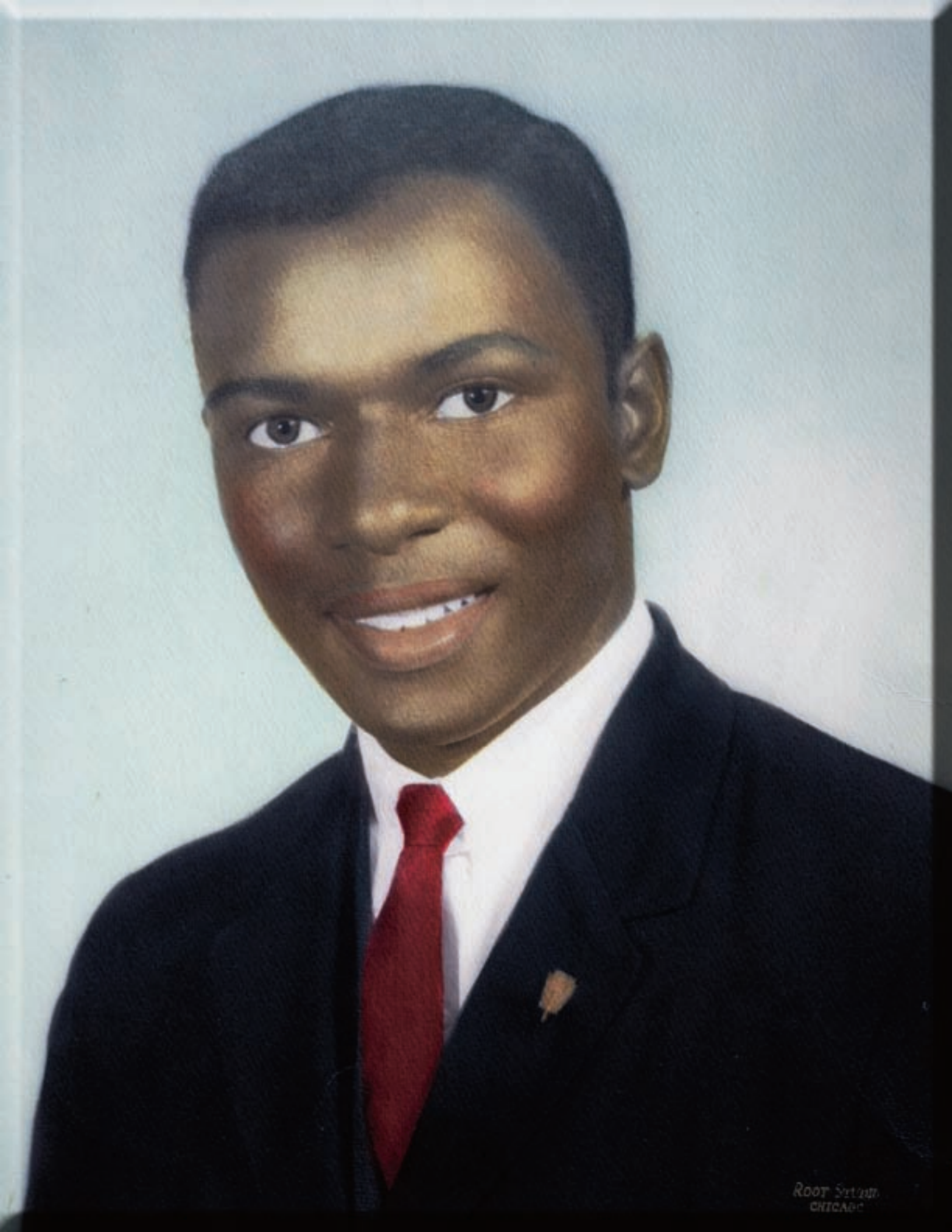
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2013

PREPAST: 8:30 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.

WAKE: 9:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

FUNERAL: 11:00 A.M.

ABOUNDING LIFE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST  
14626 S. MOZART AVENUE  
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## **OBITUARY**

**JAMES RICHARD ADAMS** WAS BORN ON DECEMBER 17, 1946 IN POPE, MISSISSIPPI. HE WAS THE SEVENTH OF NINE CHILDREN BORN TO THE UNION OF HOMER ESCO AND MARY LEE JONES-ADAMS. JAMES WAS PREDECEASED BY HIS PARENTS, ONE BROTHER, LOUIS B. ADAMS AND TWO SISTERS, MARY ADAMS GASTON AND SYLVIA ADAMS ROBINSON.

### **EARLY YEARS**

IN DECEMBER OF 1953, DURING THE SECOND GREAT MIGRATION, HOMER ESCO ADAMS RELOCATED HIS FAMILY TO ROBBINS, ILLINOIS WITH THE HELP OF THE LATE ELDER ANDREW WILLIAMS (PASTOR OF THE HARVEY CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST). ON THE LONG, AND CROWDED JOURNEY TO ILLINOIS, JAMES SAT ATOP A BOX IN THE FRONT OF THE VEHICLE. UPON RELOCATING TO ILLINOIS, THE ADAMS FAMILY BECAME MEMBERS OF HARVEY CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST.

JAMES ATTENDED THOMAS J. KELLAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN ROBBINS, ILLINOIS AND DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER HIGH SCHOOL IN BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS. BECAUSE HE WAS A QUICK LEARNER AND EXCEPTIONALLY ADEPT IN THE AREA OF MUSIC, HIS BAND TEACHER GAVE HIM THE TASK OF LEARNING MULTIPLE INSTRUMENTS. THIS GAVE WAY TO JAMES MASTERING SEVERAL INSTRUMENTS DURING HIS GRADE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL YEARS. JAMES WAS BLESSED WITH NATURAL ATHLETIC ABILITY AND WAS AN OUTSTANDING THREE-SPORT ATHLETE. HE EARNED VARSITY LETTERS AND RECEIVED NUMEROUS AWARDS IN BASKETBALL, FOOTBALL, AND TRACK & FIELD. HE LOVED PLAYING HORSHOES AND WAS A MASTER AT JUMPING DOUBLE DUTCH, WELL INTO HIS LATTER YEARS.

JAMES ALSO EXCELLED ACADEMICALLY, WAS PLACED IN ACCELERATED COURSES, AND GRADUATED IN THE TOP 3% OF HIS CLASS. HE WAS INDUCTED INTO THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY AND AWARDED FULL ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE GENERAL MOTORS INSTITUTE IN FLINT, MICHIGAN, AND THE ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY. JAMES RECEIVED A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING FROM THE ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

### **LEGACY OF LOVE**

WITH HIS BOYISH GOOD LOOKS, INCOMPARABLE INTELLECT, ATHLETIC PROWESS, AND PROMISING FUTURE, JAMES WAS THE 'ULTIMATE CATCH'. HE WAS A RESPECTFUL YOUNG MAN RAISED IN A GOD-FEARING HOME. HIS SMOOTH, BARITONE VOICE COULD MAKE THE LADIES SWOON; HIS ADMIRERS WERE NUMEROUS.

DURING THIS TIME IN THE 1960S IT WAS TRENDY FOR 'HIP' YOUNG MEN TO WEAR SUNGLASSES OR 'SHADES'. JAMES WAS A COOL DUDE AND WOULD NOT BE SEEN WITHOUT HIS ROSE-COLORED 'SHADES'. JUST PRIOR TO LEAVING FOR COLLEGE, JAMES ATTENDED A REVIVAL SERVICE AT HARVEY CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST; HE WORE HIS 'SHADES' AS USUAL. ON THIS NIGHT, THE SPIRIT OF GOD KNOCKED THE GLASSES FROM HIS FACE AND JAMES WAS SAVED AND FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST. HE IMMEDIATELY TELEPHONED HIS COUSIN AND BEST FRIEND, FRANK DEBOSE AND TOLD HIM THE GOOD NEWS. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, JAMES WOULD LATER TESTIFY, "THE LORD TOLD ME TO BREAK UP WITH MY GIRLFRIEND."

JAMES SOON LEARNED THAT GOD HAD A BETTER PLAN FOR HIM. WHILE AT THE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST HOLY CONVOCATION (MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE) IN 1969, JAMES MET THE LOVE OF HIS LIFE, ERNESTINE REED ADAMS. ERNESTINE (AFFECTIONATELY CALLED 'SWEETIE' BY HER FAMILY) WAS A STRIKINGLY BEAUTIFUL YOUNG LADY WHO CAUGHT JAMES' EYE FROM ACROSS A CROWDED ROOM. JAMES AND ERNESTINE SHARED A BRIEF COURTSHIP AND WERE MARRIED ON NOVEMBER 28, 1970. SOON AFTER, GOD BLESSED THEM WITH A BEAUTIFUL BABY GIRL, RATASHA JEANINE.

### **"GENTILE JOB" LEGACY**

AN EXTREMELY SELF-MOTIVATED YOUNG MAN, AND NEVER ONE TO SIT IDLE, JAMES ASSISTED HIS FATHER IN THE FAMILY'S JANITORIAL BUSINESS. HE ALSO WORKED FOR BURT'S SHOES STORES BEFORE GAINING POST-UNDERGRADUATE EMPLOYMENT WITH COMMONWEALTH EDISON. HE THOROUGHLY ENJOYED HIS TENURE AT COMMONWEALTH EDISON, OFTEN TESTIFYING OF THE FAVOR OF GOD THAT LED TO UNEXPECTED RAISES AND PROMOTIONS. IN FEBRUARY, 1989 HE WAS BLESSED TO RETIRE FROM COMMONWEALTH EDISON; THIS ENABLED HIM TO DEVOTE ALL OF HIS TIME TO PASTORAL WORK. AT THE TIME OF HIS RETIREMENT, JAMES WORKED AS AN ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AND A CORROSION ENGINEER SPECIALIST FOR THE DIVISION HEADQUARTERS. GOD ALSO BLESSED HIS WIFE TO ALSO TAKE AN EARLY RETIREMENT SO THAT SHE WOULD BE A GREATER BLESSING TO THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH.

### **SPIRITUAL LEGACY**

"RICHID" AS HE WAS ALWAYS CALLED BY FAMILY, WAS A SPECIAL CHILD, HE SINCERELY BELIEVED, AND WAS ALWAYS CONSCIOUS OF THE FACT, THAT GOD CALLED HIM TO BE A PREACHER FROM BIRTH. MOTHER FONDREN, THE MID-WIFE THAT DELIVERED JAMES, WAS A HIGHLY ANOINTED MISSIONARY OF GOD. SHE PROPHESED, WHEN HE WAS BORN, THAT HE WOULD BE AN UNUSUAL CHILD WHO WOULD GROW UP TO BE GREATLY USED OF THE LORD. THIS MISSIONARY HAD A HOLY GHOST GLIMPSE OF THE CALLING THAT GOD HAD ON JAMES' LIFE FROM HIS BIRTH.

JAMES WAS GIFTED AND ANOINTED OF GOD IN THE AREA OF MUSIC. WHILE AT THE TENDER AGE OF EIGHT YEARS OLD, HE SAT IN THE REAR OF A CHURCH DURING AN ANOINTED REVIVAL SERVICE, AND NOTICED THAT A WOMAN WAS PLAYING THE PIANO. HE HAD THE PRESENCE OF MIND TO PRAY AT THIS YOUNG AGE THE FOLLOWING PRAYER: "LORD, IF YOU BLESS ME AND TEACH ME TO PLAY THE PIANO, I WILL PLAY FOR YOU THE REST OF MY LIFE." TO THE AMAZEMENT OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS (ALTHOUGH HIS FEET COULD NOT TOUCH THE PEDALS) PASTOR ADAMS BEGAN PLAYING THE PIANO WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF HIS PRAYER TO GOD. IN ADDITION, EVERY MORNING HE COULD BE FOUND KNEELING DOWN AT THE PIANO, ASKING GOD TO BLESS HIM TO PLAY. YEARS LATER, ONE OF HIS GREATEST JOYS WAS FINALLY BEING ABLE TO PLAY THE PIANO FOR THE ADAMS SISTERS. WHILE IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM, HE RECEIVED FORMAL TRAINING AND MASTERED SEVERAL DIFFERENT BAND INSTRUMENTS. PASTOR ADAMS RECEIVED REQUESTS WHILE IN HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE TO PLAY FOR JAZZ AND ROCK BANDS, BUT HE NEVER FORGOT HIS PROMISE AND HELD TRUE TO HIS VOW TO GOD. IF YOU WOULD COUNT ALL THE INSTRUMENTS THAT PASTOR ADAMS HAS PLAYED AT SOME POINT IN HIS LIFETIME, IT WOULD NUMBER APPROXIMATELY TWELVE (12).

BECAUSE HE WAS SAVED AND FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST, JAMES FAITHFULLY SERVED IN SEVERAL CAPACITIES WITHIN THE CHURCH; YPWW TEACHER, ADULT CHOIR/SENIOR CHOIR, YOUTH CHOIR INSPIRATIONAL CHOIR, SOUTHEAST CENTRAL DISTRICT CHOIR, AND MINISTER OF MUSIC. UNDER THE TUTELAGE OF THE LATE LETHA BELL WELLS, HE LEARNED TO TRAIN CHOIRS. IN 1969, HE WAS COMMISSIONED TO FORM THE FIRST YOUTH CHOIR AT HIS HOME CHURCH. JAMES ALSO TAUGHT AND TRAINED VARIOUS CHOIRS, SOLOISTS, CHOIR DIRECTORS AND MUSICIANS. HE EVENTUALLY FORMED HIS OWN YOUNG ADULT SINGING GROUP, ***THE JAMES R. ADAMS ENSEMBLE.***

AFTER THE DEATH OF HIS LONGTIME PASTOR, JAMES RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM THE LATE BISHOP LOUIS H. FORD, BISHOP OF 1ST JURISDICTION OF ILLINOIS CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST. JAMES WAS SENT TO WORK WITH THE LATE ELDER HOPKINS AT COLE TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST IN CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS. THERE, HE SERVED FAITHFULLY UNTIL THE LORD CALLED HIM TO PASTOR.

THOUGH HE WAS A YOUNG BOY WHEN HE LEFT THE MISSISSIPPI DELTA, THE AREA'S MUSICAL INFLUENCES WERE FOREVER A PART OF JAMES' GUITAR PLAYING STYLE. SOME OF HIS EARLY SINGING, SONGWRITING, AND GUITAR PLAYING INSPIRATIONS WERE GARNERED FROM THE MUSICAL TALENTS OF HIS PARENTS, HIS MATERNAL GRANDFATHER, ELDER M.T. JONES SR., HIS UNCLE, M.T. JONES JR., HIS BIG BROTHER "L.B.", AND HIS SISTERS.

JAMES HAS WRITTEN AND/OR REARRANGED MORE THAN 200 SONGS. HE WAS THE EXECUTIVE PRODUCER OF A CASSETTE AND CD RECORDING RELEASED IN 1999 ENTITLED, *PASTOR JAMES R. ADAMS AND THE ABOUNDING LIFE C.O.G.I.C., VICTORY AND PRAISE, VOLUME I.* THIS ANOINTED MUSIC HAS BEEN UPLIFTING AND A SOURCE OF HEALING AND DELIVERANCE TO MANY IN THE UNITED STATES, LONDON, AND JAPAN. DURING A TOUR OF FOUR CITIES IN

JAPAN, 200 COPIES OF THIS CD WERE SOLD AFTER JUST ONE CONCERT. JAMES WAS ALSO BLESSED TO RECORD AND RELEASE A SECOND CD IN 2009 ENTITLED, *TIMES OF REFRESHING*.

JAMES WAS QUITE ACTIVE IN THE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST ON MULTIPLE LEVELS. HE PARTICIPATED IN DISTRICT, STATE AND INTERNATIONAL CAPACITIES. HE HAS BEEN FEATURED SEVERAL TIMES AS A SPEAKER FOR STATE CONVENTIONS, AND WAS INVITED AS A FEATURED ARTIST BY DR. JUDITH MCCALLISTER FOR THE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST HOLY CONVOCATION IN 2011.

MANY YEARS AGO WHILE CONDUCTING A REVIVAL AT HIS CHURCH, GOD GAVE EXPRESSIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION TO REPEAT WHICH LATER EVOLVED INTO THESE WORDS: "THE ANOINTING OF GOD!", "THE POWER OF GOD!", "THE STRENGTH OF GOD!", "THE AUTHORITY OF GOD!", AND "THE WISDOM OF GOD!" JAMES WAS KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST BROTHERHOOD FOR THESE WORDS. MANY PEOPLE HAVE RECEIVED MIRACLES, HEALINGS, ENCOURAGEMENT AND DELIVERANCE BY REPEATING THESE WORDS.

JAMES WAS ALSO WAS ACTIVE IN THE "FOREIGN FIELD". IN MAY OF 1998, JAMES AND ERNESTINE, WERE INVITED TO LONDON BY THE LATE BISHOP MELVIN POWELL OF THE NEW TESTAMENT ASSEMBLY DENOMINATION. JAMES WAS BLESSED TO PREACH SEVERAL TIMES. IN JULY OF 1999, (AGAIN AT THE REQUEST OF BISHOP POWELL), JAMES TRAVELED BACK TO LONDON WITH MORE THAN 100 CHOIR MEMBERS, MUSICIANS AND SUPPORTERS. THE LORD MOVED MIGHTILY DURING THIS TIME. WHILE IN LONDON, JAMES WAS INFORMED BY ELD. MICHAEL DUBOSE AND THE LATE BROTHER GEORGE COLEMAN OF THEIR CHANCE MEETING WITH PASTOR GERARD MARKS OF KOBE, JAPAN. THE FOLLOWING YEAR, JAMES, ALONG WITH APPROXIMATELY 100 CHOIR MEMBERS, MUSICIANS AND SUPPORTERS WERE INVITED TO TOUR THREE CITIES IN JAPAN. JAMES PREACHED ON THREE OCCASIONS, AND HEADLINED FOUR CONCERTS. THE LORD SAVED, HEALED AND BLESSED MANY, AND THE RESIDUAL EFFECTS OF THIS TOUR IS YET BEING EXPRESSED BY THE CITIZENS OF THESE CITIES. SOON AFTER, JAMES WAS FEATURED IN *CHARISMA MAGAZINE* HIGHLIGHTING THE 2000 TRIP TO JAPAN. A FEW YEARS LATER, JAMES (ALONG WITH HIS CHOIR AND MUSICIANS), WERE INVITED BACK TO JAPAN.

### **WORKS ACCOMPLISHED**

JAMES AND THE ABOUNDING LIFE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST WERE BLESSED TO "BREAK GROUND" FOR A 2,100+ SEAT SANCTUARY AND MULTI-FACILITY CHURCH BUILDING IN DECEMBER 2004. THE BEAUTIFUL EDIFICE WAS COMPLETED AND DEDICATED IN NOVEMBER 2007. SINCE THAT TIME, ABOUNDING LIFE HAS CONTINUED TO HOLD SERVICES SEVEN (7) DAYS A WEEK. THE ELEMENTS OF PRAYER, PRAISE SERVICE, MINISTRY OF THE WORD AND THE CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP CONTINUE TO BE A PART OF EACH SERVICE.

OTHER BRIEF HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- ABOUNDING LIFE'S BEAUTIFUL NEW WORSHIP FACILITIES
- COMMUNITY GARDENS PROVIDING FREE FRUIT AND VEGETABLES
- ANNUAL CHURCH FISH FRY/TURKEY FRY/PICNIC-FREE FOOD FOR EVERYONE!
- MINISTERS AND ELDERS TRAINING CLASSES/ORDINATION PREPARATION
- ONGOING SUPPORT OF BISHOP CARLIS MOODY AND COGIC HOME & FOREIGN MISSIONS DEPT.
- COLLABORATION WITH CITY OF POSEN, IL FOR COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT
- COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

**TRANSITION FROM LIFE TO LIFE**

SURROUNDED BY HIS WIFE AND THE FAMILY THAT HE DEARLY LOVED, PASTOR JAMES RICHARD ADAMS MADE HIS PEACEFUL TRANSITION INTO THE GLORIOUS PRESENCE OF THE LORD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2013 AT 1:15PM. HE LEAVES HIS UNDYING LOVE AND RICH LEGACY TO HIS LOVELY WIFE OF 42 YEARS AND 2 MONTHS, ERNESTINE REED ADAMS; HIS BEAUTIFUL DAUGHTER RATASHA JEANINE MAYS (CALVIN, JR.); FOUR SISTERS, ESSIE THOMPSON (DAVID), ANNIE JOHNSON (JOSEPH), JANE CROSSLEY (CURTISS), AND ROBBIE WEATHINGTON (PERCY); ONE BROTHER, JASON E. ADAMS (KATHRYN); NINE BROTHERS-IN LAW, LEE ANDREW REED (BEVERLY), TOMMY REED (INELL), ROOSEVELT REED (ROSE), ROBERT REED (ANITA), JERRY REED (CASSANDRA), LES REED, GREGORY REED (EDNA), TIMMY REED (JEANNA), BRYANT KEITH REED (LINDA), AND HAROLD ROBINSON; FIVE SISTERS-IN-LAW, MINNIE ADAMS, BARBARA MARTIN, RUBY DANDRIDGE (HOUSTON), BYRECIA MCKINNEY (FREDDY), AND TAMMY WILSON; NEPHEWS/NIECES, CALVIN, BERNARD, KAREN, DEMETRIA, REGINALD, GREGORY, DANNY, GWENDOLYN, DANA, BRIDGETT, ANDRAE, CICELY, DEMARK, SUKIYA, HAKISHIA, CANDACE, MATHAIS, CORNELIUS, AND MARCUS; A HOST OF OTHER ADAMS & REED, NEPHEWS, NIECES, GRANDNEPHEWS, GRANDNIECES, GREAT-GRANDNEPHEWS, GREAT-GRANDNIECES, AND COUSINS; THE ABOUNDING LIFE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST FAMILY; 1ST JURISDICTION OF ILLINOIS CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST FAMILY; AND ALL WHO REMAIN ON THIS SIDE OF ETERNITY.



# ORDER OF SERVICE

INVOCATION.....MINISTER MJ LLOYD

SCRIPTURE

OLD TESTAMENT.....ELDER LESLIE IRVING; ELDER RALPH FEARS  
I KINGS 6:6; LAMENTATIONS 3:21-23

NEW TESTAMENT.....ELDER BERNARD VERNER  
I CORINTHIANS 15:57-58

MEDLEY OF PASTOR ADAMS' SONGS.....COMBINED PRAISE TEAM

MASTER OF CEREMONIES.....DEACON LEE EDWARDS

SELECTION.....ABOUNDING LIFE C.O.G.I.C. MASS CHOIR  
"TALK IT OVER WITH JESUS"

REMARKS FROM SIBLINGS.....DEACON JASON ADAMS  
MISSIONARY ESSIE THOMPSON

REMARKS FROM IN-LAWS.....REED FAMILY

SELECTION.....ABOUNDING LIFE C.O.G.I.C. MASS CHOIR  
"HE'S HOLY AND RIGHTEOUS"

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DEPARTMENT AUXILIARIES.....DEPT. AUXILIARY HEADS

SELECTION.....SUNSHINE BAND

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SPECIAL GUESTS.....SCREEN PRESENTATION

SELECTION.....ABOUNDING LIFE C.O.G.I.C. MASS CHOIR  
"HE'S WORTHY"

REPRESENTING LOCAL MINISTERS, ELDERS AND PASTORS.....ELDER ROBERT ALLEN  
ELDER JAMES JONES  
ELDER MICHAEL DUBOSE

SELECTION.....ABOUNDING LIFE C.O.G.I.C. MASS CHOIR  
"HEALING"

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CARDS, TELEGRAMS, CONDOLENCES, RESOLUTIONS AND READING OF THE  
OBITUARY.....SIS. GWENDOLYN GRAY

SELECTION.....ABOUNDING LIFE C.O.G.I.C. MASS CHOIR  
"THEN MY LORD WILL CARRY ME THROUGH"

EULOGY.....ABOUNDING LIFE COGIC ELDERS AND MINISTERS  
ELDER TEDDY ERVIN  
ELDER ANTHONY HARRIS  
ELDER MARSHALL NEWMAN  
ELDER ARNE PULLEN  
ELDER RONALD VALENTINE  
MINISTER DERRICK NABORS  
  
MEDLEY OF SONGS BY PASTOR JAMES R. ADAMS..... ABOUNDING LIFE COGIC MUSICIANS

**RECESSIONAL  
INTERMENT:  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2013  
EVERGREEN CEMETERY  
3401 W. 87TH STREET  
EVERGREEN PARK, IL 60805**

**OFFICIAL HOMEGOING SERVICE FOR PASTOR JAMES R. ADAMS**  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2013**  
**ABOUNDING LIFE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**  
**BISHOP OCIE BOOKER, PRELATE**  
**FIRST JURISDICTION ILLINOIS – OFFICIATING**  
**5:00 PM**

ECCLESIASTICAL PROCESSIONAL  
FAMILY PROCESSIONAL

FACILITATOR.....THIRD ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT MICHAEL EADDY  
CHAIRMAN GENERAL COUNCIL PASTORS & ELDERS CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

INVOCATION.....ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT THOMAS JACKSON, JR.  
CHIEF JUSTICE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

THE LORD’S PRAYER (MALLOTTE).....FIRST JURISDICTION MASS CHOIR  
PASTOR KENNETH LOCKHART, MINISTER OF MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READINGS  
OLD TESTAMENT (PSALMS 16:9-11).....SUPERINTENDENT TORRANCE MARKHAM  
NEW TESTAMENT (2 CORINTHIANS 5:1-4).....SUPERINTENDENT DAVID A. REED

SELECTION.....FIRST JURISDICTION MASS CHOIR

REMARKS.....MOTHER CHARLOTTE EADES  
SUPERVISOR OF WOMEN’S DEPARTMENT, FIRST JURISDICTION ILLINOIS  
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT HERMON DURDEN  
JAMES T. WATSON DISTRICT

SELECTION.....FIRST JURISDICTION MASS CHOIR

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CARDS & TELEGRAMS.....DISTRICT MISSIONARY DEBBIE HARRIS

SPECIAL REMARKS (2 MINUTES) .....REPRESENTING JURISDICTIONAL PASTORS & ELDERS’ COUNCIL  
SUPERINTENDENT DR. CARL KING, CHAIRMAN  
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT EARNEST CALDWELL, CHAIRMAN  
VISITING AREA BISHOPS & MINISTERS

SELECTION.....FIRST JURISDICTION MASS CHOIR

RESOLUTIONS.....MISSIONARY PORTIA THOMAS  
JURISDICTIONAL SECRETARY

JURISDICTIONAL MEN’S CONFERENCE .....PASTOR KENNETH LOCKHART, CHAIRMAN

SELECTION .....FIRST JURISDICTION MASS CHOIR

OBITUARY (READ SILENTLY)

PRESENTATION OF JURISDICTIONAL PRELATE.....FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT  
VAN W. WELLS

SERMONIC SELECTION.....FIRST JURISDICTION MASS CHOIR

EULOGY.....BISHOP OCIE BOOKER  
PRELATE OF FIRST JURISDICTION ILLINOIS  
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

RECESSIONAL

## EXPRESSIONS FROM FAMILY

HONEY, I WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU!

***YOUR HONEY, ERNESTINE***

### ***RATASHA - DADDY'S GIRL***

(INFANT) WHEN I WAS A BABY I WOULD CRY A LOT AND SOMETIMES MY MOM WOULD GIVE ME TO MY DAD. SHE WOULD SAY "JAMES TAKE THIS BABY". HE HAD SO MUCH PATIENCE WITH ME. HE WOULD WALK WITH ME UNTIL I FELL ASLEEP.

(LIL GIRL) AS A LITTLE CHILD WHEN WE ATTENDED CHURCH IN HARVEY SOMETIMES I WOULD CLOSE MY EYES LIKE I WAS SLEEPING SO HE WOULD PICK ME UP AND CARRY ME FROM THE CHURCH TO THE CAR. WHEN WE MADE IT HOME, HE WOULD CARRY ME INTO THE HOUSE. WHENEVER I WOULD GET SCARED MY DAD WAS THERE TO PRAY FOR ME; II TIMOTHY 2:7 WAS THE SCRIPTURE HE GAVE ME. I REMEMBER US QUOTING IT TOGETHER. I RESPECTED MY DAD SO MUCH THAT ALL HE HAD TO DO WAS LOOK AT ME AND I WOULD STRAIGHTEN UP. I DID NOT NEED A WHOOPING TO START CRYING, JUST A LOOK. I WAS AN ONLY CHILD BUT DAD TRIED TO MAKE SURE I WOULD NOT GET LONELY BY PLAYING DIFFERENT BOARD AND ELECTRONIC GAMES. WHEN I WAS ABOUT 6 OR 7 WE WOULD GO TO THE AMUSEMENT PARKS. HE WOULD RIDE THE ROLLER COASTERS BUT WOULD NOT TAKE ME TO RIDE ON THEM BECAUSE HE THOUGHT I WAS TOO YOUNG AND WOULD BE TOO SCARED. MY MOM FINALLY CONVINCED HIM TO LET ME RIDE WITH HIM. TO MY DAD'S AMAZEMENT I ENJOYED IT SO MUCH (ROLLER COASTER) I TOLD HIM THAT IT JUST TICKLED MY STOMACH. AFTER THAT I BECAME MY DAD'S "ROLLER COASTER BUDDY".

(PRETEEN & TEENAGER) WHEN I WAS 11, I WANTED TO PLAY THE VIOLIN IN MY SCHOOL'S ORCHESTRA. MY DAD SAID NO, HE TOLD ME I WAS JOINING THE BAND AND WILL BE PLAYING THE ALTO SAXOPHONE BECAUSE THIS IS THE INSTRUMENT I NEEDED TO PLAY TO GLORIFY GOD. INITIALLY, I DID NOT UNDERSTAND BUT MY DAD'S WISDOM BECAME CLEAR. WHEN I WAS IN JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL, MY DAD MADE SURE MY MOM AND I WOULD TRAVEL. MY DAD TOOK US TO A LOT OF PLACES. HE WANTED ME TO EXPERIENCE OTHER PLACES OUTSIDE OF ILLINOIS. SOME OF MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS WOULD BE SO ENVIOUS. ONE OF MY FRIENDS SAID TO HER PARENTS, "WHY CAN'T WE VACATION LIKE TASHA" HER PARENT'S RESPONSE WAS IT'S JUST ONE OF HER AND A WHOLE LOT OF US. MY DAD ALWAYS HAD CONFIDENCE IN ME. HE WOULD SHOW ME HOW TO



DO DIFFERENT THINGS AROUND THE HOUSE (I.E. HEAT, ALARM). HE FELT LIKE MY MOM WAS NOT ALWAYS PAYING ATTENTION.

(COLLEGE) WHEN I WAS IN COLLEGE I DECIDED TO SWITCH MY MAJOR, MY DAD COULD HAVE BEEN UPSET ABOUT THE CHANGE, BECAUSE IT REQUIRED EXTRA CLASSES WHICH MEANT EXTRA MONEY. HE DIDN'T HESITATE TO GIVE HIS SUPPORT AND HIS WALLET. HE WAS SO PROUD OF ME WHEN I GRADUATED.

(ENGAGEMENT) WHEN I GOT ENGAGED I WAS AFRAID TO SHOW MY DAD THE RING. I WENT TO THE ROOM WHERE HE WAS WATCHING TV. WHEN I FIRST SHOWED HIM THE RING HE DID NOT SAY ANYTHING. FINALLY HE SAID "NICE RING", AS HE RUBBED HIS HEAD.

(SPORTS BUDDY) IN RECENT YEARS MY DAD BECAME MY SPORTS BUDDY; WE WATCHED AND TALKED ABOUT ALL SPORTS, ALL THE TIME. WE WOULD WATCH GAMES TOGETHER, WE WOULD COMMENT ON THE SPORTSCASTERS, ESPECIALLY STEVEN A. SMITH & SKIP BAYLESS. IT WAS GREAT BONDING TIME FOR US.

(SEPTEMBER 2011) MY DAD TOOK MY MOM, MYSELF AND MY HUSBAND CALVIN ON A FAMILY TRIP TO ORLANDO, FLORIDA. WE HAD SO MUCH FUN; WE WENT SIGHTSEEING, WATCHED SPORTS, ETC. I DID NOT KNOW THAT THIS WOULD BE THE LAST TRIP WE WOULD ALL TAKE TOGETHER. I WILL CHERISH THOSE MEMORIES FOREVER.

(WHO DOES SHE LOOK LIKE?) IN RECENT YEARS HE WOULD SMILE WHEN MY MOM WOULD SAY "WHOSE DAUGHTER IS THAT, OR WHO DOES SHE LOOK LIKE?" HE WOULD RUB HIS HEAD AND SAY, "SHE LOOKS LIKE ME, THAT'S MY DAUGHTER". I CAN PICTURE HIM LAUGHING AS HE SAID THAT. SOMETIMES MY MOM WOULD TELL HIM PEOPLE SAID I LOOK LIKE HIM, HE WOULD JUST SMIRK AND RESPOND WITH "DOES SHE?" MY DAD LIKED WHEN PEOPLE SAID I LOOKED LIKE HIM. MY DAD WAS SUCH A RIGHTEOUS SPIRITUAL MAN. HE WAS AN AWESOME PASTOR, HUSBAND, FATHER, AND FATHER-IN-LAW. HE PRAYED FOR ME WHEN I WAS SICK, HE ENCOURAGED ME, HE WAS SO GIVING. HE THOUGHT I WAS SMART AND TALENTED. HE WAS A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF WHAT A DAD SHOULD BE.

I LOVE YOU DADDY!!!

I MISS YOU DADDY!!!!

I WILL ALWAYS BE A DADDY'S GIRL!

**RATASHA**

DAD ADAMS,

MY PASTOR, MY FATHER IN LAW, MY FAITHFUL HOSPITAL ROOM VISITOR.

WHERE DID THE TIME GO? IT SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY WHEN WE WERE WATCHING AND TALKING ABOUT THE BULLS' GAME. I WILL MISS THOSE DAYS. I CAN REMEMBER THEM VERY WELL, YOU, ME, RATASHA AND MOM ADAMS. RATASHA AND I ENJOYED SHARING THAT TIME WITH YOU SO MUCH. THINKING BACK WHEN I WAS A YOUNG CHILD, I CAN REMEMBER SEEING YOU, MOM ADAMS AND RATASHA AT THE COMED CHRISTMAS PARTIES. RATASHA WOULD BE HIDING BEHIND YOU

WITH HER PIGTAILS HANGING DOWN. SHE WAS TRULY DADDY'S GIRL. I CAN REMEMBER HOW I FELT ASKING YOU FOR RATASHA'S HAND IN MARRIAGE, I WAS SO NERVOUS. I AM SO GLAD YOU SAID YES. I PROMISE YOU I WILL TAKE CARE AND PROVIDE FOR RATASHA, AND LOOK AFTER MOM ADAMS. I AM THANKFUL FOR THE FAMILY VACATION IN 2011, WE HAD SO MUCH FUN. I TALKED YOU INTO GETTING ON THAT RIDE. I HAD NO IDEA THAT YOU WOULD GET THAT SOAKED. IT WAS HOT OUTSIDE, YOU DRIED OFF PRETTY QUICKLY. THANKS FOR BEING A GOOD SPORT. DAD ADAMS, I CAN REMEMBER THE TIMES WE SHARED WHEN I WOULD GET SICK AND STAY IN THE HOSPITAL. I COULD ALWAYS COUNT ON YOU SHOWING UP AND SPENDING TIME WITH ME. I WILL MISS YOUR ENCOURAGING WORDS AND PRAYERS. WHEN IT WAS YOUR TURN, I DIDN'T MIND DRIVING YOU BACK AND FORTH TO YOUR DOCTOR APPOINTMENTS; I DIDN'T MIND COMING TO VISIT YOU AND SITTING BY YOUR BEDSIDE IN YOUR TIME OF NEED. OH HOW I MISS YOU. I WILL MISS YOUR FUNNY SIDE, THE WAY YOU WOULD RUB THE TOP OF YOUR HEAD AS YOU CHUCKLED. I WILL MISS THE SINGING, GUITAR AND ORGAN PLAYING. I WILL MISS SPENDING TIME TOGETHER ON HOLIDAYS, ESPECIALLY THE LITTLE FORK. (INSIDE JOKE) I WILL MISS YOUR WISDOM AND PREACHING. MY HEART IS HEAVY RIGHT NOW BUT I KNOW YOU ARE WITH THE LORD. YOU WERE SUCH AN UPRIGHT AND HOLY MAN. I THANK GOD FOR YOU. I LOVE AND MISS YOU SO MUCH!

***YOUR SON, CALVIN M.***

PASTOR AND BROTHER, YOU APPEARED AS MY CHILD AS I CARRIED YOU SO MANY TIMES ON MY RIGHT HIP. BUT YOU GREW UP AND LEAD ME WITH YOUR HUMBLE SPIRIT AND QUIETNESS. ISAIAH 11:6 "...AND A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM." THANK YOU THAT AS YOUR OLDEST SISTER, YOU GAVE ME PERMISSION TO BE YOUR PERSONAL NURSE. REST FROM YOUR LABOR.

***ESSIE***

THERE IS A LOT I COULD SAY ABOUT MY BROTHER-IN-LAW. NOBODY LIKE HIM IN ALL THE EARTH. HE PROMOTED MANHOOD. I REMEMBER HIM WHEN HE PRAYED FOR ME WHEN I WAS SICK AND THE DOCTOR'S HAD GIVEN ME UP, AND LOOK AT ME NOW 20 YEARS LATER. I WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. I THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR PRAYERS AND TEACHING AND SONGS YOU WROTE. MUCH LOVE IS THE MEMORIES I TAKE WITH ME.

***YOUR BROTHER IN LAW, DAVE***

TO MY DEAR BROTHER, PASTOR JAMES RICHARD ADAMS, I CANNOT EXPLAIN THE HURT THAT I AM FEELING BECAUSE YOU WERE MORE THAN A BROTHER TO ME. YOU WERE MY PASTOR, MY FRIEND, MY SPIRITUAL LEADER, ETC. YOU JUST DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH I DEPENDED ON THE TRUE WORD OF GOD THAT YOU ALWAYS GAVE TO US IN THE WORDS TO THE MANY, MANY SONGS THAT YOU WROTE DOWN THROUGH THE YEARS. THEREFORE, I ASK THE ALMIGHTY GOD, WHY? BUT I DO

REALIZE THAT HIS WILL HAD TO BE DONE. I WILL HOLD ON TO THE PREACHING AND THE TEACHING THAT YOU GAVE US AND I WILL NEVER FORGET THE MANY GREAT WORKS THAT YOU'VE DONE DOWN THROUGH THE YEARS AND I WILL TRY TO GO THROUGH THIS THE WAY YOU WOULD HAVE WANTED ME TO. I'LL NEVER FORGET WHAT YOU DID FOR MY HUSBAND, JOE, WHEN YOU DROVE HIS CAR FROM HARVEY, ILLINOIS TO LUBBUCK, TEXAS, ONLY STOPPING FOR GAS.

***LOVE YOU, YOUR SISTER, ANNIE RUTH & JOSEPH***

PASTOR,

YOU WERE OUR SPIRITUAL LEADER, BROTHER, BROTHER IN LAW, UNCLE, GRAND UNCLE, CHARACTER BUILDER, AN ADMONISHER, A COMFORTER IN THE TIME OF NEED, AND YOU MOST SUDDENLY WERE A FRIEND. IT IS DIFFICULT TO IMAGE OUR LIVES WITHOUT YOU. I KNOW THAT THERE WILL NEVER BE ANOTHER JAMES RICHARD ADAMS. BECAUSE OF YOUR INTEGRITY AND LEADERSHIP, AND GUIDANCE, GOD HAS BLESSED OUR FAMILY. AS THE SONG SAYS, "SOMEHOW AND SOME WAY WE ARE GOING TO MAKE IT." IN OUR HEARTS, YOU WILL NEVER DIE BECAUSE YOUR TEACHING AND GUIDANCE WILL FOREVER BE WITH US. "EVERYTHING IS GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT." WE TRULY LOVED YOU!

***CURTISS, JANE, CURTISS II, YOLANDA, CORNELIUS, AMANDA, KENDALL AND CURTISS III***

WHAT CAN I SAY? MY BLOOD BROTHER, MY FRIEND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, MY PASTOR AND SPIRITUAL LEADER. PASTOR, I KNOW YOU ARE SINGING, "GLORY GOD DELIVERED ME"!

***LOVE YOU SO MUCH, ROBBIE AND PERCY***

TO PASTOR ADAMS - MY BROTHER RICHARD,  
YOU'RE SO SPECIAL TO ME. EVEN THOUGH THERE'S A TEN YEAR DIFFERENCE IN OUR AGES, WE ARE AS CLOSE AS BROTHERS CAN BE. FROM NATURAL TO SPIRITUAL, YOU HAVE BEEN AN EXTREME MENTOR TO ME. YOU WERE THE FIRST TO REALLY INTRODUCE ME TO THE VALUE AND RESPECT OF BEING A MUSICIAN. YOU TAUGHT ME MY FIRST BASS GUITAR LESSONS, AND THE LORD HAS BLESSED ME EVER SINCE AND GIVEN ME THE SPECIAL ANOINTING THAT HE GAVE YOU AND WE HAVE SHARED IT EVER SINCE. WE HAVE TRULY PLAYED THE DEVIL OUT OF MANY AND COME THROUGH SINGING, SINGING. LIFE IS TRULY AS A VAPOR, IT APPEARETH AND GOETH AWAY. GOD HAS ALLOWED US TO SHARE EACH OTHER IN SO MANY SPECIAL WAYS, AND YOUR SPIRIT WILL NEVER LEAVE ME.

***I TRULY LOVE YOU, YOUR BABY BROTHER, JASON***

I THANK GOD FOR ALLOWING YOU TO COME INTO MY LIFE. I WILL NEVER FORGET THE CONVERSATION WE HAD AFTER JASON & I GOT MARRIED AND YOU TOLD ME I WAS LIKE A LITTLE SISTER TO YOU. I TRULY THANK GOD FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL

GUIDANCE & WISDOM THAT YOU IMPARTED IN US. FROM THIS DAY I AM GOING TO WALK EACH DAY BY FAITH. I LOVE YOU & I MISS YOU BUT I KNOW THAT GOD HAS AN APPOINTED TIME FOR ALL OF US.

***LOVE ALWAYS, KATHY***

### **NIECES/NEPHEWS**

MY FAMILY, BEING IN A DAY AND TIME AS THIS, GRIEVING OUR BELOVED BROTHER, UNCLE, COUSIN, FRIEND, AND PASTOR. HARD TO IMAGINE... BUT WE THANK GOD FOR HAVING UNCLE PASTOR, A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE MODEL, MENTOR, AND BROTHER FIGURE IN OUR LIVES, WE WILL FOREVER KEEP HIS LIFE AND TEACHINGS AS A BASE AND STEPPING STONE IN OURS...

***CALVIN AND SHARON***

UNCLE PASTOR .....MY UNCLE, MY PASTOR, MY SPIRITUAL ADVISOR, A WATCHMAN OVER MY SOUL. THANK YOU FOR ALL THE MESSAGES YOU PREACHED & ALL ALL THE SONGS YOU WROTE OVER THE YEARS BECAUSE THEY TRULY MINISTERED TO MY SOUL AND THEY ALWAYS WILL. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO CRY ON YOUR SHOULDER AND EXPRESS MY FEELINGS IN TIMES OF COUNSELING AND EVEN THOUGH YOU WERE A VERY UNUSUAL AND QUIET MAN, THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SEE THE LAUGHABLE AND FUN LOVING SIDE OF YOU AT OUR FAMILY DINNERS. I LOVE YOU & WILL TRULY MISS YOU. THERE WILL NEVER BE ANOTHER ONE LIKE YOU.....ANOTHER "UNCLE PASTOR".

***YOUR NIECE RENEE ("AIN'T NOBODY MAD BUT THE DEVIL CAUSE WE'RE GONNA COME THROUGH SINGING, SINGING!")***

MY FIRST MEMORY OF PASTOR ADAMS WAS AT THE HOMEGOING SERVICE OF HIS NEPHEW, MY (THEN) FIANCE'S BROTHER, DARRYL GASTON. AT THE REPAST, HE WAS QUIETLY SITTING IN A CHAIR IN THE GARAGE—FASTING. I FELT THEN THAT THERE WAS SOMETHING QUITE DIFFERENT ABOUT THIS MAN. WHEN MY WIFE DEMETRIA AND I MOVED TO THE AREA AND JOINED ABOUNDING LIFE, PASTOR ADAMS LOVINGLY ACCEPTED ME AS A FAMILY MEMBER, A LICENSED MINISTER, AND AS A FELLOW MUSICIAN. HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ME ATTENDING MINISTER'S TRAINING CLASSES, AND LATER BEING ORDAINED AS A COGIC ELDER IN 1995. I AM SO GRATEFUL FOR HIM GETTING OFF OF THE ORGAN ONE DAY AS I SAT IN SERVICE, AND MOTIONING FOR ME TO TAKE OVER. HE THEN ALLOWED ME TO SERVE AS ASST. MINISTER OF MUSIC, AND LATER AS MIN. OF MUSIC AFTER THE UNTIMELY DEATH OF HIS SISTER, SYLVIA. IT WAS A 20-YEAR PREACHING AND MUSICAL JOURNEY WE SHARED WITH HIM, THAT WAS FILLED WITH SO MANY GREAT MEMORIES. BEING ABLE TO COLLABORATE WITH PASTOR ADAMS AND

JASON, AS SONGWRITERS/PRODUCERS ON HIS ONLY TWO CD RECORDINGS (WHICH BARELY REPRESENT THE VAST NUMBER OF HIS COMPOSITIONS), WAS EXTREMELY HUMBLING. ONE OF MY GREATEST MEMORIES IS OUR TRIP TO LONDON WITH PASTOR ADAMS AND THE CHOIR IN 1999. I'LL NEVER FORGET SITTING ON THE TOUR BUS IN LONDON WITH HIM, AND TELLING HIM ABOUT ANOTHER PASTOR I'D JUST MET NEAR OUR HOTEL. PASTOR ADAMS TOLD ME "MIKE, MAKE SURE YOU GET OUR CD TO THIS MAN". SURE ENOUGH, THE LORD BLESSED AND THE FOLLOWING YEAR WE WERE INVITED BY PASTOR GERARD MARKS OF KOBE UNION CHURCH—THE SAME MAN I MET EARLIER IN LONDON—TO DO A CONCERT TOUR IN JAPAN. IT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS, MY LIFE IN MINISTRY WAS IMPACTED GREATLY BY PASTOR ADAMS—HIS INTEGRITY, CONCERN, AND LOVE WILL NEVER BE DIMINISHED. HIS IMPACT AND INFLUENCE ON ME, WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN.

***MICHAEL DUBOSE SR.***

I SPENT SO MUCH TIME WITH YOU ALL, INCLUDING MANY SATURDAY NIGHT SLEEPOVERS AT "3216 EMERY LANE". REMEMBERING YOU TINKERING ON THE PIANO AND THAT AWFUL SMELL OF THAT "MAGIC SHAVE" SHAVING POWDER...THEY ENDED UP HAVING YOU SHAVE IN THE STORAGE ROOM OUTSIDE OF THE HOUSE AFTER THAT. IT SEEMED YOU WERE FOREVER BEING SENT ON ERRANDS TO THE STORE. YOU'D OFTEN LOOK AT THE FOOD ON MY PLATE, THEN ASKED "HOW DOES THAT TASTE"? WITHOUT GIVING ME A CHANCE TO RESPOND, AND WITH LIGHTNING SPEED HAND MOTION, YOU WOULD JUST GRAB THE FOOD FROM MY PLATE AND TASTE IT YOURSELF! THIS ALWAYS LEFT ME SPEECHLESS! ALTHOUGH I HATED TO SEE YOU GO AWAY TO SCHOOL IN MICHIGAN, I WAS HAPPY THAT GRANDMA HAD ME SLEEP IN YOUR BUNK SO I COULD ESCAPE BEING ROLLED OVER BY SYLVIA'S WILD SLEEPING, OR NOT GIVING JANE & NEAL ENOUGH SPACE IN THEIR BED. I MUST MENTION THE HUGE INFLUENCE YOU HAD OF A DIFFERENT KIND WHEN I FINALLY TURNED ELEVEN AND WAS ELIGIBLE TO JOIN THE HARVEY COGIC YOUTH CHOIR! THE FIRST SONG I LEARNED WAS AN ORIGINAL COMPOSITION "TRUST IN JESUS". I WAS SO IMPRESSED WITH THE FACT THAT YOU HAD WRITTEN THIS SONG JUST FOR THE YOUTH CHOIR! YOU INTRODUCED MANY OF US TO MUSIC THEORY AND SIGHT READING SONGS FROM THOSE RED HYMNALS. YOU ALSO FELT Hugely RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR SPIRITUAL WELL BEING WHILE WE WERE UNDER YOUR CARE. THERE WERE MANY TIMES THAT WE THOUGHT WE WERE COMING TO REHEARSAL TO SING BUT, AGAINST THE WILL OF SOME IN THE CHOIR, YOU WOULD TURN THEM INTO PRAYER MEETINGS AND TARRYING SERVICES! YOU EVEN ALLOWED ME TO INVITE THEN RADIO PERSONALITY PASTOR T.L. BARRETT JR. TO BE A SPECIAL GUEST FOR OUR MUSICAL. ONCE, WHEN YOU NOTICED AN ATTEMPT TO REPLACE SANCTIFIED CHOIR ROCKING WITH THE BOX STEP BY SOME OF THE MALE CHOIR MEMBERS, IT WAS IMMEDIATELY STRUCK DOWN WITH A "YOU'RE NOT NO TEMPTATIONS!"



EVEN WITH THAT, THE MONTHLY YOUTH CHOIR MUSICALS KEPT US INSPIRED. YOU WERE ALWAYS WILLING TO LISTEN TO THAT WHICH WAS IMPORTANT TO US. BECAUSE OF YOUR CONTINUED CONCERN FOR OUR MOTHER, AND THE CHALLENGES SHE HAD AS A SINGLE PARENT, YOU TOOK IT UPON YOURSELF TO ALWAYS GO THE EXTRA MILE IN SO MANY INSTANCES. THE YEAR BEFORE MICHAEL & I WERE MARRIED, YOU TOOK IT UPON YOURSELF (WITH AUNT SWEETIE'S BLESSING) TO GIFT OUR ONLY BROTHER DARRYL WITH THE FIRST, AND ONLY CAR THAT HE WOULD EVER OWN. HE WAS IMMEASURABLY ECSTATIC, AND GRATEFUL THAT YOU GAVE HIM SOMETHING THAT HE NEVER ASKED YOU FOR. EVEN AFTER MICHAEL AND I WERE MARRIED, WE WERE BLESSED TO HAVE YOU AS SPIRITUAL LEADER FOR TWENTY PLUS YEARS WHICH PRODUCED MANY POSITIVE MEMORIES. YOU PERFORMED CHRISTENING CEREMONIES FOR OUR CHILDREN, AND WOULD SOMETIMES HELP WITH THEIR MATH HOMESCHOOLING LESSONS AFTER MORNING PRAYER, WHILE MIKE WAS WORKING. YOU ALWAYS MADE IT KNOWN HOW PROUD YOU WERE OF THE KID'S POSITIVE STRIDES. I COULD GO ON BUT TIME AND SPACE DO NOT PERMIT. I WILL HOWEVER, TREASURE THE LAST TIME BRIDGETT, GWEN & I SPOKE TO YOU BY PHONE (THANKS AUNT SWEETIE). THE LAST TIME YOU PRAYED FOR US BEFORE WE HIT THE ROAD BACK TO DC...I WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU.

***BABYNELL'S ELDEST, DEMETRIA***

UNCLE RICHARD/UNCLE PASTOR:

WHY DID YOU HAVE TO LEAVE US? WELL, I HAVE TO LET THE SECRET OUT NOW. EVERYONE CAN NOW KNOW THAT I WAS, WITHOUT QUESTION, YOUR FAVORITE NIECE! NEVER DID I IMAGINE THAT I'D BE WITHOUT YOU SO SOON. FOR NEARLY 48 YEARS YOU WERE MY UNCLE, CONFIDANTE, COUNSELOR, ADVISOR, PASTOR, AND FRIEND. YOU CHASTISED ME AND CHEERED ME ON; YOU REPROVED ME AND REASSURED ME; YOU ADMONISHED ME AND ENCOURAGED ME; YOU SCOLDED ME AND SUPPORTED ME. YOU WERE THE EMBODIMENT OF A REAL MAN AND AN AWESOME SPIRITUAL LEADER. I ADMIRERD YOU SO MUCH, THAT I MARRIED A DARK MAN WITH A QUIET DEMEANOR JUST LIKE YOU. I AM GOING TO SORELY MISS YOUR PROFOUND TEACHING, YOUR SOUL-STIRRING PREACHING, YOUR ANOINTED SINGING, OUR INTELLECTUAL CONVERSATIONS, READING FOR YOU ON SUNDAYS, AND MY BIRTHDAY DOLLARS! I LOVE YOU "DAPPER DAN"!

***-GWEN (YOUR FAVORITE NIECE)***

SIR,

I AM SO GLAD THAT I MARRIED YOUR NIECE AND BECAME A PART OF YOUR EXTENDED FAMILY. YOU WERE A WONDERFUL ROLE MODEL FOR ME; YOU TAUGHT ME SO MUCH ABOUT HARD WORK AND TAKING CARE OF FAMILY. I WILL MISS YOU GREATLY.

***-ZAMON***

YOU DIDN'T HAVE MILLIONS TO GIVE TO ME, AND YOU DIDN'T HAVE A PRINCE OR KING GREAT LEGACY. BUT, WHAT YOU GAVE ME WAS RICHES UNTOLD, WHAT YOU

GAVE ME COULD SAVE MY SIN SICK SOUL. YOU GAVE ME JESUS YOU SAID HE IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD, YOU GAVE ME JESUS FROM THE TIME I WAS A LITTLE GIRL, AND I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU. PLEASE KNOW THIS IS TRUE, BY YOU GIVING ME HIM YOU GAVE ME THE VERY BEST OF YOU! I LOVE YOU MY UNCLE PASTOR AND HAVE VOWED TO MAKE YOU PROUD.

***YOUR NIECE, DANA***

UNCLE PASTOR...MY UNCLE, MY PASTOR, MY PREACHER (WHO WANTED TO ME READ FOR HIM), MY OVERSEER, MY FATHER, MY BOSS! WHEN I WAS YOUNG, I WAS ALWAYS SO SCARED OF YOU!! I NEVER EVER WANTED TO MAKE YOU UPSET, HURT YOU OR SAY/DO ANYTHING WRONG IN FRONT OF YOU. I ALWAYS WANTED YOU TO BE PROUD OF ME. I NEVER WANTED TO MAKE A MISTAKE WHERE YOU WERE CONCERNED. AS I BECAME AN ADULT, I REALIZED THAT THE FEAR I HAD FOR YOU WAS A "REVERENCING" FEAR. I RESPECTED THE GOD IN YOU AND EVERY DECISION YOU MADE. I'LL NEVER FORGET WHEN I BEGAN ACTING AS YOUR "SECRETARY" BEFORE BEING OFFICIALLY APPOINTED. IT WAS IN JANUARY OF 1992, WHEN GRANDMA PASSED, I WANTED TO TYPE HER OBITUARY. YOU WATCHED ME WHEN I TYPED AND YOU SAID "WOW, YOU TYPE FAST!" I DIDN'T THINK ANYTHING OF IT, BUT TO HAVE YOU NOTICE IT MADE ME SMILE. BUT LITTLE DID I KNOW THAT YOU'D BE CALLING ON ME TO TYPE JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING FOR YOU FOR THE NEXT 21 YEARS! BUT WHEN I BECAME YOUR SECRETARY, I TOOK IT TO HEART AND I BECAME VERY PROTECTIVE OF YOU AND THE WORK YOU COMMISSIONED ME TO DO. IF YOU SAID "JUMP", I WOULD SAY, "HOW HIGH?" THERE WASN'T ANYTHING I WOULDN'T DO FOR YOU. IF YOU NEEDED A LETTER TYPED WITHIN THE HOUR, I'D DROP EVERYTHING I WAS DOING TO TYPE IT BECAUSE YOU NEEDED IT. YOU WOULD ALWAYS COMMENT ON HOW QUICKLY I'D TAKE CARE OF THINGS FOR YOU. WELL I DID IT BECAUSE YOU NEEDED IT AND IF I DIDN'T YOU WERE GOING TO TRY TO DO IT YOURSELF. I BELIEVE THE LORD WANTED ME TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR ADMINISTRATIVE NEEDS. AS YOU BEGAN TO DELEGATE MORE THINGS TO ME, I TOOK IT ON WITH NO PROBLEM. IT WAS NEVER EVER TOO MUCH FOR ME TO HANDLE. IF UNCLE PASTOR NEEDED IT, BRIDGETT WAS GOING TO TAKE CARE OF IT. WE WORKED TOGETHER AND I CAME TO UNDERSTAND AND KNOW EXACTLY WHAT YOU WANTED, ANYWHERE FROM MAKING SURE YOU HAD A BLACK PEN TO SIGN YOUR NAME TO DOCUMENTS TO SCREENING YOUR CALLS AT THE CHURCH, ETC. SINCE YOU WERE SUCH A MAN OF INTEGRITY, YOU NEEDED TO HAVE YOUR BLOOD NIECE AS YOUR PERSONAL SECRETARY BECAUSE YOU NEVER WANTED YOUR GOOD TO BE EVIL SPOKEN OF. I NEVER KNEW BEFORE YOU PASSED HOW SICK YOU WERE, I THINK YOU WERE TRYING TO PROTECT ME AND OTHERS. YOUR PASSING IS SO HARD THAT ONLY THE LORD CAN TAKE ME THROUGH IT. WHO WILL I TYPE LETTERS FOR, SET UP EVENTS FOR THE WEEK, MAKE APPOINTMENTS, AND RECEIVE DIRECTIVES FROM? THE ONLY THING I CAN HOLD ONTO AND CHERISH IS THE FACT THAT I WAS ABLE TO SPEND ABOUT 4-5 HOURS WITH YOU IN THE HOSPITAL ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2013. YOU KEPT TRYING TO GET ANTHONY AND I TO HELP YOU GET UP AND WALK AROUND, (EVEN THOUGH YOU WEREN'T ABLE TO)...BOY, YOU MADE ME NERVOUS! MY HEART WANTED TO HELP YOU BUT I KNEW I COULDN'T. SO I TRIED TO REFOCUS YOUR ATTENTION BY PLAYING YOUR CD AND READING THE BIBLE ONE LAST TIME FOR YOU. ONCE YOU HEARD THAT MUSIC, YOU BECAME YOURSELF AGAIN AND THEN PROCEEDED TO HAVE ME REPEAT "APSAW" OVER

AND OVER AND OVER AGAIN AND THEN YOU'D SAY, "SOMEBODY HELP ME PRAISE THE LORD!" I ASKED YOU IF YOU FELT LIKE PREACHING AND YOU SAID WITHOUT HESITATION, "YES"! AS I WAS LEAVING YOUR BEDSIDE, I TOLD YOU, "UNCLE PASTOR, THANKS FOR LETTING ME SPEND TIME WITH YOU TODAY AND READING TO YOU, I LOVE YOU MUCH!" YOU RESPONDED BY POINTING YOUR FINGER AT ME AND SAID "I LOVE YOU!!!" YOU SAID IT CONVINCINGLY AND WITH SUCH FORCE, THAT ALTHOUGH YOU'VE TOLD ME TIMES BEFORE, I KNEW YOU REALLY MEANT IT THAT TIME! LITTLE DID I KNOW THOSE WERE YOUR LAST WORDS TO ME! YOU LOVED GOD WITH ALL OF YOUR HEART AND YOU WERE TRULY A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART. I MISS YOU SO MUCH THAT IT HURTS! YOU HAVE PLACED ME IN CHARGE OF COORDINATING FUNERAL SERVICES AT ABOUNDING LIFE, AND THIS BY FAR IS THE HARDEST ONE I'VE EVER HAD TO COORDINATE. WHAT WOULD NORMALLY HAVE TAKEN ME ONE DAY TO COORDINATE, HAS TAKEN ME 4-5 DAYS TO COORDINATE — IT'S BEEN SOOO HARD!! REST IN PEACE, CAUSE IT'S GOING TO BE ALRIGHT. WE ARE STILL HOLDING YOUR ARMS UP AND WE SEE THAT GOD HAS YOUR BACK!!!

**LOVE YOU MUCH!!! BRIDGETT A. AND ANTHONY**

PASTOR WAS A LEADER AFTER GODS HEART. HE INSPIRED ME TO PLAY THE GUITAR. I CAN REMEMBER WHEN EVER GOD GAVE HIM A NEW SONG HE WOULD SAY I HAVE SOMETHING. AND WHEN WE START PRACTICING HE WOULD SAY "FOLLOW ME". I HAVE LEARNED TO FOLLOW HIM IN MY MUSIC, OUR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY, HOW TO BE DILIGENT ON THE JOB AND IN OUR SPIRITUAL LIVES. HE WAS THE PERFECT EXAMPLE OF A GODLY MAN. WE LOVE YOU PASTOR AND WE WILL CARRY ON YOUR LEGACY AS YOU WOULD HAVE US. AND AS THE KIDS ALWAYS QUOTE YOU AS SAYING "HE AIN'T SCARED".

**GREGORY, TAMMIE, LACREISHA, GREG JR., ARTHUR JR., CHRISTOPHER, CHLOE AND ELIJAH**

OUR UNCLE RICHARD HELD A SPECIAL PLACE IN OUR HEARTS THAT CAN'T BE REPLACED.

**CICELY AND CANDACE**

WE LOVE AND MISS YOU UNCLE RICHARD! YOU WERE A STRONG, LOVING AND EXTRAORDINARY MAN OF GOD. I WILL CHERISH YOUR LEGACY AND WONDERFUL MEMORIES AND PASS THEM ON TO MY OWN FAMILY.

**LOVE, SUKIYA, COREY, CORDAY, AND CAIYERE REID**

UNCLE RICHARD YOU WERE A LISTENING EAR AT MY LOWEST... GAVE ME THE TRUTH AND NEVER TREATED ME ANY DIFFERENTLY, ALWAYS WITH LOVE. I REMEMBER COMING TO CHURCH AND HAVING TO REPORT ALL HIS MESSAGES BACK TO MY FATHER AND MOTHER TO ENSURE I PAID ATTENTION. THOSE MESSAGES ARE EMBEDDED AND WILL ALWAYS BE. I RAN OUT OF GAS A COUPLE YEARS AGO RIGHT IN FRONT OF SIBLEY BLVD., WITH SAIVON IN THE BACKSEAT.. DIDN'T KNOW IF I SHOULD BUT I TOOK THE CHANCE AND PRAYED AND CALLED UNCLE RICHARD ... I DIDN'T WANT TO INTERRUPT BECAUSE IT WAS SO CLOSE TO PRAYER TIME. I ASKED IF SOMEONE FROM THE CHURCH COULD BRING GAS? I HAD A FEW BUCKS... HE CAME.... UNCLE RICHARD DID... AND PUT GAS IN AND GAVE ME A HUG.. SLIPPING WHAT I HAD GIVEN FOR TITHES THE WEEK BEFORE IN MY

HAND... I COULD ONLY CRY AND THANK GOD..... THANKS FOR BEING THERE WHEN I HAD NO ONE.

***WE LOVE YOU! HAKISHIA, MICHAEL, SAIVON, MICHAEL JR  
(REPRESENTING HAROLD & SYLVIA ROBINSON)***

UNCLE RICHARD:

WOW, WHAT A LONG-STANDING AND UNSURPASSED LEGACY YOU HAVE ESTABLISHED WITH ME. I HAVE BEEN BLESSED TO HAVE YOU DIRECTLY IMPACT MY LIFE IN SO MANY DIFFERENT WAYS. YOUR SPIRITUAL INSIGHT, INTELLECT AND KNOWLEDGE IS JUST BEYOND WORDS AND IT HAS HELPED TO GUIDE ME AND MY FAMILY ALONG THIS LIFE'S JOURNEY. I'VE ALWAYS ADMIRER HOW YOU HAVE ALLOWED GOD TO USE YOU AS A VESSEL. THAT SPIRITUAL MINDSET I HAVE ALSO TAKEN ON HEAVILY IN MY ADULTHOOD AND I BELIEVE IT HAS HELPED ME OUT TREMENDOUSLY. AS I THINK BACK ON THE IMPACT THAT YOU HAVE HAD AND WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE ON ME, I SAY "THANK YOU". YOU WILL FOREVER HAVE A LASTING IMPRINT ON MY LIFE AND YOUR LEGACY WILL BE PASSED ON TO YOUR GRANDNEPHEW CARTER "C.J.". DEANNA & I HOLD YOU IN A SPECIAL IN OUR HEARTS AND SOULS.

***WE LOVE YOU! MATHAIS***

WHEN I WAS LITTLE, I HAD A CRUSH ON PASTOR. MOTHER ERNESTINE KNEW IT. SHE WOULD TELL MY MOTHER TO TELL ME THAT SHE WAS GOING HOME TO RUB HER MAN'S BALD HEAD. WHEN I WAS 6, WE WENT TO AN AMUSEMENT PARK AND RODE IN THE OLD FASHIONED CARS. PASTOR LET ME DRIVE AND MOTHER ERNESTINE SAT IN THE BACK. HE SAID "THAT GIRL CAN DRIVE." TO THIS DAY, I AM CONVINCED THAT I AM ONE OF THE BEST DRIVERS ON THE ROAD. WHY, BECAUSE PASTOR SAID IT. HE WAS LIKE A FATHER TO ME. YES, HE WAS MY SPIRITUAL LEADER BUT HE WAS ALSO LIKE A NATURAL FATHER TO ME. WHEN WE WOULD GO TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS, HE WOULD TREAT ME LIKE I WAS HIS DAUGHTER AND SPOIL ME. HE WOULD TELL ME NOT TO TALK TO CERTAIN GUYS BECAUSE HE WOULD BEAT ME HIMSELF. I AM SO GRATEFUL FOR HAVING HAD SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPERIENCE THE LOVE OF GOD THROUGH SUCH A GREAT MAN OF GOD. HUMBLE IN SPIRIT YET BOLD IN HIS STAND FOR GOD AND HOLINESS. SINCE MATHAIS AND I HAVE BEEN MARRIED, HE ALWAYS SAYS, "YOU WILL DO WHATEVER PASTOR TELLS YOU TO DO. IF PASTOR SAYS DO IT, YOU DO IT." IT'S A RESPECT THAT HE EARNED FROM ME SINCE I WAS LITTLE. NO, HE WON'T HAVE A CHANCE TO WITNESS THE BIRTH OF OUR FIRST CHILD, BUT I'M MAKING A POSTER FOR THE DELIVERY ROOM THAT SAYS "DON'T BREAK DOWN; BREAK THROUGH!!! YOU CAN COME THROUGH SINGING SINGING!!!" WE ALSO PLAN TO HAVE THE SONG PLAYING DURING THE DELIVERY. PASTOR ADAMS, WE WILL MISS YOU BUT WE WILL CONTINUE THE LEGACY.

***LOVE, DEANNA***

A MAN THAT TAUGHT ME THE VALUES OF TRUE HOLINESS, WISDOM, AND INTEGRITY. YOU ARE ONE OF THE GREATEST INFLUENCES IN MAKING ME THE MAN I AM TODAY. YOU HAVE BEEN THERE FOR EVERY MONUMENTAL MOMENT IN MY LIFE, AND I KNOW YOU WILL STILL BE WITH ME, LOOKING DOWN FROM HEAVEN. I AM

COMMITTED TO CARRYING OUT EVERYTHING YOU PROPHESED OVER MY LIFE AND CONTINUING YOUR LEGACY THROUGH ME AND MY FAMILY.

**WE LOVE YOU UNC, REST IN HEAVEN. *MARCUS, MONIQUE, BRIA, & LIL MARC.***

### **GRANDNIECES/GRANDNEPHEWS**

I JUST KEEP HEARING YOUR VOICE, THE ANOINTING, POWER, STRENGTH, AUTHORITY, AND THE WISDOM OF GOD, THIS DAY IS THE DAY OF SALVATION, THIS DAY IS THE DAY OF HEALING, THIS DAY IS THE DAY OF DELIVERANCE! THOSE WORDS HAVE BROUGHT ME THROUGH MANY SITUATIONS WHERE THE ENEMY WOULD HAVE HAD ME TO GIVE UP BUT ALL I COULD HEAR WERE YOUR WORDS OF WISDOM. I WILL FOREVER LOVE AND MISS YOU, BUT NEVER WILL I FORGET YOU OR WHAT YOU'VE TAUGHT ME.

***LOVE, TESHANA, DEMOND, AUBRENEY, JAEIN AND MARQUEZ***

UNCLE PASTOR, WORDS CANT EXPRESS THE EMOTIONS I'M FEELING RIGHT NOW.. ITS ALMOST UNREAL THAT YOU'RE GONE FROM US. I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THE GUIDANCE YOU GAVE EVERYONE AND THE LESSONS YOU TAUGHT US. I CAN REMEMBER AS A LITTLE KID, HOW I COULDN'T WAIT TO GET TO UNCLE PASTOR'S OFFICE SO I COULD GET SOME CANDY. IT WAS THE LITTLE THINGS YOU DID THAT STUCK WITH PEOPLE FOR A LIFETIME. YOU WERE TRULY A GIFT FROM GOD AND ANYONE WHO KNEW YOU, KNOWS THAT THIS WAS TRUE. SO TO SEE YOU IN YOUR LAST DAYS ON EARTH THE WAY YOU WERE WAS VERY HARD FOR ME, BUT TO KNOW THAT EVEN IN YOUR PAIN YOU STILL KEPT THE FAITH AND REMAINED SAVED EASES MY SPIRIT. YOU WILL FOREVER BE MISSED, I LOVE YOU UNCLE PASTOR.

***CELESTE, ANTHONY AND ANTHONY JR.***

TO MY UNCLE PASTOR, YOU TREATED US LIKE WE WERE ALL YOUR CHILDREN FROM THE BIRTHDAY DOLLARS TO CANDY AFTER CHURCH. YOU WERE THERE FOR EVERY ACCOMPLISHMENT AND THERE TO CHASTISE US WHEN WE WERE WRONG. YOU WERE ONE OF THE FUNNIEST MEN I'VE KNOWN BECAUSE NO ONE WOULD EXPECT "PASTOR" TO HAVE A SENSE OF HUMOR BUT LET ME SAY YOU KNEW HOW TO DELIVER WITH CLASS AND INTEGRITY. THE BEST EXAMPLE OF A MAN OF GOD. YOU WILL BE GREATLY MISSED. YOU TAUGHT US THAT A VOID LIKE THIS CAN ONLY BE FILLED BY GOD, SO AS YOU SANG IN ONE OF YOUR MANY SONGS "I DEPEND ON JESUS" TO BRING ME OUT OF THIS ONE. I LOVE YOU UNCLE PASTOR YOUR GRAND NIECE, ***FAITH, ZORRIANTE, IMANI AND NAOMI***

WITH HARD WORK AND DEDICATION COMES PROMOTION AND A NEW TITLE. NOW ANYONE THAT KNOWS MY "UNCLE PASTOR" KNOWS THAT HE WASN'T TAKING EITHER OF THE TWO FROM ANYONE. OH, BUT ON TODAY HE HAS FINALLY ACCEPTED A NEW PROMOTION AND TITLE FROM THE LORD AS A GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT IN HEAVEN! THANK YOU UNCLE PASTOR, I AM WHAT I AM BECAUSE YOU WERE.

***MATTHEW***



TO MY GODFATHER, YOU WERE SUCH AN IMPORTANT & INFLUENTIAL PART OF MY LIFE; YOU HELD SO MANY TITLES. YOU'RE MY GRANDUNCLE AND PASTOR, BUT I HAVE ALWAYS SEEN YOU AS A FATHER. EVER SINCE I WAS A BABY, YOU AND GODMOTHER ERNESTINE TOOK ME UNDER YOUR WINGS AND CLAIMED ME AS YOUR OWN. YOU NEVER MISSED A BIRTHDAY OR HOLIDAY. I WAS ALWAYS BLESSED WITH NUMEROUS GIFTS EVERY YEAR. WHEN I WAS YOUNGER AND YOU USED TO LET ALL OF THE KIDS COME TO YOUR OFFICE AFTER CHURCH TO GET A PIECE OF CANDY, I WOULD BE THE LAST ONE TO WALK IN BECAUSE YOU ALWAYS LET ME GET EXTRA CANDY. WHEN I NEEDED ENCOURAGEMENT, YOU GAVE IT TO ME AND WHEN I NEEDED DISCIPLINE, YOU DID NOT HOLD BACK. IN MY EYES, YOU WERE INVINCIBLE SO I COULDN'T IMAGINE WHY GOD DECIDED TO CALL YOU HOME. I HAVEN'T FELT SUCH A DEEP PAIN LIKE THIS SINCE MY GRANDDAD LOUIS PASSED AWAY ALMOST 11 YEARS AGO. EVERYTHING THAT YOU HAVE TAUGHT ME HAS SO MUCH MORE OF A DEEPER MEANING TO ME NOW. I LISTEN TO YOUR SONGS AND THE LYRICS HIT ME HARDER THAN EVER BEFORE. YOU WERE MY SUPERMAN AND I WISH I HAD A LITTLE MORE TIME WITH YOU, BUT GOD NEEDED YOU MORE. I'M GLAD I WAS ABLE TO VISIT YOU ONE LAST TIME BEFORE YOU MADE YOUR TRANSITION. PLEASE CONTINUE TO LOOK OVER ME AND MY SON JAMAREE. REST ON MY ANGEL; I LOVE YOU DEARLY.

**LOVE YOUR GODDAUGHTER/GRANDNIECE, *LELE AND JAMAREE***

THANKS FOR ALLOWING US (KMBD STUDIOS) TO SUPPORT YOU IN THE AREA OF MEDIA MINISTRY. I WILL MISS YOUR SPECIAL BIRTHDAY DOLLARS...ESPECIALLY SINCE TODAY IS MY 24TH. I REMEMBER MORNING PRAYER AS A HOMESCHOOLED KID, AS YOU, BRO. MACKLIN, AND I WERE ALMOST ALWAYS THE ONLY GUYS THERE. I'VE SAT AND DINED IN THE MIDST OF SECS. OF STATE, PRIME MINISTERS, GENERALS, PRESIDENTS AND THE POPE—NEVER HAVE I COME ACROSS A MAN QUITE LIKE YOU. WE LOVE YOU!

**~MICHAEL, JR.**

MY EYES ARE STAINED WITH TEARS, AS I REMEMBER ALL THE YEARS, FROM "CANAAH LAND", BY GOD'S MIGHTY HAND, WE GO ON WITHOUT YOU NEAR, IN OUR HEARTS, WE'LL HOLD YOU DEAR

**~KADESH**

UNCLE PASTOR,  
YOU CHRISTENED ME, BAPTIZED ME, AND ALWAYS GAVE ME ENCOURAGEMENT. YOU WERE ALWAYS SO APPROACHABLE AND DIDN'T MIND LISTENING TO ANYTHING I HAD TO SAY. THANK YOU FOR ENCOURAGING ME TO STRIVE FOR THE BEST AND FOR CHEERING ME ON DURING MY TENNIS MATCHES. YOU WERE THE BEST GRAND-UNCLE A GIRL COULD EVER HAVE! I KNOW YOU WERE ALREADY PROUD OF ME; I PROMISE TO CARRY ON YOUR LEGACY TO MY CHILDREN AND MAKE YOU MORE PROUD. I'M ALREADY MISSING YOU.

**~ZHAVIA**

I LOVE YOU, UNCLE PASTOR. I'LL NEVER FORGET WHEN YOU HELPED ME WITH HORSEBACK RIDING AT THE FISH FRY, AND ALWAYS GAVE ME PEPPERMINTS (EVEN THOUGH MOM WOULD SAY I DIDN'T NEED TOO MANY, YOU HANDED ME SOME

ANYWAYS). I LOVED TO HEAR YOU SING ON SUNDAY MORNINGS RIGHT BEFORE THE MESSAGE—THAT WAS MY FAVORITE PART OF SERVICE. I’M GRATEFUL TO GOD FOR A GRAND UNCLE SUCH AS YOU. WE SHALL ALL MEET AGAIN.

**~BERACHAH**

## BRIEF LISTING OF SONGS WRITTEN BY PASTOR ADAMS

“TRUST IN JESUS  
“THERE’S A ROCK THAT’S HIGHER THAN I”  
“SINCE I MET JESUS  
“WITH JESUS, I’LL MAKE IT  
“I WANT TO LIVE HOLY LORD; I NEED THY HELP”“  
THEN MY LORD WILL CARRY ME THROUGH”“  
“HE’S COMING BACK AGAIN”  
“HOLD ON TO HIS HAND  
“THE LORD IS  
“JUST LEAVE THEM THERE  
“JESUS IS COMING BACK”  
“THERE’S A ROCK THAT’S HIGHER THAN I”  
“TRY JESUS”  
“WALK WITH JESUS, BRIGHTEN UP YOUR DAY”  
“I WANT TO LIVE HOLY, I NEED THY HELP”  
“PUT YOUR TRUST IN JESUS”  
“WHO SHALL ABIDE IN THY TABERNACLE”  
“ONE THING HAVE I DESIRED OF THE LORD”  
“BELOVED, WE ARE THE CHILDREN OF GOD”  
“WHAT SHALL I RENDER UNTO THE LORD”  
“AIN’T NOBODY MAD BUT THE DEVIL”  
“BLESSED BY HIS PRESENCE”  
“BOLDLY I COME TO THE THRONE OF GRACE”  
“DIDN’T HAVE TO SAVE ME, BUT HE DID”  
“GLORY”  
“GLORY, GOD DELIVERED ME”  
“GLORY, I HEAR THE SOUND OF PRAISE”  
“GOD NEVER SLEEPS AND GOD NEVER SLUMBERS”  
“HE IS HIGH AND LIFTED UP”  
“HE WILL HEAR YOUR CRY”  
“I CAN SEE THOSE BLESSINGS FALLING ALL AROUND”  
“I GOT A LIFT”  
“I LOVE THIS FEELING OF GREAT SURRENDER”  
“I’M GONNA COME THROUGH SINGING, SINGING”  
“I’M GONNA CLAIM MY SALVATION”  
“I’VE GOT THE VICTORY”  
“I WILL RECEIVE OF THE LORD”  
“I WISH THAT I COULD PRAISE HIM”  
“IT IS GOOD TO PRAISE THE LORD”  
“LEAP FOR JOY”  
“LORD TAKE ME HIGHER”  
“MOSES, WHAT’S THAT IN YOUR HAND?”  
“MY GOD IS”  
“OH THE GLORY OF GOD”  
“SHOW US YOUR GLORY”  
“THE LORD SHALL LIGHTEN MY DARKNESS”  
“THE SPIRIT OF GOD IS MOVING”

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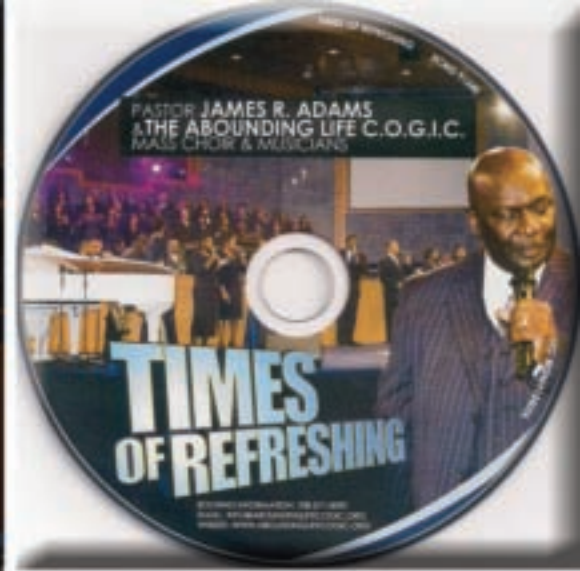




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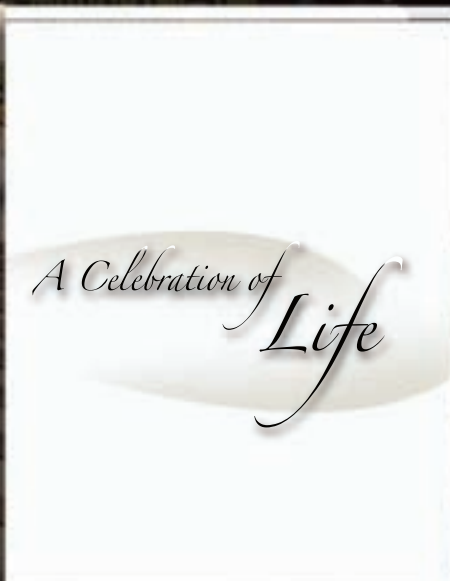




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