



Rev. Donald T. Townsend Sr.

December 25, 1953 - July 22, 2024

Reverend Donald Thomas Townsend Sr. was born in Russellville, KY on December 25, 1953; son to the union of the late Roy Lee & Irene Young Townsend Sr. Services will be held at First Baptist Church on Saturday, August 3, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. with Bishop Tiangelo Hill and Pastor Nathl L. Moore officiating. Entombment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be at First Baptist Church from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. on Saturday.

Donald graduated from Frankfort High School where he was active in Student Government, basketball, track/field and Cross Country. His athletic ability was recognized in April 2023, when he was inducted into the FHS Hall of Fame for his record-breaking achievement in Cross-Country.

He attended Tuskegee University in Alabama, where he studied Political Science and was offered the opportunity to manage the Commodores. Don's heart led him back to Kentucky, where he graduated from Kentucky State University with a BS in Computer Science. He attended Theological studies at Simmons Bible College.

He retired from State Government with 30+ years, as a manager of State Government Technology Services and later worked with Kentucky State Police.

At an early age, he confessed a hope in Christ and attended numerous church/tent Outreach events. Led by the Holy Spirit, Donald followed the Lord and answered His call to ministry in 1992, under the leadership of Rev. K.L.

Moore.

Reverend Townsend's zeal for life was the following/teachings of the Lord, reading the Bible, family, church, friends, UK basketball. He loved giving the children 'Big nickel' or quarters are what we say and telling jokes. He possessed excellent cooking skills (once being a caterer) and could prepare anything from baked goods to preparation/curing of country hams, hot tamales, fried turkeys to barbeque. He also enjoyed fishing, of which the Lord led him to become a 'Fisher of Men'. He never met a stranger.

Pastor of Polk Memorial Baptist Church in Mortonsville, KY where he served and ministered to his flock in prayer, supplementation and reverence for God; whether they were at church, home, in-hospital, or nursing homes; you could count on Don to show-up.

Affectionately known as 'Don', Rev. Townsend was preceded in death by his loving & devoted wife, mother, and friend of 46+ years Alice Darnell Townsend. His parents Roy Lee & Irene Young Townsend Sr.; Siblings Jeffery, Kenneth and Donna Townsend.

He leaves to mourn and cherish memories, his children Nadia (Eric) Townsend-Green, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania & Donald Thomas 'Tom Tom' Townsend Jr.; Siblings and 'BFF' Roy Lee (Paula) Townsend Jr., Etta Townsend & Martha (John) McIntosh. Brother-In-Law Charles 'Chuck' Darnell III, Apopka, FL. Grandchildren Maurisa, Erica, Eric K., Emaya, Eric M. & Dominick, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, dear friends and church families.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory.

23rd Psalm: The Lord Is My Shepherd: I shall not want....

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Gardens

3250 Versailles Road
Versailles, KY

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church, Clinton Street
100 Clinton Street
Frankfort, KY KY

Service

AUG 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KW

“ I just found out about Don’s passing. Our thoughts and prayers for Nadia and Tommy. We worked with Alice for years and she introduced us to Don. During the huge blizzard in Frankfort (around 1993), Don and Alice made it out and came to our apartment to see if we needed a ride to the grocery. Our car couldn’t make it out of our parking lot. Don and Alice were always thinking of others. They will both be missed.

Kathy Williamson - September 22, 2024 at 11:59 PM

HP

“ I am very sorry for your loss, worked with Don at COT. It was my privilege to have known him. Heaven's gain and our loss.

Harold Purvis - July 31, 2024 at 03:09 PM



“ 17 files added to the album Life Tributes



Harrod Brothers Funeral Home - July 31, 2024 at 01:22 PM

NM

“ *Nellie McKnight lit a candle in memory of Rev. Donald T. Townsend Sr.*



Nellie McKnight - July 29, 2024 at 02:42 PM

EM

“ *Rev. Townsend and I played lots a hoops at the YMCA together. He was a great friend and awesome brother. Rest in peace.*

Edwin s McKee - July 29, 2024 at 11:01 AM

BH

“ *I am saddened to hear of Donald's passing! So soon after his dear wife Alice! My love and prayers for Nadia and Tommy and the Townsend family!*



Brenda Hedden - July 27, 2024 at 12:51 PM

DF

“ *So sorry to hear of both your parents passing. I knew them when I worked at KY State. They were wonderful people and very proud of their children. Sending you my prayers.*

Desiree Flowers - July 27, 2024 at 12:09 AM

VK

“ Thoughts and Prayers for the Townsend Family 🙏



Vickie Kessler - July 26, 2024 at 05:24 PM

RB

“ I work at KY State Police and got to know Mr. Townsend. He always made us laugh, always had something funny and uplifting to say. I didn't know him very long, but was glad to have met him, even for such a short time. He was a good man and beautiful person. I will always remember him cutting into a very rich rum cake, on one of our snack days, and singing "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross". I laughed so hard and he got a kick out of my amusement. From then on, every time we saw each other, we would both just start laughing. He brightened so many people's work days. He will be greatly missed.

Rhonda Barker - July 26, 2024 at 04:39 PM

ET

“ To the Townsend Family I am sending my Deepest Sympathy for your Loss we were raised up together in Russellville and we are Family Sending Love from Tuffy (Eugenia Todd) and Deborah and Steve Love you all



Eugenia (Tuffy) Toff - July 26, 2024 at 03:25 PM

PB

“ *Patsy Bean-Jones lit a candle in memory of
Rev. Donald T. Townsend Sr.*



Patsy Bean-Jones - July 26, 2024 at 03:23 PM