

Pallbearers
Family and Friends

Acknowledgement

The family of Elder Billy Bess Sr. is deeply grateful for each act of kindness and all expressions of sympathy extended to us during the home-going of our loved one. Your prayers and support have helped us through a difficult time, and we thank God for each of you and your outpouring of love. May God bless and keep each of you.

~ The Family ~

God saw you were tired.
So he did what He thought best,
He came and stood beside your bed,
And whispered "Come home and rest."

A precious one from us is gone.
A voice we loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in our hearts
Which never can be filled.
And after lonely heartaches,
And many silent tears,
But always a beautiful memory
Of one we love so dear.
We will miss you.



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Home-Going Celebration
for



ELDER BILLY BESS, SR.

Sunrise
April 1, 1946

Sunset:
July 20, 2022

Friday, July 29, 2022
11:00 a.m.

Restoration Church of God
595 Frost Avenue / Rochester, New York

Bishop Lee T. McCloud, Pastor
Pastor Emily Anderson, Officiating

Life Reflections

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake. Yea though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil: my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

Billy Bess Sr. was born April 1, 1946 in Metta, Georgia to his loving parents, Charles and Maebel Bess. He later moved to Rochester, New York where he was employed with the Xerox Corporation, as an Environmental Service Custodian. He also worked in building maintenance in Washington, D.C. He went to school to become a boxer.

Billy Bess Sr. was a man of God, and attended The Church of God for the majority of his life. He became Reverend Billy Bess Sr., and he was filled with the Holy Spirit. He spread the Gospel throughout Florida, Georgia, and Washington, D.C. After returning to Rochester, New York, he opened his own church. He will be remembered for the kind, loving, and giving man that he was. He would give you his last, just to see you happy. He never liked to tell anyone “no”, if they asked him for anything. One of his favorite sayings was, “It is better to give than to receive, son.”

On Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at 1:56 a.m., at the age of 76, the Lord called Elder Billy Bess Sr. home. He leaves to cherish precious memories: his loving sons, Billy (Katrece) Bess Jr., and Maurice Bess; stepdaughters: Lisa (Hanif Al-azim), Latricia Butler, Linda (Troy) Thomas, and Laterica Coney; loving grandchildren: Tatyiana Bess, Asad Bess, and Prinston Seawright; loving siblings: Drucilla Betty Bess (Twin) Charles Best Jr., Eddie (Lillie Bell) Bess, and Earnest Bess; his special lady, Lucielle Holland-Bess; special nephew, Otis Tucker, and a host of nephews, nieces, and cousins that he loved so much, along with his church family and friends.

Order of Service

Procession	Clergy and Family
Scripture Readings Old and New Testaments	Pastor Mary Robinson
Prayer of Comfort	Minister Prince Forbes
Musical Selection	Minister Debra Cox
Reflections (3 minutes, please)	Family and Friends
“Life Reflections” and Acknowledgements	
Musical Selection	Minister Debra Cox
Eulogy	Pastor Emily Anderson
Recession	

*Interment
Riverside Cemetery*