



Bishop Ronald McKinley Ferebee Sr.

April 13, 1954 - April 8, 2023

Bishop Ronald Ferebee Sr. Obituary

Bishop Ronald M. Ferebee, Sr. was born in Cleveland, Ohio and is the second of six children born on April 13, 1954 to James Oliver Ferebee, Sr. and Mrs. Sallie Frances Magalene Greer Ferebee. Bishop Ronald M. Ferebee, Sr. passed away peacefully in his home on April 8, 2023.

Bishop graduated from John Hay High School in 1972. After graduation, he worked at Cleveland Clinic Foundation in Central Services and Sports Medicine as an Orthopedic Technologist. Bishop began working in Security at Progressive in 2005 and became the Campus I - Front Desk Receptionist in 2012. There he made a point to greet and get to know each visitor and employee making a special imprint on each person he encountered. His incredible fashion sense inspired what is known at Progressive as "Bowtie Tuesdays".

From his first marriage to Anita Ferebee was born Ronald M. Ferebee, Jr. and Tiffany Hankins (Lamont Hankins Jr.).

The Bishop later met his current wife, Gloria, and was united in Holy Matrimony on August 11, 2001. From this union, Bishop Ferebee gained a bonus daughter and son, Maria and Anthony.

Bishop Ferebee accepted Christ at an early age and has been ministering since the age of 16, also singing and playing both the organ and piano. Most of his youth, he was a member of Everlasting Baptist Church where he sang in the choir and played the organ. In 1988, Bishop Ferebee was ordained as the Minister of Music by the late Bishop Stanley Halton at Christ Temple Apostolic Faith Church. Bishop was consecrated and appointed as Bishop on April 16, 2005 by Bishop Carlton N. Bobo, along with Bishop Douglas H. Taylor and Bishop Thomas Owens. In November of 1996 he founded and established Totally Gospel Ministries. The Bishop has worked with Trinity Broadcasting Network, the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World Music Department and various ministries across the country. He was also the President and establishmentarian of the City Wide Men's Conference.

In 1999, Bishop became the Minister of Music at Evangel Temple then later became the Pastor. On May 18, 2021, he received a certificate for Pastoral Family Counseling. On October 1, 2022, he received a Doctorate of Divinity and Doctorate of Theology from Petrus Fidei Seminary. On August 9, 2008 the Bishop was elected to serve as Presiding Bishop and Chief Prelate for Abundant Life Christian Fellowship International.

Bishop Ronald M. Ferebee, Sr. was such a loving Husband, Father, Brother, Uncle, Grandfather, Cousin, Godfather and friend. He was a role model and inspiration to all who knew him. He was known to give stern guidance and unconditional love.

He was preceded in death by his parents; James Oliver Ferebee, Sr. and Mrs. Sallie Frances Magalene Greer Ferebee and his brother, James Oliver Ferebee, Jr.

Bishop leaves to cherish his memory and legacy, his lovely wife of 22 years, Lady Gloria Ferebee; sons, Ronald M. Ferebee, Jr. and Anthony; daughters

Tiffany Hankins (Lamont Jr.) and Maria; his brothers Lavelle Ferebee, Sr., Bernarr Ferebee, Sr. (Sharolyn) and Juan Ferebee (Deane); his sister Juanita Reid (Richard); a host of grandkids, nieces, nephews, cousins, sister in laws, brother in laws, godchildren and relatives.

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MP

“ *Hearts comfort card was purchased for the family of Bishop Ronald McKinley Ferebee Sr. by Mary Parks. i sent a message i believe it might have got deleted because i had to get the address to send the gift to First Lady Gloria Ferebee yo comfort her. Our Pastor Ronald M Ferebee ihas transitioned to anoMary Parks*

Mary Parks - April 21, 2025 at 03:20 PM

ML

“ *My heart goes out to the family for the loss of this wonderful man. Please accept my sincerest condolences on the loss of your loved one Ron. He and I were coworkers in sports medicine at the Cleveland Clinic for many years, and I considered him a very dear friend, and I will miss him. May he rest in peace.*

Marie Labuda - May 17, 2023 at 12:16 PM

CN

“ *My prayers and condolences to the bereaved family of Bishop Ferebee. What an anointed leader, servant, and Man of God; what humility! Lady Gloria you are in my heart and prayers. To each of Bishop Ferebee's natural and spiritual Family Members - I pray for your comfort during this time.*

Cheryl Nash - April 22, 2023 at 06:33 PM

TH

“ *To the family of Bishop Ronald FerebeeMay God grant you comfort and peace during this time.Bubba will truly be missed. Condolences from 110th. Street.Theo*

Theodosia Husband - April 22, 2023 at 06:09 PM

KT

“ *My prayers are with the family.*

Kimberly V Taylor - April 22, 2023 at 06:03 PM

AJ

“ *I am deeply saddened on the passing of Bubba. I know that we all are going to make that journey but there are some that will leave a big bruise on your heart. Bubba is such a person. Growing up I remember Aunt Sally calling Bubba and Beadie always at the same time. She can start doing it again now that her 2 oldest boys are back with again with Uncle Ferebee. I will miss you cuz and I love you family.*

Alonzo Williams Jr - April 22, 2023 at 04:08 PM

CP

“ *Sending my condolences to the family, Ron will truly be missed at Progressive every morning he would come into the cafe, and I would put his orange juice and ice inside his thermos that he would carry. and he would always find a way to make me laugh. Ron had such a beautiful soul he will truly be missed.*

Carlita Phillips - April 21, 2023 at 11:02 PM

GC

“ *To the Ferebee Family with Deep Sympathy -The sadness of the passing of your loved one is felt by many. May the thought of knowing that friends share in your sadness be of comfort to you. - God's Blessing from Pastor Charlie Goodman Jr, Glenville Church of God*

Gloria Cawthon - April 21, 2023 at 07:45 PM

VB

“ My sincere condolences to the family of Bishop Ronald Ferebee. My heart is saddened by the passing of my friend and brother, of the Ferebee family. Please know that he is with his parents and his brother. We will surely miss him, but he is in a better place with the Lord. I love you my adopted family and I am here if there is a need. God bless you all. I am saying good night to my son and I will see you again.

Vivian L Burns - April 19, 2023 at 10:21 AM

LH

“ To my cousin Juan and wife Deane and the rest of the Ferebee family...my prayers goes out to you in the lost of your love one. May God give you comfort and the strength you will need during your time of sorrow.

Linda Hullum - April 18, 2023 at 11:10 PM

DA

“ Iâ€™m going to miss seeing Bishop. He was the first friend I made at Progressive. He truly made an impact on all who knew him.

Damika - April 18, 2023 at 08:14 PM

DE

“ I extend my sincerest condolences to his wife, family, church family and all those who knew and loved him. May God continue to comfort you all and give you peace in Jesus name.

Dawn Edwards-Kellum - April 18, 2023 at 05:10 PM

MP

“ Bishop we miss you so bad our hearts go out his immediate family and god children he was not only a godparent to my daughter and her children we will be there for First Lady, sister in Christ and daughter in Christ. Bishop will always be in our hearts, his teachings and his spiritual guidance will always be with us. We love you Sister Gloria and remember no matter what you are going to The Son, Yeshua JESUS Christ, YAHWEH and the HOLY SPIRIT will always shine through and be with us forever. We love you, Mother Parks, LaTonya, your 7 godchildren and 5 godchildren. Peace e with you

Mary L Parks - April 17, 2023 at 09:29 PM

NR

“ Unfortunately I never had a chance to meet this Angel Bishop Ronald McKinley Ferebee Sr. who left us too soon but I've been watching his last sermon on his son Yonni's IG page and his infectious energy makes my blood run fast in my veins and I can see him ALIVE in front of me. I lost my daddy few years ago and Yonni my brother sent me a sermon in his own voice and I could tell he got that gift from his father. Bishop Ronald is laying in peace and serenity and now we MUST celebrate his life and cherish every moment he lived. He may have left his body but his soul will be ever lived around us. My daddy and Bishop Ronald are now hanging out in heaven next to God so we must be content knowing they're in a safe place. We'll meet you in Heavens and then I'll tell you in person Mr Bishop how amazing family you have created. That tree is blooming so beautifully. Until then Pops We Love You. REST IN PEACE. SEE YOU THERE WHEN OUR TIME'S UP. LOVE YOU BISHOP 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

Nayan Raina - April 17, 2023 at 04:51 PM

LP

“ My prayer are with the family!â¶ĳ, â¶ĳ,

Lanelle Perry - April 17, 2023 at 03:31 PM

MG

“ My heart goes out to the entire family. I had the opportunity to meet Bishop at our job Progressive in 2016 I can say truly the moment I spoke to him he was so delightful he provided me with everything I needed to know to go to my interview and my first training class. Once I completed my training I found out that we were working in the same building so I had the opportunity to really talk to him and we spoke about the thing that we both loved and that's God we talked we prayed we laughed and eventually my husband and myself went to visit his church from the time we got there I knew that that was a place of Prayer his wife and the whole family of the church was very warm and inviting. I can honestly say that he lived what he believed and he believed in God truly he will be missed take your rest Soldier until you hear the call that says well done my good and faithful servant come and take your rest

Minister Pia Gaston - April 17, 2023 at 02:19 PM

MB

“ Family may the Lord bless you and keep you all through this difficult time. Of course we know the Bishop is rejoicing in heaven and for that we can shout hallelujah for we shall see him again. For us that are grieving, may the Holy Spirit invade us with comfort and peace through our process. In Jesus Name ðŸ™ðŸ½

Monica Brittian - April 17, 2023 at 10:41 AM

SL

“ Our sincere condolences to the Family (our family) of Bishop Ronald Ferbee who was a humble servant of God. A man of God whose life bear witness to being a faithful Husband, Father, Brother and friendâ€¦A true SHEPHERD OF CHRIST.Psalm 30 verse 5 reminds us that â€œWeeping may endure for a night, but Joy cometh in the morning.â€ Our prayer for each one of you today is that you find comfort in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit and the blessed hope found in the scripture above; For â€œBubbaâ€ as we so fondly called him, is but asleepâ€¦. for one day, soon and very soon, the dead in CHRIST shall RISE AGAIN.ðŸ™œLovingly Submitted, The LEGGETT FAMILYðŸ™œ

Shiree Leggett - April 16, 2023 at 10:57 PM

JG

“ Mr. Ron always greeted me with a smile and kind words at work. Then we found that his son was a friend of mine and talked even more. I always enjoyed getting updates on his family and sharing God's word. It was a pleasure to know him and sad to hear he's no longer with us. May the Lord bless his family and friends and give you all peace and strength through this time. Prayers and love with you all.

Jasmine Gilliam - April 16, 2023 at 03:02 PM

AP

“ Chief Apostle Bishop Ron Ferebee you are gone but never forgotten. I will always remember your love and kindness towards the Abundant Life Leaders. The wisdom and guidance you afforded us spoke volumes as to the Man of God you were. I will never forget the lessons you taught in fighting the good fight of faith. I will see you on the other side in the eternal life we have been promised by the Father. My sincere condolences to Lady Gloria Ferebee, his children and all relatives, family, friends and loved ones.

Apostle Jacquelyne Parker - April 16, 2023 at 10:16 AM

JM

“ My sincere condolences to the family of Bishop Ferebee. He was a part of my history. A classmate and the musician at my wedding 40years ago this year. May your comfort be in the Lord who promised comfort and strength in times such as this.

Jennifer Lloyd Moore - April 15, 2023 at 09:38 PM

GK

“ To First lady Ferbee and the entire family. My condolences to you. Praying that God gives you strength and comfort in this difficult time. Bishop was a great man of God. Will miss seeing him around the city and shopping with his wife, while waiting in the dŸš— car. Take your rest. IT IS WELL.

Gilbert King - April 15, 2023 at 05:54 PM

EH

“ I pray are with the family, as much as we all love Ron, his work's on earth are now done. and now Ron has the well done of God! Brother Bobby as only you could say Ron dŸœ

Ewing Robert Hicks - April 15, 2023 at 05:13 PM

SH

“ To my Family, knowing to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Know that Bubba as we called him, Loved the Lord with all his heart, he praised him and talked about the Lord wherever he went and to who ever would listen. This was my Cousin/Brother/Friend who shared a birthday with me, I am truly going to miss him. Weeping may endure for a night but joy comes in the morning.

Sandra L Hughley - April 15, 2023 at 04:49 PM

SH

“ *A candle was lit in remembrance*

Sandra L Hughley - April 15, 2023 at 04:43 PM

SD

“ *This I recall to my remembrance God is yet Faithful.. We had such wonderful times together especially during the conventions on Eddy Rdâ€¦ this was my friend down through the years .. He will truly be missed, praying for the family..Love you.Sherry Porter Drew*

Sherry Drew - April 15, 2023 at 04:37 PM

QT

“ *Prayers going up for the family you all have my support and love. God is loving him now and heâ€™s finally hearing those words he and we all worked hard and are currently working hard for. Well Done Sir.*

Qorey ActzMusiq Thornton - April 15, 2023 at 12:57 PM

BS

“ *I Love you sweetie dearly, forever your sister Pastor Belinda Scott*

Belinda Scott - April 15, 2023 at 12:31 PM

BC

“ *My sincere condolences go out to the entire Ferebee family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Brigitte Carter - April 14, 2023 at 08:13 PM

KT

“ *to the Ferebee family my Deepest Sympathy and condolences and prayers at this time of sorrow*

Kenneth Thomas - April 14, 2023 at 01:00 PM

PJ

“ Dear Lady Ferebee & Family, Although we understand that it is the will of the Lord that Bishop has left this life. And I know that your hearts are heavy. I can't help fighting back the sadness that my friend has transitioned on to be with the Lord, but it is also with assurance that he is now resting in the Lord. So please take comfort in the Word of the Lord from Revelation 14:12-14... "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. And I heard a voice from Heaven, saying unto me, "Write: "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth." "Yea," saith the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." Your Brother and Friend, Pastor Aaron L. Johnson Union Pentecostal UHCAPainesville, Ohio

Pastor Aaron L. Johnson - April 14, 2023 at 10:23 AM

PJ

“ Dear Lady Ferebee, Although I know it is the will of the Lord for Bishop to leave this earth. And I know your heart is heavy, but I can't help but to fight back the sadness and tears for my dear friend is now resting in the Lord. So, it is with this assurance, that my heart is filled with joy! I will be praying for you and the family that the Lord will give you comfort, strength and peace for the Lord has given Bishop rest as he await his crown. So, allow these words from the Word of the Lord to give you comfort. Love you and may the God of peace give you strength! Revelation 14:12-13 "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. And I heard a voice from Heaven, saying unto me, "Write: "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth." "Yea," saith the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

Pastor Aaron L. Johnson - April 14, 2023 at 09:03 AM

JR

“ *My Dear Brother, I will truly miss you bubba, my heart aches so bad but I know you are rejoicing with Mom ,Dad and bedie in that heavenly choir. today is 4-13-23 your birthday, I love you so much, sweet rest until we meet again. Your baby Sister.*

Juanita Reid - April 13, 2023 at 08:36 PM