

*Acknowledgement*

The Rhodes Family expresses their thanks and gratitude for your acts of kindness, love, support, and prayers during the time of our loss.  
May God grant you all His abundant blessings.

*Pallbearers*

DEACON RAY HALE ~ MINISTER HARVEY HALE  
CAMERON J. KANNEY "CJ" ~ MARK NICHOLS II  
DEACON MARK CRUMP ~ DEFOREST RHODES JR.

*Flowerbearer*

TRACY CRUMP



**Don't Weep For Me**

Don't weep for me. I will be okay.  
Heaven is my home now, and this is where I'll stay.  
Don't weep for me. I'm where I belong.  
I want you to be happy and try to stay strong.

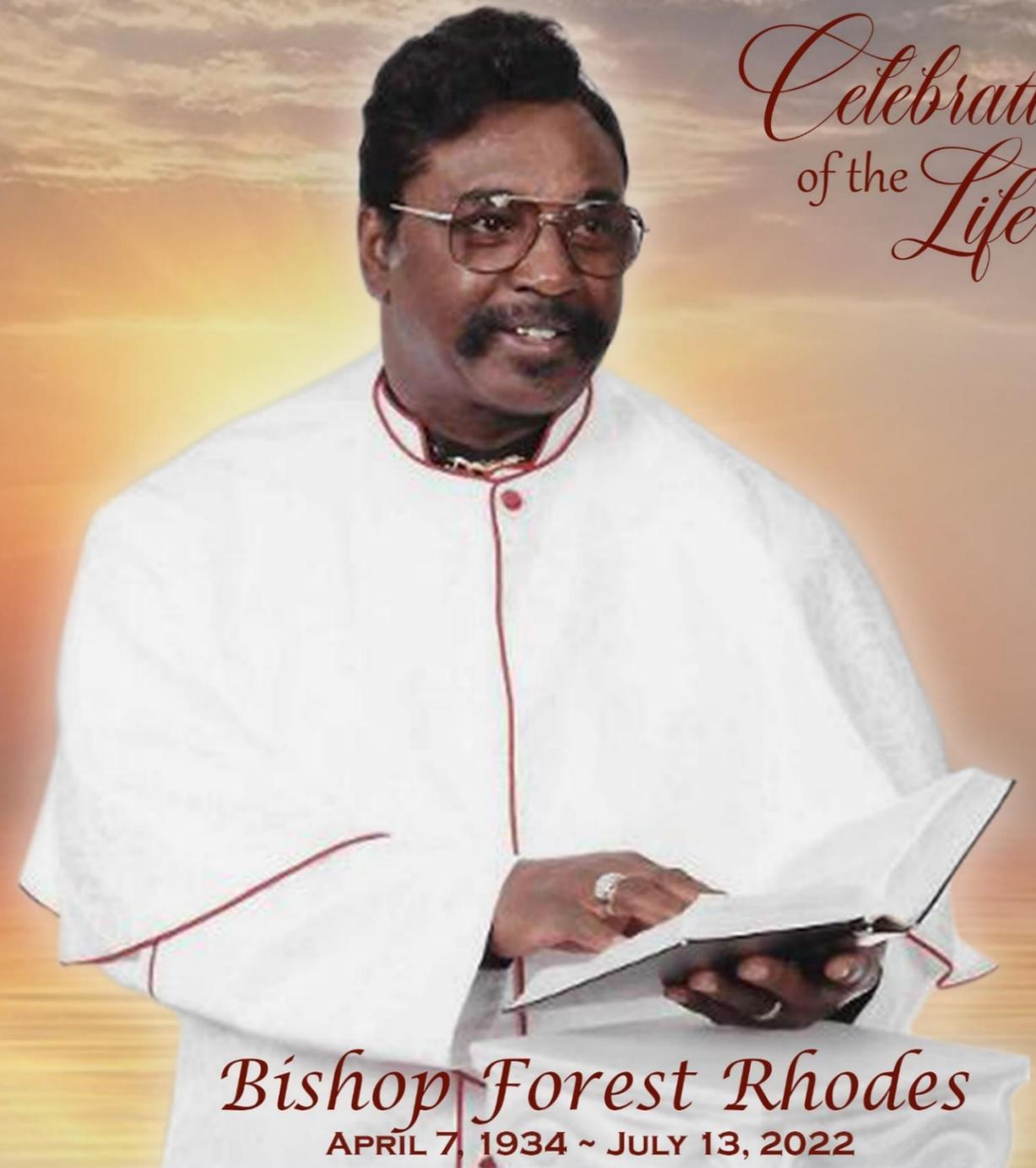
Don't weep for me. I am not alone.  
The angels are with me to welcome me home.

Don't weep for me, for I have no fear.  
All my pain is gone, and Jesus took my tears.  
Don't weep for me. This is not the end.  
I'll be waiting here for you when we meet again.

To offer condolences to The Rhodes Family,  
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*Celebration  
of the Life of*



**Bishop Forest Rhodes**

APRIL 7, 1934 ~ JULY 13, 2022

SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2022 · 10:00 AM

COLUMBUS CHRISTIAN CENTER  
2300 NORTH CASSADY AVENUE ~ COLUMBUS, OHIO



# Obituary

Bishop Forest Rhodes, age 88, was born DeForest Rhodes on April 7, 1934, in Roanoke, Virginia to parents, Emmett S. Rhodes and Beatrice E. Rhodes (Brown). Bishop Forest Rhodes was called to the ministry at the young age of nine years old.

Bishop Rhodes served as a minister at the 8th Avenue Sanctified and Holy Church in Roanoke, Virginia and he was ordained to become a minister at the age of 15. He served in the United States Airforce from 1953-1957. Forest married the love of his life, Johncie Mae Rhodes (Lathon), on August 3, 1957. In 1972, he founded the Apostolic Assembly Church. In 1976, he founded and organized the foundation of the Apostolic Assembly Worldwide, Inc. The church later became Promise Land Believers Fellowship Assembly.

Bishop Rhodes earned a Bachelor's degree in Religious Education from the Aeon Bible College, a Master of Theology from Freelandia Institute College of Theology, and a Doctor of Theology. He served as a professor at Aeon Bible College from 1977-1984. Bishop Rhodes retired from the City of Columbus, Water Division after 34 years of service.

Bishop Rhodes was an avid reader and a student of the word. He was also known for his dapper and debonair attire. He was a kind and loving partner to his spouse Johncie, as well as an amazing father to their five children. You never had to question if he loved or cared for you because he made it so obvious. He was a man of few words (except in the pulpit), yet he had such a strong and commanding presence. He was a dedicated family man, who was always there when you needed him.

Bishop Rhodes is preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Johncie M. Rhodes; parents, Emmett S. Rhodes, and Beatrice E. Rhodes; and ten siblings that included six brothers and four sisters.

Bishop Rhodes leaves behind to cherish his memory five loving children, his sons, Joseph "Joe" McGhee, James Rhodes (Rossetta), DeForest Rhodes, Jr., DeForest "Buddy" Rhodes III (Keyosha); daughter, Johncie Kanney (Cameron); sisters, June Harper, and Ann Bosley (Troy); and countless grandchildren, great grandchildren, nephews, nieces, other relatives, friends, and church family.

# May I Go Now?

*May I go now?  
Do you think the time is right?  
May I say goodbye to pain filled days  
and endless lonely nights?  
I've lived my life and done my best,  
an example tried to be.  
So can I take that step beyond  
and set my spirit free?*

*I didn't want to go at first,  
I fought with all my might.  
But something seems to draw me now  
to a warm and loving light.  
I want to go, I really do.  
It's difficult to stay.  
But I will try as best I can  
to live just one more day.*

*To give you time to care for me  
and share your love and fears.  
I know you're sad and afraid,  
because I see your tears.  
I'll not be far,  
I promise that, and hope you'll always know  
that my spirit will be close to you  
wherever you may go.*

*Thank you so for loving me.  
You know I love you too,  
that's why it's hard to say goodbye  
and end this life with you.  
So hold me now just one more time  
and let me hear you say,  
because you care so much for me,  
you'll let me go today.*

# Order of Celebration

ORGAN PRELUDE ..... Delatham Rhodes, Grandson  
PARTING VIEW ..... Immediate Family  
SCRIPTURE READING .....  
    Old Testament ..... Elder Lonnie Hale  
    New Testament ..... Elder Harvey Hale  
PRAYER ..... Evangelist Cordelia Foster  
SELECTION ..... Nicole Davis, Psalmist  
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/CONDOLENCES ..... Sister Dina Hale  
REMARKS ..... Family and Friends  
READING OF OBITUARY ..... Silently  
SELECTION ..... Anointed Sons of God

## *The Eulogy*

BISHOP MARK A. NICHOLS

Nephew

*Lovely Zion Baptist Church, Bedford, VA*

BENEDICTION ..... Bishop Mark A. Nichols  
RECESSIONAL ..... Clergy, Family, and Friends



*Interment*

EASTLAWN CEMETERY

## The *Broken Chain*

*We* little knew that morning  
That *GOD* would call *Your Name*  
In *LIFE* we *LOVED* you dearly  
In death we do the same  
*Bishop*  
It broke our *Hearts* to lose *You*  
*You* did NOT go *alone*  
For *part of us* went with you  
The *Day GOD* called *You Home*

You left us *BEAUTIFUL Memories*   
Your *LOVE* is *Still* our Guide  
*And* Although we cannot See you  
You're *ALWAYS* by Our side

*Rhodes*  
 Our *FAMILY CHAIN* is *broken*  
And *Nothing* seems the Same  
But, as *GOD* calls us *One by One*  
The *CHAIN* will *LINK* Again 

