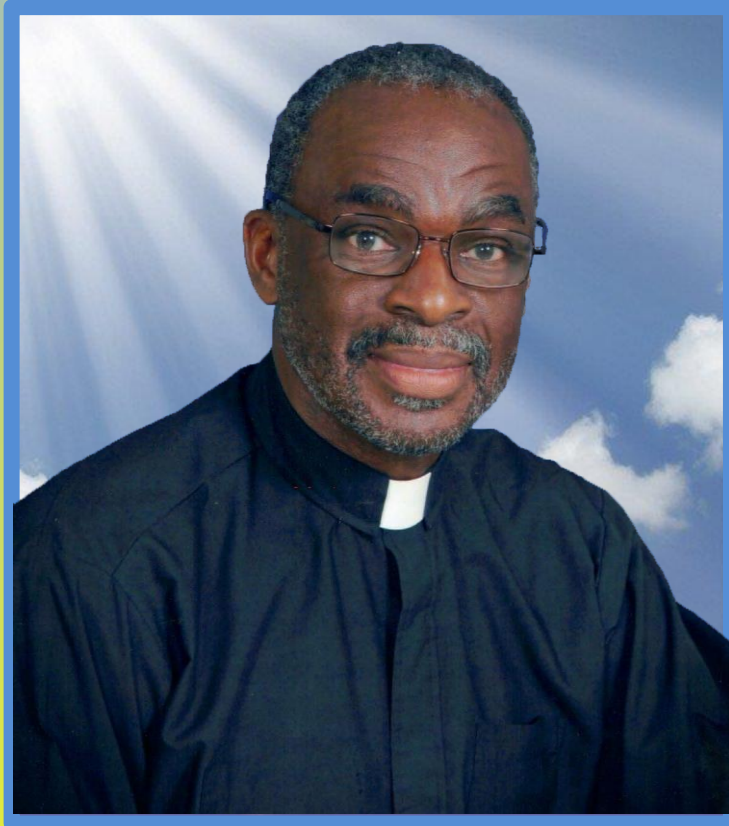


Celebration of Life
for
Rev. Dennis Hill

Sunrise: February 7, 1952

Sunset: November 19, 2021



Saturday November 27, 2021

Celebration of Life ~ 12:00pm – 2:00pm

**Logan Street Missionary Baptist Church
908 N. River Street Batavia, IL 60510**

Reverend Dr. David Seymour - Officiating



Rev. Dennis Hill

was born on Thursday, February 7, 1952 to the late LJ Hills and Lucretia Banks-Hills in Belzoni, Mississippi. The family relocated to Chicago, Illinois in 1955. He was the seventh of eight children and from an early age was inquisitive and outgoing.

At a very young age, Rev. Hill accepted Christ as his personal Lord and Savior at Greater Open Door Missionary Baptist Church of Chicago, IL. He graduated from Robert Lindblom Technical High School of Chicago, IL in June 1970, where he met and later married Rev. Cynthia (Green) Hill and from their union four children were born, Valencia, Victoria, Vanessa and Dennis Vernon. To this day, one of his most celebrated roles and well-earned titles is being an extremely loving father and grandfather.

Rev. Hill graduated from Judson College in June 1974 with a B.A. in Human Relations, during which time he accepted his call to the ministry while serving as a deacon of Progressive Baptist Church of Elgin, IL under Rev. T. DeWitt Smith, Jr. Shortly after graduating from Judson College, he attended Northern Theological Baptist Seminary in Lombard, IL. He was ordained in 1977.

Pastor Hill founded New Life Baptist Church of Elgin, IL in 1978 after a brief pastorate of Progressive Baptist Church of Elgin. At New Life, he had a dynamic preaching ministry full of life and love. He helped to unite churches across ethnic and denominational lines through frequent fellowships and outreach initiatives. God allowed him to sponsor many concerts to spread the gospel through song with artists such as: Albertina Walker, Inez Andrews, The Barrett Sisters, Soul Children of Chicago, and Rev. Milton Brunson & The Thompson Community Singers.

Rev. Hill's hard work, love of life and people opened the door for him to have an impact on thousands of lives. While pastoring, he had a full-time career at Elgin Mental Health Center where he made life-long friendships. He changed the lives of patients by sharing meals with his family and also bringing his family to sing to them. He spent time volunteering in the community for young mothers and working with School District U-46.

Rev. Hill served as Assistant Pastor at Logan Street MB Church under Pastor Truman B. Hazelwood and subsequently as Pastor for 2 years before relocating to Galena, Illinois.

Rev. Dennis Hill married his wife Mary Hill on February 16, 2002. He retired and moved to Galena in December of 2002 and went on as the founding pastor of Lord of Love Lutheran Church (Galena, IL) in 2010. Rev. Dennis was a member of the United Churches of Galena Council and Illinois Synod of Lutheran Churches, and an active member of the Galena Elks Club. He graduated from Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa in 2012 and was a substitute teacher in area schools around Galena. He enjoyed playing golf, riding bikes, and playing basketball with the many, many friends he had made over the years and loved living in scenic Galena.

In 2016, Rev. Dennis retired (for the second time) and with his wife Mary relocated to central Florida where he became an active member of the National Ataxia Foundation and started the area's local Ataxia support group.

On November 19, 2021, Rev. Dennis Hill was called from his earthly home to be with our Heavenly Father. Rev. Dennis Hill loved God, loved life, loved people, and loved giving others a good laugh.

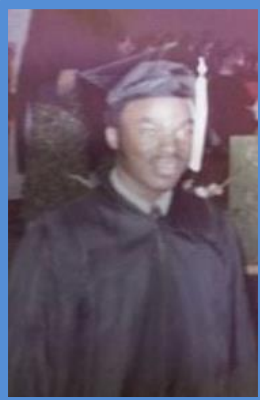
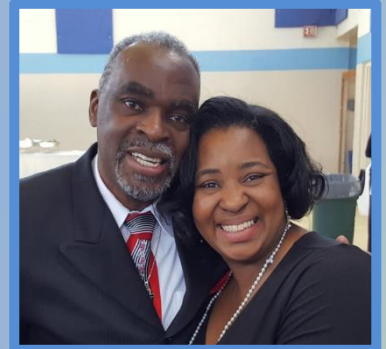
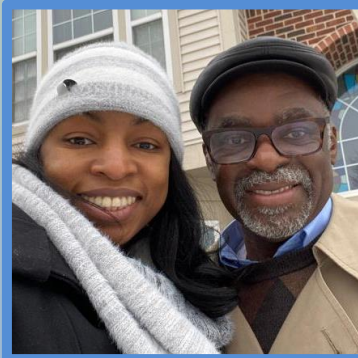
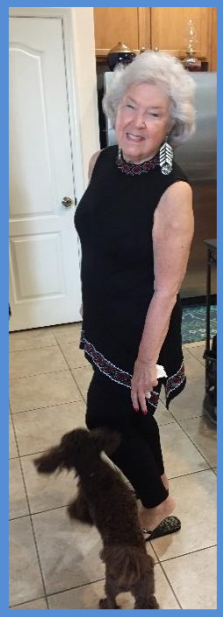
Rev. Dennis Hill was preceded in death by his parents, Lucretia Banks-Hills and LJ Hills, his brothers Willie Hills, Lewis Hills Jr., Billy Hill, and his sister Lucretia Ferguson. He leaves to cherish his memory; his wife Mary Hill; his children Rev. Valencia (Adegoke) Adetunji, Min. Victoria (Gregory) Pipkin, Pastor Vanessa (Daniel) Holland, and Rev. Dennis Vernon (Erica) Hill; his stepdaughter Paula (Ray) Rhoden; eleven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three siblings: Betty Hill-Finley, Valen Jean Hill, and Ruby Everage; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and many, many friends and loved ones.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude.....	
Call to Worship.....	
Processional.....	Family
Scripture.....	Rev. Cynthia Hill
Old Testament.....	Isaiah 40:28-31
New Testament.....	1 Thessalonians 4:1-2,13-18
Prayer.....	Minister
Congregational Song.....	”Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”
Tribute of A Wife’s Love (Mrs. Mary Hill).....	Mrs. Erica Hill
A Daughter’s Reflections.....	Pastor Vanessa Holland
Tribute.....	A’liyah and Makayla Curry
Tribute.....	Jayden Hill
Acknowledgements and Resolutions.....	
Remarks.....	Family & Friends (2 minutes)
Musical Selection.....	Logan St. MBC
Obituary.....	Vincent Hill
Tribute.....	Minister Victoria Pipkin
Tribute.....	Arden Joshua and Janella Pipkin
Eulogy.....	Reverend Dr. David Seymour
Benediction.....	Reverend Dr. David Seymour
Recessional.....	Family

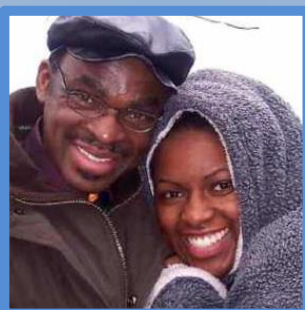
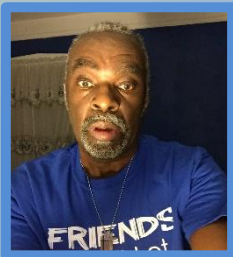
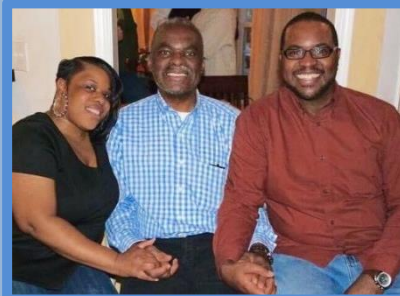
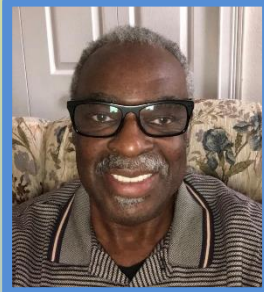
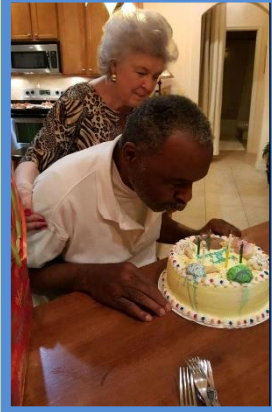
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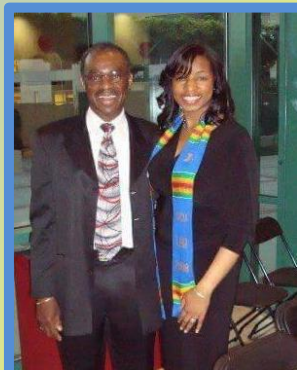
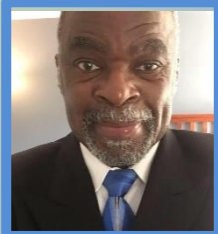
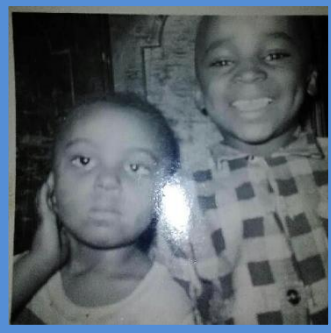


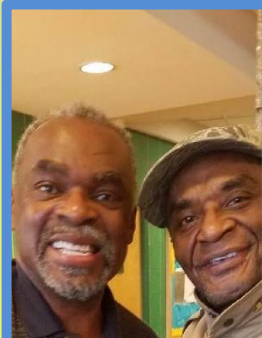
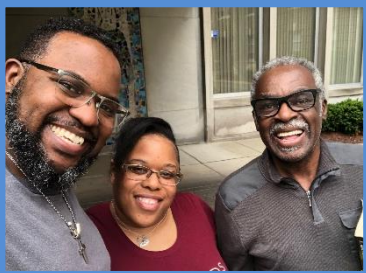
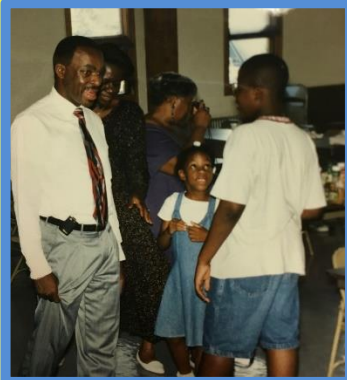
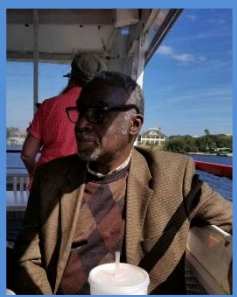


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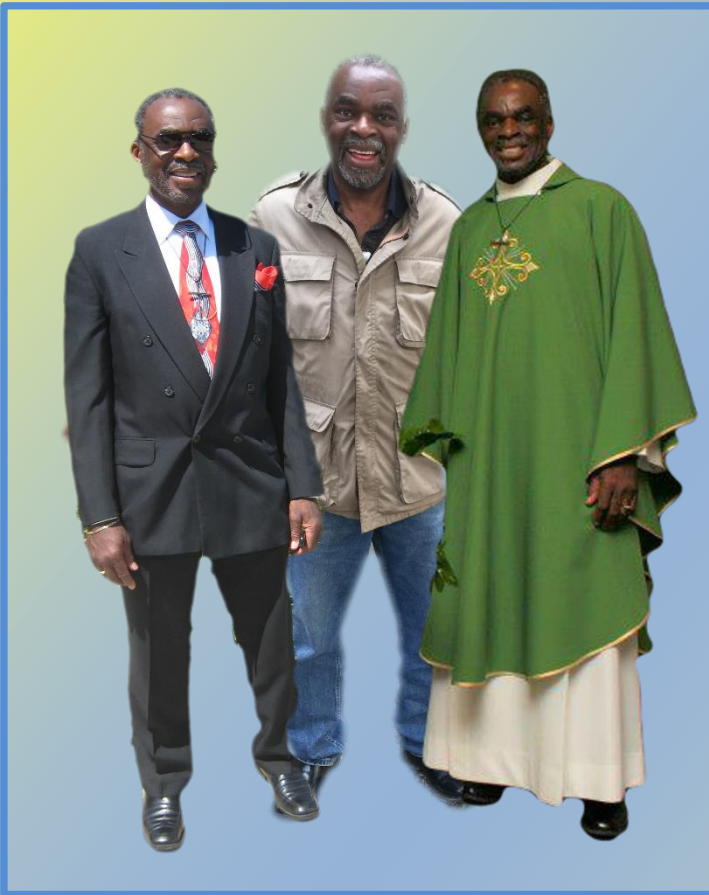






Acknowledgements

The Family of *Rev. Dennis Hill* gratefully acknowledge with a sincere appreciation the many acts of kindness, each gesture of sympathy, and every prayer for our loved one at this time of sorrow. We say a special THANK YOU to the entire Logan Street Missionary Baptist Church for their love and support during this time!



When tomorrow starts without me
And I'm not here to see
If the sun should rise and find
Your eyes filled with tears for me
I wish so much you wouldn't cry
The way you did today
While thinking of the many things
We didn't get to say
I know how much you loved me
And know that I loved you too.
When tomorrow starts without me
Don't think we're far apart
For every time you think of me,
I'm right there in your heart.



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