

# Celebration of Life For



Alpha  
October 3, 1965

Omega  
October 15, 2023

## **Ernest Gaylord Solomon**

Saturday, October 28, 2023  
11:00 A.M.

Southeast Community Church  
10413 Ashville Dr, Houston Tx, 77051

Dr. Taylor Dimes Jr. - Officiating  
Founding Senior Pastor of The Grace Church  
7527 South Freeway  
Houston, Tx. 77021

# Obituary

Ernest Gaylord Solomon 58 was born on October 3, 1965 to Earnest Gene Solomon and Joyce Lee Bess. He was the oldest of three sons. As a native of Houston Tx, he attended Foster Elementary, Cullen Middle School and Jack Yates High School. Upon graduating high school in 1983, Gaylord attended Lamar University in Beaumont Tx where he became an avid racket ball player as well as a competitive Power Lifter who won many Power Lifting Competitions.

Gaylord also joined Psalms 150 gospel choir under the leadership of Dr. Freddie Titus. He also taught Bible Study for the choir because he loved sharing Christ with others. While at Lamar, he met Wendolyn (Wendy) Morris whom he married some four years later. To this union, three beautiful daughters were born; Wyntriss Elayne, E'lysa Antoinette, and Emani Valencya Solomon. He enjoyed being a girl dad, but he also enjoyed his grandsons D'Shawn Jai Battles, and Xavier Alexander Solomon.

Sometime later, he transferred to Prairie View A&M University where he earned a bachelor's Degree in Social Work. After graduating from Prairie View, Gaylord also tried his hand at acting and he was very good at it. He was one of the main characters in John and Sherel Ames Television Show called "We Got The Power". He played the roll of a father of three. The show was aired on television for quite a while. Gaylord was employed by Harris County as an adult and a juvenile detention officer for over 23 years. He was also employed by Continental Airlines and United for over 25 years as a lead ramp agent. At his time of departure, Gaylord was a very active member of The Grace Church under the leadership of Dr. Taylor Dimes Jr. where he accepted his call to ministry in 2021. On February 27, 2022 he became a licensed minister of the gospel.

He's preceded in death by his parents Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Gene Solomon and his youngest brother Patrick Neal Solomon. He leaves to mourn his wife of 33 years Wendy Solomon, his three daughters Wyntriss Solomon, E'lysa Solomon, Emani Solomon, his grandsons D'Shawn Battles and Xavier Alexander Solomon, brother Paul E. Solomon his nieces Lauren Solomon, Ashley Solomon, his nephew Carter Solomon, his uncles Jackie Bess (Doris) of Burlson Tx, and Ronald Bess of Sweeny Tx, his mother-in-law of Houston, Tx Hazel B. Morris, his Goddaughter Vernatta Stevens of Port Arthur Tx, his God Sons Juene Franklin II of Montgomery Al, and William Watts of Houston, Tx and a host of great cousins, in-laws, relatives, and friends

# *Celebration Service*

Prelude  
Soft Music

Processional  
Hand of The Lord

Reading of Scripture

New Testament  
Minister Alice Henry

Old Testament  
Pastor Lewis Williams

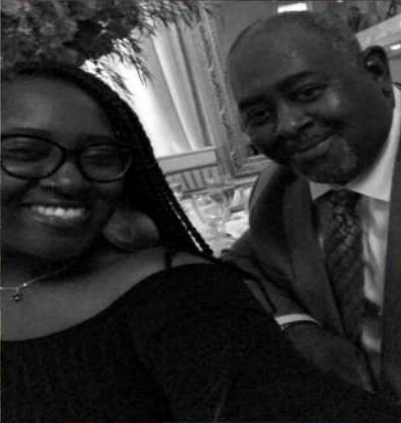
Prayer  
Rev. Roshunda Atchison-Middleton

Tributes/Expressions  
(Two Minutes Please)

Song  
Pastor Oliver Scott

Message of Triumph:  
Dr. Taylor Dimes Jr

Recessional  
I Am Healed



# Tributes



Dear Gaylord, we were married for over 33 years and on May 26, 1990, we pledged before God, family and friends that we would be married "until death do us part". Well I don't think that either of us expected that death would come so quickly, but here we are. On 02-14-1986 at 10:21 p.m. you asked me to be exclusive. You've always reminded me of that date and time, so I have never forgotten it. For more than 38 years, we have been apart of each other's lives and I will always cherish you for the wonderful husband you've been to me and the awesome father and grandfather you've been to the girls and our grandkids; so your passing has left a big hole in our hearts.

You've worked hard over the years to provide for our family and for that I'm truly grateful.

This thing we call life has not always been easy, but somehow with God's help, we've managed to make it through. Although our journey together has ended, I am both happy and sad at the same time. Happy because you are now with God and totally healed and sad because you're no longer here with us. Yes, I prayed that you would have gotten your healing on this side of Heaven, but our God had other plans. We all know that when God calls, we have to answer, so therefore "I don't grieve as one without hope, because for the believer, to be absent in the body is to be present with the Lord. While you were here on earth you enjoyed traveling and watching planes land and take off, but now you can truly soar and take your rest. So enjoy heaven kind sir, and I Will See You Later!

Love Your Wife Wendy

Ernesto,

Man Daddy... This is literally the hardest thing I have ever had to deal with. Thank you for being a role model, a leader, a family man, hard worker, a grandfather and most of all my daddy. I can't put into words how much I'm going to miss you. Our conversations were legendary. The laughter we shared, the stories we shared and the tears we shared with each other will remain in my heart just so I know you are there with me all the time.

Man daddy, this hurts so much. Thank you for being there for me and showing up like you always do. Every thing I did in church, band activities, and even when I became grown grown you was right there. I did everything bigger and better knowing you was there smiling in the crowd. Thank you for showing me what love is. You sir, loved us deeply and unconditionally. I love you and I miss you. See you later daddy. ❤️

-Your Babygirl.



# Tributes



Dear Daddy

It's Toni, you already know what it is daddy! I can't believe I'm having to say Rest In Peace so soon, but that's what you're in Peace! You meant so much to me and to so many other people. This still seems so unreal, but I'm grateful I got to spend your last days here on earth with you. (I rocked with you until the very end daddy).

I'ma miss your pop up visits to my job. I'ma miss our phone calls every time I went on break or lunch or just because I needed you. I'ma miss you bringing me breakfast just because. I'ma miss our weekly lunch dates. I'ma miss our little silly arguments over you having the television up so loud. I'ma miss you always saying "Girl get off that phone and come get this boy" lol. The silence is so heavy. I don't think you truly understood how much I love you daddy. You took such good care of me and Xavier until the end literally. If I had the opportunity to take care of you again, I would do it over, and over, and over again. You know I didn't mind being your caretaker lol. Thank you for loving my son as if he was your own. I miss you so much, but I know you were tired. So Rest on Daddy!

Well Done!

Love Your Middle Baby E'lysa Antoinette



Hey Paw Paw,

You are a great Paw Paw and I will cherish every moment I had with you. I hope you are in a better place. I love and miss you!

Shawn

To My Great Uncle Gaylord

It is with great sadness that I learned about your passing, and I was praying for you to get better. You were a great uncle to your nephew, and I will never forget a long time ago you took me and my cousin Emani to Schlitterbahn in San Antonio, and we had a great time there. With my affection and deepest condolences I will miss you, but I will never forget you for rest of my life.

Rest in Peace Uncle Gaylord  
May God Watch Over You In Heaven.

Love Kaleb.



# Tributes

Dad,

It's hard not having you around. Your transition has highlighted the mark you left on every facet of my life. Your work ethic was something that I admired about you since I was a child. It seemed you were always at work, yet there was no shortage of memories with you. This paradox only makes sense when I think about your legacy of altruism. No matter what was going on, you always showed up. You made sure I felt loved and supported. As I became a teenager, with all the problems that stage entails, I found our bond became stronger. As I explored who I was, I saw a lot of me in you. We both shared a zeal for travel, and you encouraged me to do so. I would

say "I want to go here one day", and your response would be "make sure you do, no matter what".

That advice has been amplified since you left.

These last few years, which I do believe were by design, have had the most impact on my life. Your calm demeanor, in the midst of chaos, was the epitome of someone with fortitude. When you accepted your call to ministry, it encouraged me to cultivate a genuine relationship with God.

These gems I will rely on for years to come.

All the memories we shared have held me up during this time, and now I will use them to propel me.

I will continue your legacy of altruism, resilience, and kindness.

Dad, I loved you so much, and who you were as a father will never be lost on me. Rest in heavenly peace.

Sincerely,  
Emani

Mr. Solomon,

I want to Thank you for the 20 years I was able to enjoy with you. From the time I was 10 years old until now, you have ALWAYS treated me like your own. Thank you for your kindness, the laughs, and of course your words of wisdom. Thank you for letting me call you "Dad!"

Love you forever and always,  
Jadel

We are never ready to say goodbye forever, even though we know it is a part of life. On this day, our hearts are heavy for losing someone so special, but we also celebrate your life as we mourn your death. But here we are saying one last goodbye. But before we say our goodbyes, we just want to say WE LOVE YOU! Our memories together from graduation to birthdays and even coming over for the holidays will never be the same nor forgotten!

Rest in peace!

(nieces and nephew Lauren, Ashley, Carter)

An Infectious smile, calming presence, and gentle tone are the refreshing memories that comes to mind as I reflect. To say you will be missed tremendously is an understatement. As you have gained your wings in your final resting place I wanted to say Thank you. Thank you for giving me a lifetime best friend E'lysa. Thank you for loving and treating me as your own daughter. Thank you for providing fun experiences throughout my childhood. Thank you for being YOU. While your transition has not been easy to deal with, the comfort of knowing you're at peace eases the pain a bit. I'll continue to cherish the moments shared and the impact you have made in my life.

Love Your Other Daughter Gerika

### Acknowledgements

The family of Ernest Gaylord Solomon sincerely Thank you for your generosity and your expressions of love, sympathy, helpfulness, and prayers during this difficult time. We express our thanks for acts of expressions of kindness that warmed our broken hearts. For the flowers that added a touch of beauty to a setting that was full of gloom and the food that nourished our bodies. May God continue to bless you. Please continue to pray for us!

-The Family

### Active Pallbearers

Brensen Stevens  
Lewis Williams  
Ronald Bess Jr  
Thaddius Leonard  
Steven Bonton  
Victor Bess

### Honorary Pallbearer

D'Shawn Battles  
Xavier Solomon  
Carter Solomon  
Jackie Bess  
Javon Jolivette  
Ronald Bess  
Kaleb Ceaser  
Clifton Ceaser

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