



Bishop James Tankersley

August 29, 1935 - August 13, 2015

Bishop James L. Tankersley, age 79, of Cleveland, passed away August 13, 2015. He was born in Floresville, TX, on August 29, 1935, to the late Ernest and Georgia Tankersley.

He was a proud and loving husband who will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Bishop James began his service to God at the age of 15 and was a full time minister for over 65 years, most recently at New Beginning Apostolic Faith Church in Cleveland. He proudly served as the General Secretary of the True Churches of the Apostolic Faith Organization TTCAF.

Bishop James is survived by his wife of 59 years, Audrey Tankersley Spencer, his brother Leo V. Tankersley of Seguin, TX.

He was preceded in death by his four other brothers.

A Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, August 22, 2015 at 11am at the Monreal Funeral Home, 35400 Curtis Blvd., Eastlake.

Visitation will be on Saturday, August 22, 2015 from 10:30am to 11:00am at the Monreal Funeral Home, 35400 Curtis Blvd., Eastlake.

Tribute Wall

UK

“ I would be interested in finding out if this is the grandson of George Edward Tankersley. He sure looks a lot like him. If he is, then this is probably one of my distant cousins. My best wishes to the family.

Uncle Nono - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TI

“ PRAISE THE LORD!Mother Audrey Tankersley,Were praying for you and your family and your church family.Remember and our wish upon you is said from I.Thess.5:23-the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.May God bless you all there...Min.Timothy Irby Sr.Holiness Life Church of God

tim irby - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ So so so sad to hear of your loss Mother Tanekrsley. May God strengthen and comfort you as only his peace can. I imagine him and my dad, the late Bishop Theodore Gaston had a time when they met on the other side.With love, Evg. Renetter Gaston-Trice

Renetter - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Mother Tankersley we are praying for you and our church family. It was a beautiful, bitter sweet day to see some of my church friends At Bishop James L Tankersley's Home Going Service At Monreal, in Eastlake Ohio today, The Love he had toward serving God, and the organization of which he served As General Secretary for decades. He started several churches and truly, loved people.. He Had Authority and Power and Position governed by and with Humility and constraint and he exercised it! He was like'nd unto a surgent who does open heart surgery without shedding a drop of blood or leaving behind a scar! I've been to many Home Going services, I've never seen a service where even the Funeral Directors were transparently touched by what was done, said, and expressed toward the Life, and works that do follow Bishop Tankersley. He used LOVE to Bring out the Best in People who allowed him too. Which in turned showed the Love of God, and paved the way for you to see and feel the God and To change your lives to serve the God because your love him, instead of a stand point of purely fearing him!*

Bro Ronald Lee Grimes - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *\\"Praise the Lord Mother Tankersley and the New Beginning Church Family\\" Sorry for your lost, he is out of your sight but not your hears.Remember the sunday school,bible study and his sermons preached, hold on for just a little while, the comforter is here, he will never leave or forsake you*

Sister Fawn Hubbard - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *Praise the Lord: Another solider has left the battlefield. Sleep on dear solider and take your rest.Love alwaysSister Rise' Watson*

Rise' Watson - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM



Pastor Benson is praying for you all of y'all in Jesus name and she always think about you I'm praying and she said when he had more than a conferences and stuff there when I was covid and stuff then was traveling traveling nowhere at a state so uncovered Kingdom it go away you can go back to traveling again to different place at Baltimore Rochester in Durham North Carolina Bishop Copeland church and is very big too to get this message this is the pastor Benson

Viola Shuman - March 24, 2021 at 09:11 PM

EM

“ Praise the Lord Pastor.How will be ever able to replace you. You were a kind man, full of wiadom and good old common sense. When you came to us we were very happy because we already knew you. I hope that we did not expedite your decision to leave us. I hope that we were able to give to you what you gave to us. Pray for us that we get someone half as excelent as you were. Ever Impacted, Wilma Miles

Evangelist Wilma E. Miles - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

“ Mother Audrey Tankersley we are praying for you and our church family Bishop James Tankersley was as true friend as my late friend Deacon John Jennings, He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He truly had a love for people, and wished people loved him the same. He often quoted the Theme from the Jefferson's "Well we're movin on up, Brother, To the east side..... We finally got a piece of the pie" He didn't believe that saints should have to live in poverty their whole life and that saints should be able to obtain some blessing while here on earth! He loved to help people! Sometimes when Bishop T, corrected you Like Deacon Robert Flanigan, you would be driving down the road before you knew and or realized that you had been corrected..... He did not participate in authority power trips with the people that he was over. "He used to say Let me handle it", "If you can't help me... Please Don't hurt me" When he was working with people, that were trying to get things right in their life. "Don't throw the baby out the window with the bath water."

Let me work with them, I'm the Bishop!. When I was wounded and wanted to walk away from the Apostolic / Pentecostal faith churches altogether Bishop Tankersley, he discerned it, He invited me into the church not to join it but just so I wasn't out of church all together. In doing so I had time to heal and return and mend fences wherein I was wounded. When I told him I what I did, He said;

Good Brother Grimes. I'm Glad you went back and got it right. Brother Grimes, Bishop Stanley Halton and I was talking if we could get back all the people that we put out of church, or ran off, instead of working with them giving them another chance we would not be able to hold them within the walls of the church.. Bishop T as we called him will be dearly missed. OFTEN I hear him say

Brother Grimes, How doing Brother? We're going to make it Brother; Bishop T was a very pleasant person. He showed and demonstrated love when dealing and working with

people. When you messed up and had to go see him to confess and get it right, He welcome you in, listen to you, then prayed a prayer of repentance with you. He demonstrated the Love of God toward us in how he dealt with us and we inturned learned to treat other the same way. He did not rule the church out of fear but love. The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee. Jeremiah 31:3. "If you're looking for a second chance in life, you've come to the right place. At NEW BEGINNING APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH you will experience the POWER and the LOVE of GOD like you never have before and experience LIFE IS IN HIS SON !!

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Bro Ronald Lee Grimes - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM