

SERVICE OF HONOR AND CELEBRATION OF LIFE



ALPHA
DECEMBER 1, 1973

OMEGA
FEBRUARY 18, 2023

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023
11:00 A.M.

HOPE CHURCH MEMPHIS
8500 WALNUT GROVE RD. | CORDOVA, TN 38018

BISHOP BRANDON BURDETT PORTER

GREATER COMMUNITY TEMPLE C.O.G.I.C PASTOR
OFFICIANT AND EULOGIST

LIFE OF SERVICE AND LEGACY

Geoffrey Bernard Redd

¹²Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. ¹⁶Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing. **Philippians 3:12, 16**

"Fear not for thou hast born a Son..." I Sam 4:20

On Saturday, December 1, 1973, Geoffrey "Bernard" Redd was born to the proud mother of Mrs. Eddie Renee Campbell. God sent Mr. Lonnie E. James, who raised Geoffrey as his son in Bruce and Tupelo, Mississippi.

"And the child grew and waxed strong in spirit..." Luke 1:80

Geoffrey accepted Christ as his personal savior at the age of 9 at the Springhill Baptist Church in Tupelo, Mississippi. His faith and spiritual maturation grew and was developed at the Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church, Greater Deliverance Tabernacle Holiness Church (Pastor Dennis Westbrook) and the Dyersburg Christian Center (Bishop Wesley Arije). Geoffrey was ordained into the gospel at the hand of Bishop Arije, later serving as co-founder of the Divine Vision Christian Church International with his cousin Pastor Quantral M. Fletcher, in 2010.

"Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God." Psalms 92:13

Geoffrey visited Greater Community Temple COGIC on several occasions before becoming a member on March 1, 2020, under the leadership of Bishop Brandon B. Porter. After joining, he was appointed as the Chief of Security and served as a Sunday School Teacher. In December 2022, he was enrolled in the International Sunday School Department (ISSD) TEAC Certification and submitted his final PowerPoint Presentation entitled "Stand Firm" to complete the program before being hospitalized.

"That he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier..." 2 Timothy 2:4

He graduated from Tupelo High School and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, attached to the 1st Battalion 6th Marine Regiment until 1996. Upon returning home, he enrolled in the IMACA Education Foundation and received training to earn a certificate to service motor-vehicle air conditioners. He completed the Motor coach Training in Coach Air Conditioning Diagnosis & Services in Phoenix, Arizona. After receiving an Applied Science Associate's Degree in Diesel Technology from Itawamba Community College, he began working as a Diesel Mechanic.

"Watchman, what of the night?" Isaiah 21:11

Geoffrey's desire to become a Police Officer led him to join the Memphis Police Recruiting Class of 2008. He served as a Commissioned Peace Officer for the State of Tennessee, became a Field Training Officer, and was a member of the Crisis Intervention Team. Officer Redd was a highly decorated law enforcement professional with over fifteen years of continued service to the citizens of Memphis, TN. Geoffrey served with excellency at several stations during his tenure with the police department: Old Allen, Union, Raines, Mt. Moriah, Ridgeway, and Appling Farms lastly. He loved his career as a Police Officer. On February 2, 2023, Officer Geoffrey Redd was wounded critically in the line of duty. He went home to be with the Lord on February 18, 2023. He lived a life of service and was a proud Memphian.

"He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly." Acts 10:2

Geoffrey was a God-Fearing man who loved the Lord! He was no stranger to the Bible or Praying. Geoffrey was a "Quite Gentle Giant" that would give you the clothes off his back and shoes off his feet. He was a survivor, warrior, protector, "A HERO!" and wasn't afraid to tackle anything that came his WAY! Geoffrey loved his family and kept everyone laughing with his jokes. You best believe he would cheer you up if he knew you were down!

Geoffrey was a newlywed, meeting his wife, Mrs. Kimberly Lynn Redd, at Greater Community Temple COGIC. Kimberly and Geoffrey were united in holy matrimony on September 24, 2022, and loved each other dearly. Together they could do all by Faith. He was a devoted and loving husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle, nephew, cousin, and friend. He served his country, his church, his community, and his family. Geoffrey's laugh was contagious, his faith was strong, and his love was limitless.

Geoffrey was preceded in death by Michelle Fletcher, his Aunt, whom he loved dearly.

Geoffrey leaves to cherish his memory and legacy his wife, Mrs. Kimberly Lynn Redd, his mother, Mrs. Eddie Renee Campbell (Rickey), and his surrogate father, Mr. Lonnie E. James. He also leaves his three daughters, Ashleeauna, Summerr Destiny, and Bethanny Autumn Redd, and his three children in love, Whitney, Wendy, and Walter Sheppard III; five grandchildren, Journee Floyd, Ilani and Ailyn Redd, Jaxxon Ace Wilson, and Aaliyah; his siblings, Sondra James (Will), Justin James, and Kenya Layrock (Corey); his Aunt, LeTonya Fletcher and Uncle, Sheikh Muhammad Ziyad and four cousins whom he grew up with, Quantral, LeKeasha, Willie, and Katina; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and close friends who loved him dearly!

Service of Honor & Celebration for **OFFICER GEOFFREY “BERNARD” REDD**

Elder Charlie Reese Sr., Presiding
+Where indicated, please stand.

*“The hour of Triumphant Celebration has come, O Lord, hear our prayer and accept
our meditation, as we glorify Thy Name, Amen”*

+ The Processional

Pastoral Procession

Bishop Brandon B. Porter, Dr. J. Anthony Taylor II, The Visiting Clergy

The Family Procession

The Redd Family

The Sealing of the Vessel

+The Presentation of Colors

The Ministry of Music..... *“We Shall Behold Him”*..... Deborah Manning Thomas

+ The Prayer of Comfort.....

+ The Old Testament Reading.....*Psalms 23*.....

+ The New Testament Reading..... *I Corinthians. 15:51-58*.....

The Ministry of Music..... GCT Music Ministry

The Special Tributes

Patrick Riley

Friend and Roommate

Sgt. Rick Swehla

1st Battalion 6 Marine II Platoon

Lt. Tara Sloan

Tupelo Police Department/Classmate

Quantral Fletcher

The Redd Family

Elder Michael Peyton

Vice-President International Sunday

School Dept. C.O.G.I.C.

Song from Daughter.....”Hero” by Mariah Carey.....Asheleeauna Lsrael’ Baree Redd

Special Musical Tribute.....Memphis Police Dept. Peacemakers

Memphis Police Department Tribute.....Chief Cerelyn “C.J.” Davis

Resolutions & Acknowledgments.....Evangelist Pamela Willingham

Video Presentation and Tribute

The Ministry of Music..... GCT Music Ministry

The Eulogy..... Bishop Brandon Burdett Porter

Greater Community Temple Church Of God In Christ

The Recessional.....





FROM YOUR
Daughters

Like a Flower
You Blossomed so Beautifully
Like a Tree
Your legacy will always Stand. “
“Ashley”

I THINK ABOUT YOU ALWAYS,
I TALK ABOUT YOU STILL,
YOUR LITTLE GIRL AUTUMNN,
I STILL LOVE YOU AND ALWAYS WILL,
YOU WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN,
AND THERE YOU WILL REMAIN,
TO WALK AND GUIDE ME UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN
“Autumn”

Just one more time , I wish I could hear your voice.
Unfortunately life hasn't given me that choice.
Your Spirit will forever be with me.
I'm at peace , no need for tears with your love
I was blessed for all those years.
“Summerr”



To Geoffrey

A Love Poem Made Specifically to You, From Kimberly

Oh the love I have for you
My love for you is dancing in the winds
It is a breath of fresh aroma
Looking through the lens of life
Trees singing with each leaf
Flowers blooming beautifully in the winds
The shadows of your love to my heart like to sunshine in the sky
We both found true love in each other
My love for you will never end like rivers flowing in the seas
Breathing into my body with each memory
Oh the love I have for you
Reaching in the moments of time
Oh the love I have for you



Acknowledgements

The family of Officer, Geoffrey Bernard Redd would like to acknowledge, with deep appreciation, the numerous expressions of kindness and comfort that have been extended to our family during this time of bereavement. Special thank you to Mayor Jim Strickland, Chief CJ Davis and the Memphis police department, Bishop Brandon B. Porter and the Greater Community Temple church family and the Hope Church Memphis, for your extreme care and compassion. May God continue to smile upon you and grant you his love.

We ask that you continue to pray for us- The Family

Pallbearers:

Memphis Police Department

Honorary Pallbearers:

Rickey Campbell	Willie L. Tate
Justin James	Corey Layrock
Quantral M. Fletcher	Rudolph Young
Walter Sheppard III	Tupelo High School Alumni, Class of 1993

Interment

West Tennessee Veterans Cemetery
4000 Forest Hill Irene Road | Memphis, TN 38125

Arrangements Entrusted To

R.S. Lewis & Sons Funeral Home, LLC

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