



Elder Esau Courtney Jr.

August 16, 1935 - November 20, 2021

Administrative Assistant Esau Courtney, Jr., the second of five children and the eldest son, was born on August 16, 1935, to the union of Bishop Esau Courtney, Sr. and Mother Alverine Courtney. Esau was born in Trenton, New Jersey and has lived in the Trenton area all of his life. Esau loved his parents dearly and always attended to their needs and comfort.

As a teenager, Elder Courtney accepted Christ as his personal Savior. He worked earnestly in the church under the leadership of his father, the late Bishop Esau Courtney, Sr., the only pastor under which he served. This granted Elder Courtney the opportunity to be guided by an integral, anointed man of God, while experiencing a rich and fulfilled Christian journey. Esau affectionately referred to as “June”, “Junie” or “Junior”, loved to laugh and always had a witty personality. With a generous spirit and a kind heart, Esau enjoyed helping others especially in their time of need.

Esau was educated in the Trenton Public School System. A diligent worker from his youth, Esau held various jobs as a young adult. In 1964 he decided to attend the New Jersey State Police Academy and later graduated from the State Police Academy for municipal police, at Sea Girt, New Jersey. While on the police force he served as a detective and was awarded many honors and awards, retiring in 1994.

In November 1957, a young Esau married the love of his life, Katherine Frances Burrell, whom he would often describe as his “peaches and cream”. Their bond was unbreakable, and the two of them worked closely to build a loving home to raise their three children, Duana, Esau 3rd and Bryce. Eld. Courtney took great pride and joy in caring for his family, ensuring that all their needs were met.

In 1977, Esau Courtney, Jr. acknowledged his call to the ministry. He was ordained an Elder by his father, the late Bishop Esau Courtney, Sr. and became an associate minister of Holy Trinity Church of God in Christ (now Courtney Temple). Over the years, Elder Courtney served faithfully in a number of capacities in the local church and was later appointed as Assistant Pastor. On the District level, Eld. Courtney served as Y.P.W.W. President for thirty years. On the Jurisdictional level, Eld. Courtney served as President of the Youth Department for several years.

Committed to supporting his father in the ministry, Eld. Courtney assisted the late Bishop Esau Courtney, Sr. with overseeing his God-given vision of building the Headquarters for the First Jurisdiction of New Jersey Church of God in Christ, which was completed in 1982. Eld. Courtney faithfully supported his father in overseeing the construction of the Jurisdictional Headquarters which was a monumental undertaking. Because of his love for God, his father and the saints, Eld. Courtney labored endlessly in every facet imaginable to properly maintain the sanctuary. It pleased Eld. Courtney that he could lighten the load from his father while making the edifice comfortable for the saints to worship.

In his declining years, Bishop Courtney appointed Eld. Courtney as pastor of Courtney Temple in 1998. Elder Courtney graciously accepted the baton as pastor from his beloved father and Bishop and humbly strived to continue in

the path paved by him to do the will of God and serve His flock.

In 2005, five years after the demise of Bishop Courtney, the Courtney Temple family transferred their membership to the Pennsylvania Koinonia Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction under the leadership of Bishop Earnest Carl Morris, Sr. The Koinonia Jurisdiction embraced Eld. Courtney and the Courtney Temple family with love. While there, Eld. Courtney served as District Superintendent of the New Garden State District, Jurisdictional Assistant Chairman of Finance, and Administrative Assistant to Bishop Morris.

Superintendent Esau Courtney, Jr. lived a full God-fearing life and now has gone to be with God to get his reward. He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife Mother Katherine Frances Courtney; his precious daughter Duana L. Randolph (Michael); his devoted sons; Elder Esau Courtney, 3rd and Deacon Bryce R. Courtney; his sisters; Florence Leonard, JoAnn Sweeney (William) and Patricia Owens; his sister-in-law, Sharon Courtney; a godson, Clifford Dukes; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins; the members of Courtney Temple Church of God in Christ.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

1800 Hamilton Avenue
Hamilton, NJ

Previous Events

Walk Through Viewing

DEC 6. 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Courtney Temple COGIC
740 Pennington Avenue
Trenton, NJ 08618

Funeral Service

DEC 6. 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Elder Esau Courtney Jr.*

September 22, 2022 at 02:41 PM



“ *To Mrs. Kathryn Courtney and family:*

How sad it was to hear that Elder Courtney has passed over. He was a wonderful pastor, preacher and example to be followed. I really enjoyed hearing him preach or just sitting at the table listening to him after the meetings held at the Temple. Many of us would sit around while waiting for the next service to start. I learned so much from him. I can only imagine the pain felt by you all right now. My prayer is that memories and laughter, cause he sure had a sense of humor, will help to ease the loss of such a remarkable man. May he rest paradise.

Eleanor Campbell (Penny)

Eleanor Campbell - January 13, 2022 at 01:11 PM



“ *Previous posting sent by Morris Kimble
(Ret'd TBOE Principal)*

Morris Kimble (Ret'd TBOE Principal) - December 06, 2021 at 05:39 AM



“ *To the Courtney Family,
May God comfort, strengthen, keep and bless
you during your time of bereavement.*



Morris Kimble (Ret'd TBOE Principal) - December 06, 2021 at 05:34 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Elder Esau Courtney Jr..*



December 04, 2021 at 10:16 PM

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“ We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the entire Courtney family and the Church family.

Elder Courtney was pillar in his family, church family and in the Trenton Community.

He extended a helping hand to those who were in need. Yes, he was stern, but it was for your good. He had a great sense of wry humor. He thoroughly enjoyed the church picnics and wanted to be sure there was enough food for all.

From my family perspective I remember him helping my aunts serve at dinner parties, no fan fare, just helping.

Elder Courtney served and supported faithfully the Church of God in Christ.

My husband, Rev Arthur Johnson, will miss ribbing him when fellowshiping at various occasions of Courtney Temple.

We the Johnsons will continue to pray for the Courtney family and Courtney Temple church family.

In Christian Love, sister connie

Etheria Johnson - December 04, 2021 at 01:09 PM