

*A Service
Of Memory
Celebrating
The Life
Of*



*Reverend
James E. Whitman, D.D.*

September 29, 1916 - October 4, 2001

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2001 - 11:00 a.m.

Service Held At
ZION PROGRESS BAPTIST CHURCH
7835 E. Lafayette
Detroit, Michigan

Reverend Thomas Petty, Officiating
Pastor, Shady Grove Baptist Church

The Obituary



James Emmett Whitman, was born on September 29, 1916, to the union of Emmett and Cassie Whitman in Huntsville, Alabama.

He accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age at Zion Progress Baptist Church in Huntsville, Alabama. He moved his membership to Shady Grove Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan in 1944. He received his License to Preach on December 3, 1948. He served as an associate minister under his cousin the late Rev. Richard S. Sailes until the Lord led him to start Zion Progress Baptist Church, where he was the pastor for 48 years until his death.

He earned his high school diploma in the 1930's in Alabama. He earned degrees from Detroit Bible College (Tynsdale College). He received a Doctorate of Divinity Degree from the Metropolitan Seminary. He was one of the founders of the Urban Bible Institute established in January, 1983. He received an Honorary Doctorate Degree from the Willard Fillmore College of Divinity. He has received many other honors too numerous to name.

Rev. Whitman peacefully went home to be with the Lord on October 4, 2001. His parents, Emmett and Cassie Whitman, his son, Luther Whitman, his sister, Sally Petty (William) and grandson, Darrell Whitman preceded him in death.

He leaves to cherish his memories his wife of 43 years, Hazel Whitman and this daughter, Carolyn Brown. His first born daughter, Doris Readus and from his first marriage, Lewis Whitman (Margaret), Pauline Norris, Charles Whitman (Eunice), Flossie Walker (Thurman) and Denise Elam, along with one sister-in-law, Lillie Tabscott.

There are twenty-three grandchildren, Sheryl Upshaw, Adrienne Whitman, Tonya Whitman, Kevin Whitman, Debra Norris, Sean Norris, Nicole Norris, Shanedria Norris, Charles Whitman, II, Erika Jones, Rodney Walker, Marlon Walker, Kenyon Walker, Naji Elam, Khalilah Elam, Robert Brown and Camille Brown; thirty great grandchildren; eight great great grandchildren; two nephews, Rev. Thomas Petty (Terri) and Isaiah Petty; one niece, Addie Mae Thompson; and a host of other relatives and friends.



I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

-II Timothy 4:7-8

~The Order Of Service~

ORGAN PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

SONG Zion Progress and Shady Grove Combined Choirs
"Amazing Grace" (Favorite Hymn)

SCRIPTURE

OLD TESTAMENT Reverend Brock, Charlevoix Baptist Church

NEW TESTAMENT Reverend Aaron Ross, Golden Gate Baptist Church

PRAYER Reverend Robert Thomas, Shady Grove Baptist Church

SOLO Nathan Cornell

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CARDS, TELEGRAMS,

CONDOLENCES and OBITUARY Laverne Robinson

RECOGNITION OF CHURCH Deacon Robert Anderson

GENERAL CHURCH Ethel Bussey

FAMILY Lewis Whitman

SONG Combined Choirs

REMARKS Two Minutes, Please

Reverend Howard Ramsey, Moderator

Christian Fellowship District

Sister Leola Ramsey, President

B.M.&E. State Women's Auxiliary

Sister Beatrice Dozier, President

Christian Fellowship Women's Auxiliary

Reverend Nathan Proche', President

B.M.&E. State Congress of Christian Education

Reverend Edward Branch, President

B.M.&E. State Convention

City and State Officials

Reverend E. D. Cobbin

Eastside Ministers In Action

SONG....."Order My Steps" Combined Choirs

EULOGY Reverend Thomas Petty, Pastor
Shady Grove Baptist Church

RECESSIONAL

(Drivers in The Funeral Procession, Please Turn On Headlights for Safety.)

What Reverend James E. Whitman Means To Me

Wise man I have known all my life

Honorable because he wanted people to come to Christ.

Intelligent and had integrity.

Testifier and teacher, who taught me.

Messenger who told us words sent from above

Admirable and appreciated from everyone who has love

(He's) **N**ow so near Our Heavenly Father

We will be too, but I never told him this although I believe he still knew

But thank you for all your wise words that are so true.

And please remember I will forever love and miss you.



Rest In Peace,
Love, Kelli Cornell



Pallbearers

Edward Clayton
Richard Stewart
Dennis Hampton

Norman Plant
Sherrod Hampton
Kinard Denning

Honorary Pallbearers

Lewis Whitman
Charles Whitman
Naji Elam

Kevin Whitman
Charles Whitman, II
Robert Brown

Flower Bearers

Friends Of The Family

Interment

MT. ELLIOTT CEMETERY
1701 Mt. Elloitt
Detroit, Michigan

Acknowledgement Of Appreciation

The family of the late REVEREND JAMES E. WHITMAN acknowledges, with sincere appreciation, your understanding, your prayers, and all acts of kindness shown at this time of bereavement.

Final Arrangements Entrusted To

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