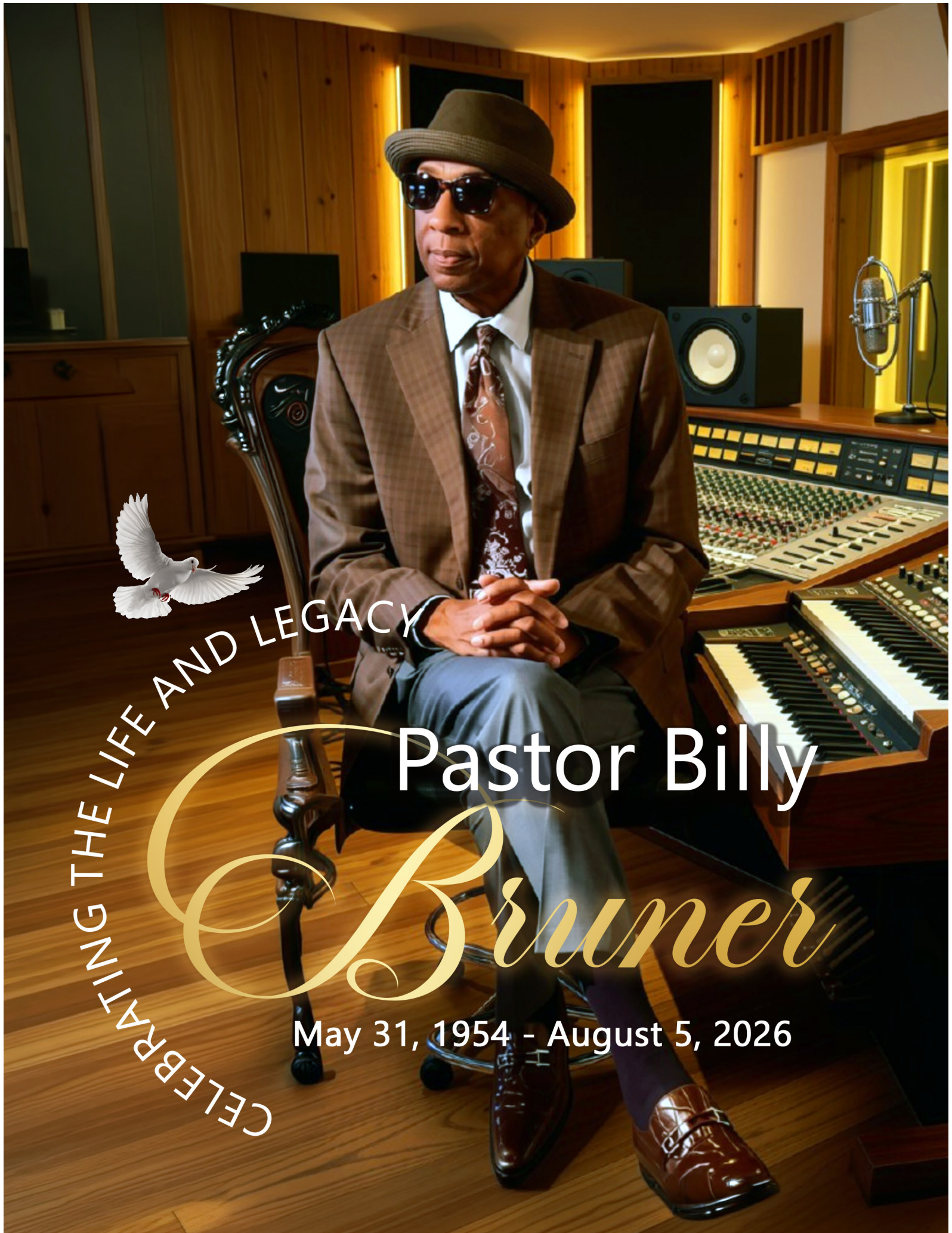


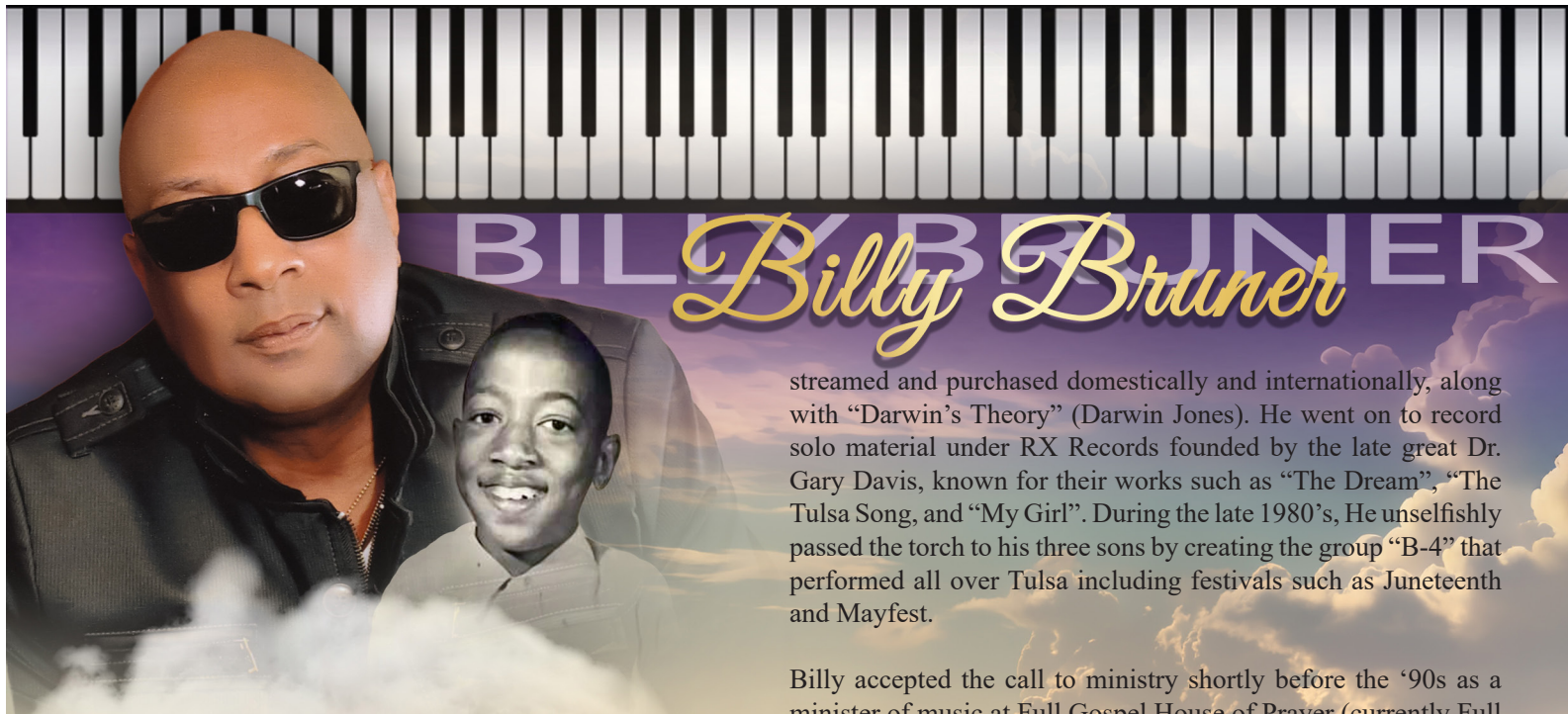


CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY

Pastor Billy

Bruner

May 31, 1954 - August 5, 2026



Billy Joe Bruner was born May 31, 1954, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. A beloved son, husband, father, and friend. Born to Bernice and Joe Bruner in the heart of Black Wall Street, near Greenwood and Archer. He embraced his faith during his early years at Church of The Living God (late Bishop Thomas Smith), where he and his mother worshipped for years. Having lost his father at the tender age of three, Bishop T. Smith was active in his life as a positive father figure.

Billy graduated from Booker T. Washington (Class of '72) and completed 'some' college at Langston University (OK). Shortly after, he met and began dating the love of his life, Donna Steed. They dated throughout her senior year at Tulsa Central High (1975) and were inseparable up until his final breath. Their love for each other was one for the record books. They married in 1985, at the home of Earl and Marie Steed (Donna's parents) amongst a loving group of family/friends. At this time, they shared three sons: Omari (born 1977), Billy Jr. (1978), and Joseph (1980).

His passion for music began at a young age. He sang along to Hank Williams, Bobby Darin, James Brown on the radio, creating his own words whenever he did not know the lyrics. While in high school (10th Grade), he taught himself the piano. He began displaying his talents at school by signing up for talent shows such as BTW's famous "Hi-Jinks" assemblies, where played alongside many other talents such as the Wilson brothers (GAP Band), Darwin Jones, Ronnie Smith, Bobby Eaton, Ollie Corbin and many other amazing young men who would all become his lifelong brothers.

He had the pleasure of playing in various local bands such as (J.O.B. Band, Billy Bruner Band, P.P.I., Satellite Band, T' Spoon, The Black Wall Street Band) to name a few. He and Dr. Lester Shaw were trailblazers in their efforts and recordings as "T'Spoon", recordings that are still being

streamed and purchased domestically and internationally, along with "Darwin's Theory" (Darwin Jones). He went on to record solo material under RX Records founded by the late great Dr. Gary Davis, known for their works such as "The Dream", "The Tulsa Song, and "My Girl". During the late 1980's, He unselfishly passed the torch to his three sons by creating the group "B-4" that performed all over Tulsa including festivals such as Juneteenth and Mayfest.

Billy accepted the call to ministry shortly before the '90s as a minister of music at Full Gospel House of Prayer (currently Full Gospel Outreach Ministries). He proudly proclaimed that it was the unwavering faith of his mother and Bishop Harold W. Jones and their unlimited attempts to invite the Bruner's to service. He passionately served over a decade at Full Gospel prior to accepting a similar position at Love Center Christian Fellowship (mid 90's), under Pastors Bill and Joyce Gardner.

In 2001, Restoration Christian Center was founded. A ministry pastored by Billy and Donna, with music ministry assistance from their youngest son Joseph. RCC (Sapulpa, OK) was their main priority for over 20 years. They enjoyed serving God together, helping to usher hundreds of souls into the Kingdom. The tough decision to end services was decided by the family due to the difficulties regarding Covid and Billy's health overall. They then began worshipping and assisting with services at Harvest Time FOM under the leadership of Bishop Randy Markham and First Lady Elect Kay Markham for some time prior to attending their current ministry Amazing Grace Christian Center (Apostle Jerome and Bishop Yourlanda Steele).

Billy's kindness and generosity extended beyond his immediate family and ministries. He was recognized for the love shown to his community, acknowledged by various city officials including Tulsa's Mayor. His legacy of compassion, strength, and resilience will be treasured by his family and friends. He enjoyed teaching himself additional instruments such as guitar and bass guitar, watching the Dallas Cowboys, and spending time with family.

He will be cherished/remembered by his wife, Donna (Steed) Bruner; sons, Glen, Omari, Joseph (JoJo); sister, Emma Alleyne-Bruner; nephew/niece, Bryan Bruner, Dominique Troy-Alleyne; cousins, Charletta Benjamin, Polly Burks-Bankhead, Mozetta Burks; grands, Jomari, Yeseina, Chris, Billy Joe III, Kyndal, Mercedes; greats, Alaya, Aiyanaa, Caleb (Mercedes). He is preceded by his parents, Joe and Bernice Bruner; his namesake Billy Joe Jr.; and grandson, Jaydin Joseph Bruner; and daughter-in-law, Tammy Bruner (Omari).



Order of Service

Saturday, August 22, 2026 - 11:00 am
Amazing Grace Christian Center - Tulsa
4929 South Waco Avenue, Tulsa, OK
Apostle Jerome Steele, Officiant

Prelude	"Brian Jones & 'Da Cats"
Processional	Ministers, Funeral Directors & Family
Prayer of Comfort	Bishop Randy Markham
Old & New Testament	Apostle Jay Oates
Song	Min. Tony Mason
Acknowledgements/Resolutions	
Cortni McGilbra (Niece)	
Reading of Obituary	(Read Silently)
Video Presentation	
Designated Remarks	
Song	Valerie Harding
Eulogy	Apostle Jerome Steele
Closing Prayer	Pastor Bobby Kendrick
Recessional	Keith D. Biglow, Funeral Directors, Inc.



Acknowledgement

The family of **Pastor Billy Bruner** is eternally grateful for all the acts of kindness shown during our loss.

We have felt your love through cards, calls, meals, prayers and messages.

Even at this moment of celebration and sorrow, you have continued to show your care and compassion.

May God Bless You All.



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