

*Celebrating
the Inspiring Life
& Legacy of*

Pastor John H.

LANGFORD

November 1, 1937 - December 19, 2024

"Because He lived, I now Live"

Saturday, January 11, 2025

Viewing: 9:30 am - 11:00 am

Funeral Service: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Pentecostal Temple Church of God In Christ

1117 F St. Las Vegas, NV 89106

Pastor Ray C. Webb

**Superintendent Michael Gantz, Bishop Donald C. Bronson, Prelate,
Officiant**

The Eulogist

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Order of the Celebration

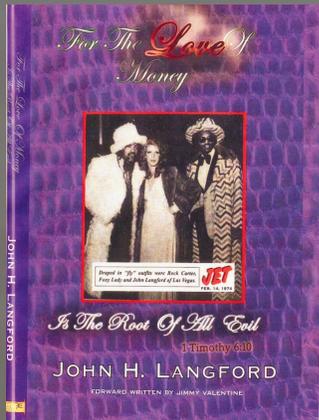
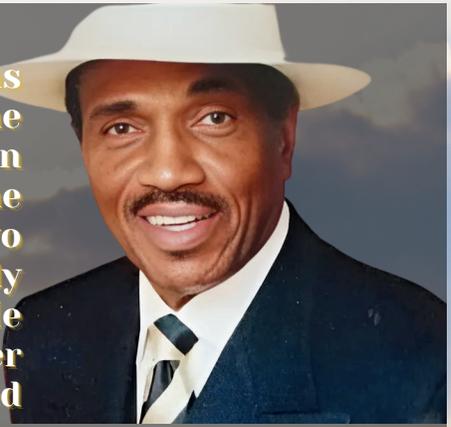
Soft Music	Elder Donald Sykes, Organist
Processional	The Clergy and The Family
Hymn of Comfort "Amazing Grace"	Congregation
Prayer	Administrative Assistant David Webb
Old Testament Scripture	Pastor Terry Cook
New Testament Scripture	Emeritus Pastor Willie Jacobs
Selection	Sister Quiana Richardson
Expressions of Remembrance	<u>Please Limit to Two Minutes</u>
Bishop Bill McDonnell	Mother Cleather Manning
Bishop Raymond McIntosh	Evangelist Barbara Nickerson
Pastor Danny White	Brother Porter Davis
Selection	Pentecostal Temple & Tree of Life Combined Choirs
Words of Comfort	Pastor Ray C. Webb
Nevada First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Representation	
Supervisor Arlesha Freeman, Department of Women	
Administrative Assistant Daryl Harris, Council of Pastors and Elders	
Administrative Assistant Jerald J. Mason, Jurisdictional Secretary	
Acknowledgement of Condolences	Dr. Mary George
Reading of the Obituary	Missionary Diana Daniels
Introduction of the Eulogist	Bishop Lawrence H. Murray, Auxiliary Bishop
Sermonic Selection "He's A Wonder"	Sister Sharon Wilson
The Message of Hope	Bishop Donald C. Bronson, Prelate
Final Viewing	Inspired Life
Recessional	
The Last Mile	

Repast Immediately Following the Service
Friendship Church Of God In Christ
2249 W. Washington Ave. Las Vegas, NV 89106

Internment: Tuesday January 14, 2025 at 2:00 PM
Woodlawn Cemetery
1500 Las Vegas Blvd N., Las Vegas, NV 89101

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His Beginning - John Howard Langford was born November 1, 1937, in Chicago, Illinois to the late John Langford and Florence Watkins. John was the eldest of three children. Later to the union of his father and stepmother, Edith, two other siblings were born. John was affectionally known by his family and friends as "Junior." He attended school in Chicago, Illinois, and after graduating high school, John joined the United States Air Force.



Growing up in Chicago John faced difficult challenges, as described in his book "For the Love of Money is the Root of All Evil, 1 Timothy 6:10." The statement "You can run, but you can't get away" spoke well of John, whose life story epitomizes that regardless how low you go, God's goodness can reach you in the pit of darkness and bring you into His marvelous light.

Soon after moving from Chicago, Illinois to Las Vegas, Nevada, John met Ms. Josephine Kelly at Continental Studio of Beauty hair salon, which she owned and operated. John and Josephine dated for two years then married on October 11, 1976, building a life together along with their three sons. Their marriage spanned over 48 years.



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John held several jobs throughout his life which included: being a dishwasher at Zabo's Foods, a telemarketer, a custodian at the Nevada Test Site (Tonopah), co-owner of Continental Beauty Supply, and a Wedding Chapel Officiant. His most notable job was working at the Nevada Test Site, which was a testimony of how God opened the door for him to work in a government position, given his past legal challenges. John was faithful as a custodian, cleaning twenty-one rooms a day with the worst part being scrubbing toilets. A couple of months on the job, John was offered a promotion that would have given him freedom to drive around the facility, but he declined. When asked by his supervisor why he opted to decline the promotion, John explained, "while I'm cleaning, it gives me a chance to be on my knees humbling myself and thanking God in prayer." John did not want to miss spending time with God praying twenty-one times a day.

His Spiritual Journey – After years of running from the Lord and doing things his way John had an encounter with God. John called out, "God, if You are real, please give me a sign." Then he experienced an electrical shock that left him breathless. John cried out, "Yes Lord, I believe!" Then John repented, saying "Lord, I'm sorry." Soon after, he was invited to a revival at Pentecostal Temple Church of God in Christ by his friend Barbara Nickerson. While attending the revival John felt the same electrical surge and from then on, he began to attend early morning prayer. One morning at 9:00 a.m. prayer Mother Edwards asked John to read Genesis 1:1. As he read the words he began to speak in tongues and filled with the Holy Ghost. The following Thanksgiving, Josephine, accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior. What a change in their lives!

A solid foundation was laid for John and Josephine under the late Bishop E. N. Webb's leadership, teachings, and guidance. After Bishop Webb's passing John remained at Pentecostal Temple Church of God in Christ under the leadership of then Superintendent Leon Smith.



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Later, John answered the call of God to pastor a church with Josephine, in February 1997. They along with family, and friends founded Tree of Life Church of God in Christ. John served as president over the Jurisdictional Holy Ghost Conference, later as the Regional President, which included serving the states of Arizona, California, Nevada, and Utah. Afterwards, he was elevated as the National President of the Holy Ghost Conference under the late Bishop Willie James Campbell.

John's favorite saying was, "If you've got the faith, God will release the power. Why? Because God is Faithful." Two of John's most notable sermons that still resonate in the heart of Mother Langford as well as those of the Tree of Life's family are "The Flesh is not Your Friend" and "I Am that I Am."

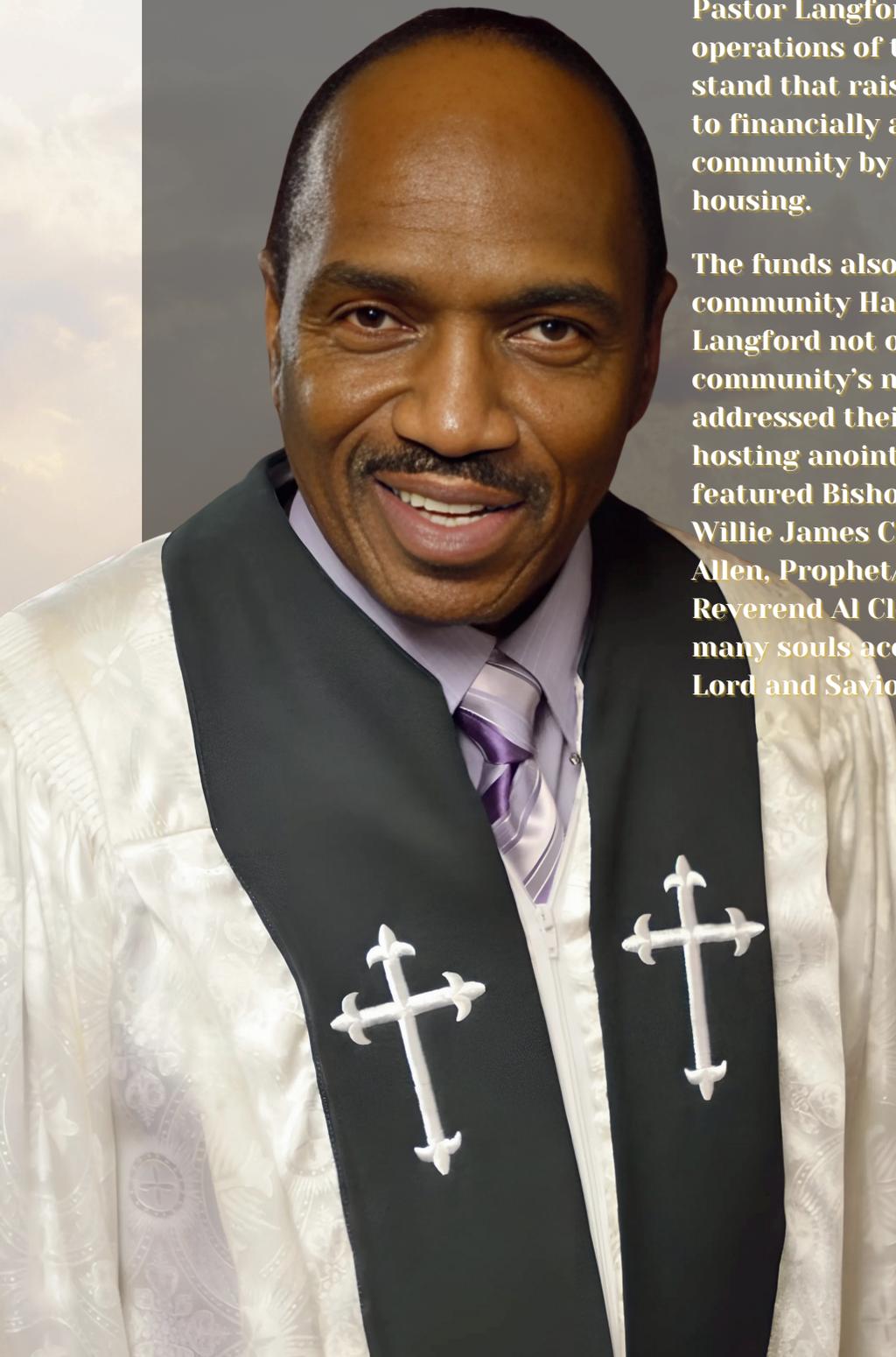


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The Ministry – Pastor John H. Langford was led to conduct various community service activities which included, donating 5,000 bibles to Las Vegas locals, partnering with Walmart through the church’s outreach program to provide food, baby diapers, hygiene products, and other essentials to neighboring citizens.

Pastor Langford took part in the annual operations of the church’s firework stand that raised money which was used to financially aid and assist those in the community by paying for utilities and housing.

The funds also supported the annual community Harvest Festival. Pastor Langford not only addressed the community’s natural needs he also addressed their spiritual needs by hosting anointed revivals which featured Bishop Michael Cole, Bishop Willie James Campbell, Bishop Rance Allen, Prophet/Author Kevin Powe, and Reverend Al Cleveland which led to many souls accepting Jesus as their Lord and Savior.



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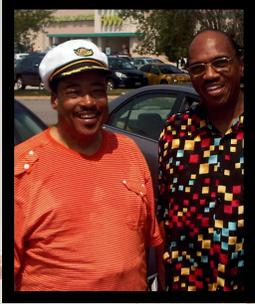
Pastor John H. Langford is preceded in death by his parents John Langford and Florence Watkins, and two sisters-in-law: Anne Goodman and Bennie Lewis; one brother-in-law: Jack Kelly.

Cherish His Memories - his wife Missionary Josephine Langford of Las Vegas, NV; four sons, Ronnie Cooper of Minneapolis, MN; Ricardo Langford (Krisi), Terry Reid (Angie), and Bengee Reid all of Las Vegas, NV. One brother Gregory Langford; three sisters Elaine Parks (Emmett), and Sandra Langford all of Chicago, IL; and Linda Jackson of Atlanta, GA. One sister-in-law, Minnie Jacobs (Willie) of Las Vegas, NV; three brothers-in-law: Ted Kelly (Aurora) of Las Vegas, NV; Andrew Kelly (Jeanetta), and Ben Kelly all of West Point, MS; two daughters of Love, Lori Reid, and Alissa Burton all of Las Vegas, NV. Nine grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, a host of nephews, nieces and cousins, godchildren, and the Tree of Life Church of God in Christ family.

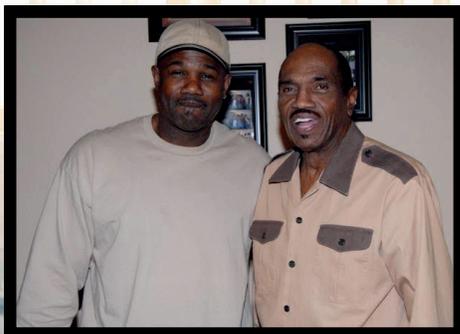
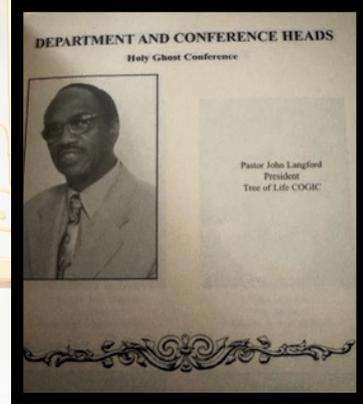
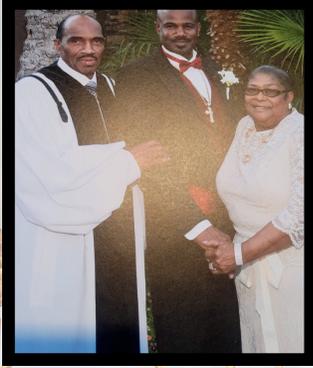
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Pallbearers.

Andrew Love, Jr.
Cedric Jacobs
Bengee Reid II

Keith Reid
Brandon McClain
Bryce Burton

Honorary Pallbearers.

Bailee Burton
Ricardo Langford
Bengee Reid
DeVary Bolin
Marcus Davis

Ronnie Cooper
Terry Reid
Robert Lewis
Stanley J. Hagerman, Jr.
Porter Davis

Pastors and Elders Council, Nevada First Jurisdiction

Our Thanks.

Our sincere thanks to each of you our friends and to the Nevada First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction for your support and encouragement during this time of our grief and sorrow. Thank you for your prayers and just the smiles, pats on the shoulder, or whatever you did to let us know you cared. God bless you and His face forever shine upon you. - The Family

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