



**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

*We, the family of the late Elver C. Greenwood, extend our sincere gratitude to our friends and loved ones for their expressions of sympathy. You have shown your love through prayers, calls, visits, cards and flowers, and even preparing food. These many acts of kindness have not gone unnoticed, and for this we are forever grateful.*

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**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**



*Mr. Elver C. Greenwood*  
**GREENWOOD**

SUNRISE:  
December 4, 1964

SUNSET:  
September 17, 2023



**Saturday, September 30, 2023**

**12:00 p.m.**

**MARY GROVE M.B. CHURCH**

**311 Rankin Road - Canton, MS 39046**

**Elder Samson R. Greenwood, Officiating**

## ~ LIFE REFLECTIONS ~

Elver Carneter Greenwood, a native of Los Angeles California, was born on December 4, 1964, to Elder Roosevelt and Quinzola Greenwood the second of five children. After moving to Canton, MS, Elver attended the Canton Public Schools System and during his tenure, he continued his love for music by joining the Canton High School Band. He graduated with the class of 1983 and afterward furthered his education at Holmes Community College in Goodman, MS where he played football for the Holmes County Bulldogs.

In July of 1985, Elver enlisted in the United States Army Reserve and was honorably discharged in December of 1989.

The Lord blessed Elver with many gifts and talents and because of his love for music he perfected his skills on the guitar and served as a musician for world renowned artists such as Rickey Smiley, Taraji P. Henson, Stevie Wonder and others.

Elver started using his gift for the guitar at an early age sometimes practicing all night long at home and began to play at his local church under the tutelage of his father and Pastor, Elder Roosevelt Greenwood. Upon graduation from Holmes Junior College, Elver moved to California, and was joined in marriage to Jenea Verdine and to this union were born three children, two daughters and one son.

Elver's employment history included working with Xerox and he became very skillful with working with other household appliances. After a while he decided to launch his own business servicing home appliances. He was very successful, and the Lord blessed whatever he set his hands to do. He had a unique gift of fashioning objects with wire, stone, copper, wood, nails, pennies and many other materials. He was very crafty and creative in all his handiwork.

While in California, Elver's gifts made room for him and afforded him the opportunity to accompany gospel recording artists such as Erica and Tina Campbell, and other ministries who produced gospel albums. He played for several churches in the Los Angeles area and was faithful until his return to Mississippi.

Later in life, Elver returned to Mississippi. There reunited with his family and home church, Philadelphia Church of God in Christ, pastored by his brother, Elder Samson R. Greenwood, where he rededicated his life and was baptized. He faithfully served as Minister of Music, Sunday School Superintendent, and member of the Kitchen Committee.

Elver was preceded in death by his paternal and maternal grandparent, father and mother, Elder Roosevelt and Quinzola Greenwood, Sr. He leaves to cherish his memories, Jenea Greenwood, his children, Carnita Jenea (Martin) Hernandez, Elver Namar Jamal and Jenesha Greenwood, three grandchildren, twins Carnicee Marlay and Marlaya Lashay Hernandez Greenwood and Rylee Hernandez; four siblings, Elder Samson (Lisa) Greenwood, Eugenia (Samuel) Scott, Roosevelt, Jr. (Shaylynn) Greenwood, and Cynthia (Robert) Thomas, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, special friends and the Philadelphia Church of God in Christ church family.

## ~ ORDER OF SERVICE ~

**Master of Ceremony, Pastor Paul Fleming**

*\* - Please stand where indicated.*

Processional..... "I'll Fly Away" .....Clergy & Family

☪☪☪ MILITARY PRESENTATION ☪☪☪

\*Prayer Of Comfort..... Elder Samuel Anderson

\*Old Testament .....Azariah Thomas (Nephew)

\*New Testament..... Elder Willie Chambers

Musical Selection ..... "All in His Hands" .....District #9 Choir

☪☪☪ WORDS OF COMFORT ☪☪☪

Evangelist Missionary Savannah Fleming  
(Special Paternal Aunt -Passionately known as Aunt Baby Doll)

First Lady - Evangelist Missionary Lisa Greenwood

Elder Larry Lewis

Administrative Assistant, Superintendent John H. Scott

Musical Selection ..... "Pass Me Not" .....District #9 Choir

☪☪☪ REMEMBERING ELVER ☪☪☪

Canton High School Class of 1983

As a Friend | Ms. Vanessa Fields

As a Friend | Mr. Harvey Stokes

As a Church Member | Deacon Andy Thomas

As a Fellow Musician | Elder Patrick Gray

Instrumental Selection .....Featuring Eddie Cotton

Expressions.....The Family

Musical Selection ..... "My Soul Says Yes" .....District #9 Choir

Acknowledgements..... Evangelist Mildred Spencer

Resolutions .....Mrs. Demetra Stokes

Sermonic Solo..... Sister Clarissa Carson

Eulogy ..... Elder Samson R. Greenwood, Pastor  
Philadelphia Church of God in Christ

Benediction.....

Recessional ..... "He'll Welcome Me" ..... Clergy, Family & Friends

## ~ TRIBUTES ~

**This is a message my dad sent to me (Carnita).**

**TO MY DAUGHTER**

Sometimes It's hard to find the words to tell you how much you mean to me. If I had to choose between loving you and breathing, I would use my last breath to say, "I Love You!" I will always be there to love you and I will always be there to support. You will always be my baby girl. (Love, Dad)

**Dear Dad**

As my tears fall, I think back to times long ago when you would be the strength that my life was built upon. I remember all the happiness you brought throughout the years and, although they are the sweetest memories, I cannot stop my tears. You were always my protector, my advisor and my guide. What's a girl to do without her dad.

Life could never be the same, but it has to go on.

So dad, I'd like to thank you for the care and the unconditional love that you've shown, that one could never repay, so I'll pass it along to my seeds and watch them blossom just as you did.

Love your seed ~ Carnita

**This is a message my dad sent to me (Jenesha).**

Hey baby girl, just want you to know I'm proud of you. And whatever you put your mind to, you can do it. Whatever you want to do, whatever you want to achieve, you can accomplish it. Letting you know I love you, and all the preaching I do to you all, is only because I want to see you have the best.

Hey lady, be safe where you are. Be smart. Don't be where you are not supposed to be. Watch your surroundings. People are devious. If someone can get over on you they will. If you get that feeling you are not supposed to be in a certain place, follow the instinct.

Love you girl ❤️

**God's Precious Gift**

What do I know about heaven, I've only just begun,  
To learn of all the mysteries, Surrounded by His Son.

I won't come back to you, but you will come to me,  
Just know that I'm worshipping, at the Master's feet.  
I loved you while I was there, the best that I could do,  
So now carry on God's work, until He sends for you.

There are no tears in heaven, I'm free from misery,  
Just know I loved my family, To the best of my ability.

I'm at peace now, no more pain for me,  
I'm at rest, please understand, God gave His best for me.  
I accepted the gift that He gave, His only begotten Son,  
Now I encourage you to do the same before your race is done.

Just remember how I loved you, I'll always be in your heart,  
Because God know the plan he had for me, right from the very start.

We will be together again, if you do as I have done,

Accept God's precious gift, His on begotten Son.

~ Authored by Cynthia Thomas on behalf of Elver's Siblings ~