



## MEMOIRS OF A SERVANT'S LIFE

**Donald Patrick Golden Ensley, III** was born November 29, 1954, in Pensacola, FL as the youngest and only son of the late Deacon James Madison and Geraldine Powell Ensley.

**Donald** received his formal education through the Escambia County Public Schools, where he graduated high school from Woodham High School in 1973. **Donald's** professional work history included working as a Personal Care Attendant, a Youth Trainer, a Custodian, and a Custodian Supervisor. Donald retired from the Escambia County School Board as a Custodian Supervisor in 1998.

**Donald** was born into a Christian family and became a member of the East Hill Church of God in Christ under the pastorage of his grandfather, Elder Robert L. Powell, Sr. After Pastor Powell's demised and the interim pastorage of other assigned pastors, **Donald** continued to serve at East Hill COGIC under the leadership of his uncle, Dr. Robert L. Powell, Jr. until he moved to Mississippi. Donald was active in the church as a musician (organist), choir member and soloist in the Pastor's Chorus.

In May of 1988, **Donald** met the love of his life and in December of 1988 he united in holy matrimony with his wife, Dinne Washington. To this union one son was born, Donald Patrick Golden "Bean" Ensley, IV.

**Donald** and Dinne lived in Pensacola, FL from 1988 until 2000, at which time they moved to Jackson, MS. **Donald** and his family then joined the St. James Church of God in Christ in Vaughan, MS under the pastorage of the Elder Samuel L. Anderson. **Donald** served and worked diligently in the music ministry as the Assistant Minister of Music, Minister of Music, a member of the Sanctuary Choir and Devotional/Praise Team and a member of the Ministerial Staff. In 2010, **Donald** confessed and accepted his calling to the ministry, as a Preacher of the Gospel. He took great pleasure in sharing words of encouragement and spreading the Gospel at any opportunity presented to him.

**Donald** enjoyed traveling with his family for holiday destination vacations. His hobbies included making crafts, floral arrangements, cooking, talking and visiting friends and family. One of his most rewarding experiences was singing with the renowned Mississippi Mass Choir (MMC). Although his tenure with the MMC was short lived (due to his health challenges), he always reflected on the joys of singing with the choir and on the friendships that he gained from those in the choir.

**Donald** was preceded in death by his parents: James Madison and Geraldine Powell Ensley; his stepmom: Mother Alice Rivers Ensley; and his son: Donald Patrick Golden "Bean" Ensley, IV.

God saw that his servant had fought a good fight, kept the faith and had finished his course, **Minister Donald Patrick Golden Ensley, III** was called from labor to reward by his heavenly father and made his transition from earth to glory on April 4, 2024, at the Baptist Hospital in Jackson, MS.

**Minister Ensley** leaves to cherish the precious memories of his life, legacy and love, his devoted wife of 35 years: Evangelist Missionary Dinne Washington-Ensley; two sisters: Ms. Deborah C. Ensley of Macon, GA and Mrs. Denise (Darron) Davis of Lake Worth, FL; three sisters-in-law: Missionary Dorothy (Pastor John) Jefferson and Mrs. Fannie (Alvin) Martin, both of Benton, MS and Mrs. Joann (Joseph) Walker of Yazoo City, MS; one brother-in-law: Mr. Macarthur (Paula) Washington of Jackson, MS; three special brothers/friends: Elder Rickey (Ruby) Duffy of Pensacola, FL, Elder David (Barbara) Quarrels of Milton, FL and Minister Calvin (Abigail) Maberry of Jackson, MS; seven godchildren: Debora Anderson-Donahue, Christina Moseley, Brittany Moseley, Jamiah Anderson, Daniel Genous, Keziah Sanders and Raleigh Duffy; a special confidant and mother: Mother Katie Boddy and a host of special nieces, nephews, other family members and friends that he treasured dearly as well as his precious and most beloved Pastor – Elder Samuel (Mother Ida Bell) Anderson and his St. James Church of God In Christ church family and the District #9 family of the MS Northern Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of the Church of God In Christ.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### Elder James Cox, Celebration Conductor

The Processional..... The Clergy and The Family

The Prayer of Comfort..... Elder Holsey Nelson

#### The Reading of the Scriptures

Old Testament..... Elder Bernard Bennett

New Testament ..... Pastor Samson Greenwood

The Opening Selection of Praise ..... Peter Rock COGIC Sanctuary Choir

The Words of Comfort..... Elder Rickey A. Duffy, Sr.  
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Expressions ..... Three Minutes Each  
As a Friend and Minister | Minister Calvin Maberry  
As a Church Mother | Mother Katie Boddy  
As a Deacon | Deacon Gregory Moseley

A Selection of Praise ..... Peter Rock COGIC Sanctuary Choir

#### Expressions

Msn. Dr. Viola McCaskill | District #5 - World Missions President  
Missionary Margarite Owens | District #9 – District Missionary  
Superintendent John H. Scott | District #9 – District Superintendent

Family Tributes of Love ..... Evangelist Missionary Dinne Ensley

The Acknowledgements and Resolutions..... Mother Ida B. Anderson

The Sermonic Selection ..... Peter Rock COGIC Sanctuary Choir

The Eulogy ..... Elder Samuel Lee Anderson  
Pastor, St. James COGIC

Scott Memorial Funeral Directors in Charge

The Recessional ..... Clergy, Family & Friends



#### Tributes to my Husband . . .

To be young and fall in love. We married and shared a life that lasted 35 years, 3 months, and 18 days. We shared laughs, and shedded tears, we shared disappointments and enjoy fun and joyful times. We prayed together and celebrated our love for our God in praise. There were times we both looked at each other. and wondered if we would survive the challenges we faced. Yet, we maintained and stayed the course. To God be the glory for the strength and love He filled us with. Now, I say good night until we meet again. I was and shall remain always and forever your "Good Girl."

With Unfading Love,  
Your wife – Dinne

## TRIBUTES

#### Tribute from Sisters-in-law

Our dear brother-in-love  
We have been family for over 35 years.  
You loved and cared for our dear sister as no other did.  
You had a laugh and an encouraging word when we first met  
and that continued throughout our time together.  
Please know that we will be here for  
Dinne as you were and as we have always been.  
You are gone but shall never be forgotten.

Love your Sisters-in-law,  
Dorothy, Fannie and Joann

#### Tribute from Niece

Dear Uncle Don,  
Whew, you have really hurt me with this one.  
Words can't describe the pain and different type of emotions I am  
Feeling right now. You meant a lot to me, and I know I meant a lot  
to you. I will forever cherish all the great memories we shared,  
like riding on your scooter from street to street;  
from you coming to my soccer games; from you saying,  
"you know Uncle Don, baby". You will truly be missed,  
but I know you're in a better place now.

Love always,  
Your baby Miriam

#### Tribute of Love to "Big Daddy"

We want you to know that you were our God-Daddy,  
and we were lucky to have you and we count it as a blessing.  
Your journey in this life may have ended but, we were truly blessed  
to have had you in our lives as a "Guiding Light." We want to say "Thank  
you" for being our God Father, our unique gift from above. We will always  
cherish the love and support that you showed us. We love you!

Your Godchildren,  
Debora, Christina, Brittany, Jamiah and Deborah Ensley

#### Comfort In God's Word

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.  
In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so,  
I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.  
And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again,  
and receive you unto myself; that where I am,  
there ye may be also." (John 14:1-3)