Celebrating the Life and Legacy of



Deacon Gregory Lea Word

Sunrise: December 17, 1954 ~ Sunset: October 2, 2026

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant."
Matthew 25:21

Home Going Celebration of

Deacon Gregory Lea Word

Tabernacle Bible Church
October 24, 2026 @ 10:00 A.M
Kneeland C. Brown, Pastor
Officiant
Minister Joseph Bowen

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

The Processional.....Ministers and Family

We've Come This Far By Faith ~ Brenda Burton

Statement of Purpose.....Pastor Kneeland C. Brown

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Reflections of The Life of

Deacon Gregory Lea Word

Greg Word was born on December 17, 1954, in Wichita Falls, Texas, to Maxine Griffin and John Word. On October 2, 2026, he departed this earthly life and entered eternal rest at the age of 71. As a toddler, Greg moved to Wichita, Kansas, with his mother and his infant brother, Charles Sparks Jr. He received his education through Wichita Public Schools and graduated from Southeast High School in 1972. He continued his education at Neosho County Community College in Chanute, Kansas. He also attended Wichita Business College, where he earned a certificate in accounting. Throughout his working years, Greg was employed by MetLife, The Boeing Company, Spirit AeroSystems, and the Center for Health and Wellness.



On July 14, 1990, Greg was united in holy matrimony with the love of his life, Marilyn Clark. Their love holds a cherished place in the story of his life and family they shared with their children Jenise Leachelle and Jonathan Lorenzo. Faith and service were an important part of Greg's life. He was a Junior Achievement Advisor and Special Olympics Basketball Coach for many years. He also served as a playground monitor at Chisholm Trail Elementary where his children attended school.

His dedication to the church reflected his love for God and his commitment to serving others. His years of service remain a meaningful part of his legacy, and he will be lovingly remembered by his church family. He was a devoted member of Tabernacle Bible Church in Wichita, Kansas, where he faithfully served as a deacon. He delivered meals for the food kitchen, and that was very special to him. He was also a member of the Men's Ministry Bible Study. During Vacation Bible School Greg was also a monitor for the bus driver.

Greg was preceded in death by his mother Maxine Young, father John Word, stepfather Jonathan Young and sister-in-law Paula London. Left to cherish his memory are his devoted wife Marilyn, beloved children Jenise (Kerry) Brown, and Jonathan (Renee) Word, stepsons Walter (Sherry) Clark III and Marcus Clark; his only brother Charles (Claunette) Sparks Jr.; grandchildren, Jordyn Brown, Ryenn Brown, Willow Word, a precious baby boy on the way, and step grandchildren Michael Richardson, Taneca Owen and Venus Clark, great grandson Dominique. sisters-in-law Arthanella Coffey, and Etta London; nieces Chanell Sparks and Andrea (Calvin) Marr; nephew Charles (Michelle) Sparks III; great-niece Samiyah Ellis and Anastasia; and great-nephews Christopher Ellis Jr., Jace Ellis; Gemini, Malachi, Calvin, Jr. and Marcus.

Together with a host of other relatives, friends, and the Tabernacle Bible Church family, they will cherish Greg's memory and honor the life he lived.

Though his earthly journey has ended, the love Greg shared and the faith he demonstrated will continue to be remembered. His name will live on in family stories, in cherished memories, and in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. As we honor his life, we give thanks for the years we shared and the lasting gift of his presence in our lives.

Greg never met a stranger, and his goal was to have a million friends. We believe he accomplished his goal.

His service here is complete. His memory is a blessing.

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Renee Rumfelt Word's Tribute....

My Father-in-law. A great man who raised another great man, and who loved his family well. When I met Jonathan, it was very clear that something about him was different than any man I had ever known. He is extremely humble, observant, kind, and meek. Yet, strong, resilient, loyal, servant-hearted and intentional. As we've grown together over the years and I've grown to know his family, one thing that stood out to me was the way his parents loved each other. Quietly, but louder than any words could speak. The way his mom would always cook, and his dad would ALWAYS come behind her and do the dishes. The way he would vacuum and leave perfect carpet lines, and the way she would help him monitor his insulin levels and medications. It may seem simple, and there are many more examples I could use, but it was profound. I wish more than anything that I had spent more time with Mr. Greg, but I can confidently say that I got to know his heart. Not only through his own actions, but through Jonathan's. Jonathan has continued in his father's ways in the way that he loves and serves Willow and me. There is not a day that goes by, even in his grieving, that he has failed to do the dishes after I cook. He washes and puts away our laundry, he often fills my gas tank when it's getting low, he consistently makes sure I'm fed, walks coffee up to my work in his free time. When Willow was an infant, he spent just as many sleepless nights rocking her, feeding her, & caring for her as I did. He still takes care of her consistently and takes his role as a father very seriously. I say all of this because whenever I thank him or acknowledge who he is as a husband or father, he always says, "It's all I've ever known or seen". "My dad always did it for my mom." What a blessing and honor to share in and reap from the love and servitude of Greg Word.

Thank you, Lord.

Our hearts are heavy, but we are so grateful for our hope in Jesus. Please keep Jonathan, Jenise, and Mrs. Marilyn, as well as the rest of the family in your prayers.



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