

My Dearest Ray

As I ponder what to say, so many thoughts come to my mind. I remember the first day we met at Bethany Baptist Church. You said it was love at first sight, but that was not my first reaction. You eventually grew on me like moss on a tree. Then, you said "Yeah, you didn't know any better." But now I do. I have so many fond memories of all the days we have spent together. I remember when we were dating, you would come to see me, then you would go home and write me a 3-page letter. Within the next few days, I would receive the letter in the mail. I still have all the letters from 1983. I remember the night you proposed to me. You got down on one knee and of course I said yes. And I still say yes. I promise you, I would not be where I am right now if it were not for God and you. You were with me when I gave my life to Jesus and have encouraged me to this day. You are one of my spiritual fathers, my best friend and my husband, my boo thang. I will miss hearing you call my name up before the lord. I will miss your hugs, your laugh and the foot rubs. I will miss the way we would make fun of each other. I will miss bowling with you and our bowling names "Velvet and Big Daddy". Thank you for being the best husband a girl could ask for. Thank you for always encouraging me and being my biggest cheerleader. As I always say you are not perfect but you are perfect for me. I love you with all my heart. Thank you for 41 incredible years together. I promise to continue to Grow in the Grace and the Knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. I promise to carry on our ministry together and always give God the Glory and Honor for you.

Love, Vic

Pallbearers

Elder Jimmy Bryson	Calvin Coleman
Elder Thomas West	Elder Damian Parham
Honor Derricott	Leonard Franklin

Flower Bearers

Elder Brenda Quinn Sutton	Deaconess Rashida Butcher
Elder Priscilla Clayborne	Michelle Coleman
Elder Hope Parham	Tonya Blow
Elder Donyetta Bryson	Shirley McCowan
Louise Tate	

Acknowledgement

The family of the late Pastor Ray Waters, sincerely appreciates and gracefully acknowledges the kind expressions of sympathy and love during their time of bereavement.

Special thanks to the Reverand Monroe Smith and the Mount Hope Church family.

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Celebration of Life for



PASTOR Raymond L. WATERS, SR.

SUNRISE	SUNSET
May 07, 1963	September 27, 2026

Saturday, October 10, 2026 | 11:00 AM

Mt. Hope Baptist Church
5502 Paynes Mills Road
Bumpass, Virginia 23024

Reverend Sharon Roberts, Officiant
Pastor Vicki Waters, LCC, Eulogist

Obituary

RAYMOND LEO WATERS, SR., after living a dedicated life to God, his family, church family, and community went to be with the Lord on Sunday, September 27, 2026. Pastor Ray was born on May 7, 1963, in Brooklyn, New York, to the late Ralph Leo Waters and Callie McMillan Waters. At a young age he moved to Louisa, Virginia, to live with his aunt and uncle, Isaac and Mildred Webb. Pastor Ray grew up in Louisa County and graduated from Louisa High School, where he also played football. Pastor Ray gave his life to the Lord in his early twenties and was a member of the Mt. Hope Baptist Church in Bumpass, Virginia. Pastor Ray subsequently married Pastor Vicki and together with their family attended Lighthouse Christian Center in Highland Spring, Virginia, where he served as associate pastor alongside with Pastor Vicki.

CAREER

Pastor Ray worked for Tyson Poultry Plant, Blakemore Construction Company, Mechanicsville Dodge, and Whitten Brothers of Ashland, until his death.

MINISTRY

Associate Pastor Lighthouse Christian Center
Bible College Professor
Praise and Worship Leader (along with the Rayettes)
Usher
Member of Prayer Team
Member of the Advisory Council for the Viginia Marriage Initiative

MARRIAGE MINISTRY

Along with his wife, Pastor Vicki, they founded HEALTH&WEALTH Ministry (Husband Enjoying and Loving Their Helpers and Wives Enjoying and Loving Their Husbands.) They co-authored their first book, "Sanctified F.R.E.A.K. (God, Marriage and Sexual Intimacy)."
Hosted a weekly Facebook live on Marriage Moments
Together they have ministered at marriage conferences: Florida, New York, Tennessee, and Virginia

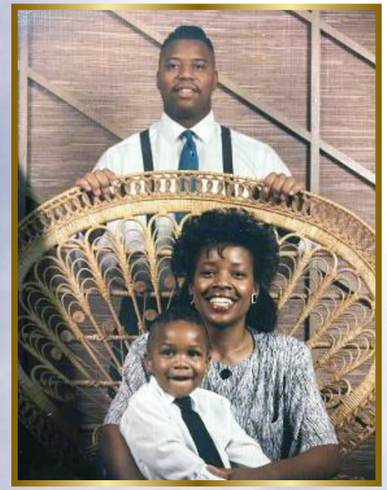
LOVE OF SPORTS/MUSIC

Any one who knows Pastor Ray knows that he loved football. He played in high school and played with the Richmond Renegades. In addition to that, he had a tryout with a Canadian team. His favorite team is the Redskins, now known as the Commanders. He was an avid football fan and could tell you all kind of stats about his football team and others as well. He enjoyed all genre of music but his favorite was Jazz.

Pastor Ray was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Callie Waters, guardians, Isaac and Mildred Webb; brother, Lenwood McMillan; father and mother-in-law, Thomas and Alice Brown; and Godparents, Elvis (Butch) and Ann Butler.

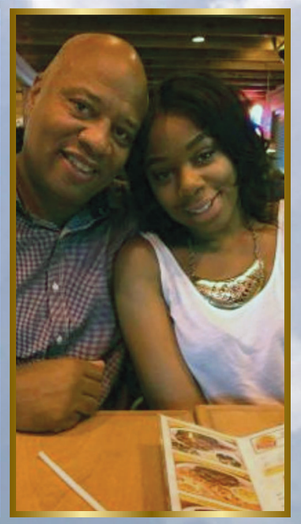
As a devoted husband, father, and grandfather (dude) to his grandkids, he leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Vicki Tyler-Waters; son, Raymond Leo Waters, Jr. (RJ), and daughter in-love, Tessia Waters; daughter, Aliceyn Joy Waters; three grandchildren, Raymond III, Londynne, and Amaris; sister, Doris Harrison(Leon); sister-in-law, Valerie Graves (Harry - devoted friend); three nieces, Dorlena Brown (Kevin), Tristen Franklin (Leonard), and Jocelyn Graves; two great-nephews, Elijah Brown and Ezra Franklin; and great-niece, Kayleigh Brown; our Lighthouse Christian Center family who have loved and supported us for over 35 years; and a host of family, friends, coworkers and ministry partners.

Precious Memories









Order of Service

Music Prelude ..... **Musician**

Officiating ..... **Reverend Sharon Roberts**
Pastor St. Thomas Baptist Church, Bumpass, Virginia

Opening Hymn ..... **Choir**

Scriptures Reading
Old Testament ..... **Deacon Joe Peregory**
New Testament ..... **Pastor Sonia Pena**

Prayer of Comfort ..... **Pastor Victor Pena**

Acknowledgement ..... **Deaconess Sharon White**

Selection ..... **Choir**

Poem ..... **Melody Gillison Jackson**

Reflections ..... **Pastor Scott Carpenter, LCC**
Pastor Willie Derricott, ESIM
Others - *Two Minutes, Please*

Video Montage ..... **Song- *"If I Go First "***

Obituary ..... ***Please Read Silently***

Selection ..... **Minister Nikisha Diggs**

Message ..... **Pastor Vicki Waters, LCC**

Recessional