



Elder Lawrence Barker-Bey Jr.

May 17, 1950 - April 15, 2026

Elder Lawrence Barker-Bey, Jr., Ph.D. peacefully transitioned to be with the Lord on April 15, 2026. He leaves behind a legacy of faith, spiritual leadership, strength, and quiet impact. Born in Brooklyn, New York, Lawrence from an early age, carried a sense of purpose, discipline, and independence that would guide his life's journey. A devoted man of God and faithful minister, Lawrence found deep connection in Psalm 51 identifying with King David as a man after God's own heart. His faith was reflected in both his walk and worship with his favorite song, "Create in Me a Clean Heart" serving as a personal testimony of his spiritual foundation. Lawrence proudly served his country in the United States Air Force demonstrating honor, commitment, and resilience. In addition to his military service, he pursued higher education at Cornell University and University of Alaska equipping himself for a life of excellence and achievement. He went on to build a professional career in Telecommunications with organizations such as Nortel and Tyco International where his work afforded him the opportunity to travel and experience the world. Lawrence embraced this fully visiting every state in the United States and countries throughout North and South America, Europe, Asia, Africa, and Australia. His travels reflected his curiosity, independence, and appreciation for life beyond boundaries. Lawrence faithfully served in ministry for many years. He was the Pastor of Living Waters COGIC. He was also a Master Teacher of the Word of God, a reflection of his lifelong commitment to faith, service, and spiritual guidance. A visionary and entrepreneur at heart,

Lawrence was the founder and former President & CEO of Living Waters Inc, a Charlotte, North Carolina nonprofit organization rooted in faith and service. Through this work, which he started in the Bay Area of California, he was committed to empowering communities, fostering meaningful connections, mentoring youth, and strengthening families. He also served as Chair and President of Charlotte Cares Mentoring Movement, the local chapter of a national organization dedicated to helping vulnerable young people transform and secure their lives. Lawrence was known for his commitment, dedication, and his quiet strength. Though he lived a private life, those who knew him understood the depth of his character. He valued meaningful relationships and maintained strong connections with those he held close. Whether through blood, kinship, or friendship, if you were part of his circle, you were considered family. He leaves to cherish his memory a host of family and friends, including two children, two step children, five grandchildren, his sister, his nephew, and his Living Waters Inc family. Lawrence's impact was meaningful and lasting. His legacy is one of faith, discipline, exploration, and quiet influence. He will be deeply missed, yet his life will continue to inspire all who knew and loved him.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in honor of Lawrence S. Barker-Bey, Jr. to continue his legacy through Living Waters Inc P. O. Box 620065, Charlotte, NC 28262. Donations may also be made online at <https://livingwatersfa.com/donate/>.

Cemetery Details

Western Carolina State Veterans Cemetery

962 Old US Hwy 70
Black Mountain, NC 28711

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

A.E. Grier & Sons Funeral and Cremation, LLC.
2310 Statesville Avenue
Charlotte, NC 28206
(704) 377-4243
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Celebration of Life Service

MAY 2. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Interment

MAY 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Patricia E. Martin lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Barker-Bey



Patricia E. Martin - May 02 at 06:28 PM

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“ I want to offer my condolences tohis family. Barker-Bey or Junior, as he was called by his family, were classmates in J.H.S. 296, Brooklyn, played on the basketball team. I knew his family and use to visit them, his mother, his sister and his brother, Alphonso, when they lived on Carroll Street in Brooklyn. I have fond memories of him. May he rest in peace. Pat Martin

Patricia E. Martin - May 02 at 06:26 PM

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“ Annie Williams lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Barker-Bey



Annie Williams - April 30 at 06:34 PM