



## Apostle Lawrence Summers

July 27, 1930 - March 4, 2024

Lawrence Summers was born July 27, 1930 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late Jeanette Odam and Lawrence Summers. Educated in the Philadelphia public school system, he met and fell head over heels for the love of his life, Joyce Delores Towson at John Bartram High School. Married on February 16, 1950, they were blessed with six children: Gregory, Kyle, twins Brian and Cheryl, and twins Kim and Karen. To celebrate their 74th anniversary last month, Dad mustered enough strength to join Mom and the family around the dining table for a final “go big or go home” Philly Cheesesteak! Speaking of blessings, Brother Summers received the Holy Ghost in December 1962 during the National ‘Hurricane’ Revival begun by the late Bishop Sweet Daddy McCollough, who directed the South Philadelphia Pastor, Elder A. Allen, to “get him on the Elder Board”. The newly-minted Elder Summers was appointed South Philly’s youth pastor in January 1963. He was among six other young men directed by Sweet Daddy McCollough to preach and teach the gospel, and to have each other’s back. Those magnificent seven formed a ride or die brotherhood called, The McCollough Links, and included Elders N. Bradshaw, J. Harper, D.L. Raycrow, S. Moore, H.C. Williams, and W. Williams. Apostle Summers was the last Link standing. Before laying his burden down, however, Apostle Summers demonstrated his commitment to go where needed and do what had to be done. In fact, within a year of becoming an elder, he was appointed pastor of Reading, PA. His time there was brief as Sweet Daddy McCollough closed the mission and recalled

him to South Philly. Mentored as Assistant Pastor under Elder S.C. Madison (who would later succeed Sweet Daddy McCollough as bishop), Elder Summers was installed as pastor in Camden, NJ in 1965. For five years he shepherded Camden's congregation, whose collective faith of a mustard seed yielded a new edifice under Sweet Daddy McCollough's nationwide "note-free" building program. The members of Durham, NC and Brooklyn #1, NY also worked and prayed those old storefronts away to see newly-constructed Houses of Prayer during his tenures. Won't He do it? The fruits of Apostle Summers' 35 years labor was manifested in many ways due to his conviction to the doctrine of the House of Prayer and his devotion to those whom he was entrusted to lead. Rewind to Boston 1977, for instance, where he achieved Prince of "D" Class status. And, in 1984, when then Elder Summers was anointed an Apostle by Sweet Daddy McCollough. The pivotal moment in his journey was his 1985 induction into the General Council, the governing body of this organization. He also championed the Big 5 District (The 3 Brooklyns, Hollis, and Jamaica), whose collaborative efforts helped catapult New York State to "A" Class in 1986. Assigned to Buffalo, NY in 1995 by Bishop Sweet Daddy Madison, Apostle Summers pastored another four years before he retired in 1999, and steered into a whole other lane! There was no road Apostle Summers feared to travel to spread the message of how to walk, talk, and live in Christ. He was given the platform to do just that beginning in 1999 when Sweet Daddy Madison named him the Southern District Territorial Evangelist. Twenty years later the late Bishop Sweet Daddy Bailey elevated him to National Evangelist, and in 2020 bestowed upon him the title of Honorary National Evangelist, a position he fulfilled until his failing health would no longer permit. It is evident that Apostle Summers put in the work and deserves this fare thee well. May he rest in peace.

1964 •Pastor, Reading, PA (mission closed by Sweet Daddy McCollough)

1965 •Asst Pastor, South Philly •Pastor, Camden, NJ 1970 •Pastor, Durham, NC 1977 •Pastor, Boston, MA •Prince of "D" Class 1978 •Pastor, Brooklyn #1, NY •"Big 5" District 1995 •Pastor, Buffalo, NY •Retired 1999 Favorite Quips:

On his declining health. "Listen Chief. It's called time and age!" Apostle Summers is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 74 years, Saint Joyce Summers; their sons, Gregory, Kyle, and Brian (and wife, Betty); and daughters, Cheryl, Saint Kim Summers, and Karen. Grandchildren include Jeremy (and wife, Janella); Chip (and wife, Cessaly); Blunette, and Garrick Morgan; David (and wife, Shelby); Derrick (and wife Ericka); and Daniel, Derrick, Naisha, and Isaiah. Among great-grands are Jhimon, Jada, Tristian, Grayden, Gabriel, Sean, Raegen, Tashari, Navy, Daniel Jr., Lizzia, Jasiah, and Ja'kia. Blended family members include Rachele Summers, Stacey Melton, Charles Bryant, and Pearline Washington. Cousins include the Wilsons of Philly and California, namely Sonny, Dennis, Peter (and wife, Linda), and Rhonda; and Chubby Seymour of Los Angeles. In-laws are the Towsons of Maryland, namely Bootsie, Elaine, Edith (and husband, Marvin Starks), and Michele. Adopted family members are St. Lorine Stallings, St. Mary R. Johnson, St. Francis Clarke, Sis. Mary Coleman, Sis. Chavella Tate, and Apostle G. Brown.

# Cemetery Details

## Crown Memorial Park

9620 Rodney Street  
Pineville, NC

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 16. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

The United House of Prayer For All People-Mother House  
2321 Beatties Ford Road  
Charlotte, NC

## Celebration of Life Service

MAR 16. 10:00 AM (ET)

The United House of Prayer For All People-Mother House  
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Charlotte, NC

# Tribute Wall

JN

“ Jim and Roxane Howerton Hillsborough NC purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Apostle Lawrence Summers.



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**Jim and Roxane Howerton Hillsborough NC** - March 16, 2024  
at 07:38 AM

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“ From the Pastor and Members of The United House of Prayer, Bellville Ga.. we send our love and deepest sympathies to the Family!

*Elder W Cunningham III  
Pastor*

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**Elder W Cunningham III** - March 15, 2024 at 03:13 PM

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“ SENIOR ELDERS - CHARLOTTE MOTHER HOUSE planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Apostle Lawrence Summers.

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**SENIOR ELDERS - CHARLOTTE MOTHER HOUSE** - March 15, 2024 at 11:43 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Apostle Lawrence Summers.



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March 15, 2024 at 11:43 AM

AJ

“ It is with sadness and sorrow that I express my prayers and condolences to the Summers family. Your father fought a to fight, kept the faith and finished the course. The Mt. Zion Baptist Church, McConnells, South Carolina are lifting up the family in prayer!

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**Anthony Johnson** - March 15, 2024 at 08:30 AM

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“ Cheryl's Wolfsped Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Apostle Lawrence Summers.

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**Cheryl's Wolfsped Family** - March 14, 2024 at 10:02 AM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Apostle Lawrence Summers.



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March 14, 2024 at 10:02 AM