



Bishop James M. Scott Sr.

November 29, 1933 - January 18, 2021

Bishop James M. Scott, Sr., 87, of Chattanooga, passed away Monday, January 18, 2021 in a local hospital. He was born in Pickens, Mississippi on November 29, 1933 to the blessed union of the Elder Matthew and Melissa Reed Scott. The sixth of ten children, he was saved at a very young age. At the age of 14, he lost his father and pastor, but shortly after, he was called into the ministry. A born leader, his life was exemplary for others even in his youth.

As a young adult, he remained at home with his mother and younger siblings, in an effort to assist her with the family farm. This decision did not allow him to go to college, but he was able to train the younger siblings to safely operate the necessary farm equipment. He would work his mother's land and then work his land. In 1954, he married his beautiful bride, Virginia Washington.

Shortly after marrying, God led the young couple to Chattanooga in 1956 where they joined Holy Temple Church of God in Christ. This move was clearly ordained by God, and in 1957, he was appointed pastor of the Holy Temple Church by Bishop Audley King. He worked 10 years for Preserving Wood for \$40 a week, but was able to take care of his family, the church and even build his first home. He told his children, "your money will do whatever you tell it to do." Eventually he was able to get his GED and become a contractor. Meanwhile, God also blessed this union, and added four children... the late Elder James, Jr., Zenobia Norman, Elder Mark Scott and Lotneice

Hinton, along with seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Bishop Scott has remained committed to God, and served his family, his church and his leaders faithfully. He has held various positions in the jurisdiction including President of the State Sunday School Department, Chairman of the Ordination Board, Member of the Finance Committee and District Superintendent. And in 1996, God elevated him to Bishop of the Tennessee Eastern Second Jurisdiction.

As a gifted leader, Bishop Scott knows how to reach and serve the youth, the elderly and all of those in between. He was a great teacher for young men, often telling them how to be effective husbands and fathers. He used his gifts to shepherd God's people and his talent and vision to edify the church. He has been credited with the construction and renovation of countless churches throughout the eastern part of Tennessee where he has left his footprints. He was also responsible for the former and most recent construction of The New Holy Temple Cathedral COGIC at 2311 Bliss Avenue. It is a beautiful edifice that also functions as the State Temple.

A kind-hearted and generous person, his leadership style allowed all people an opportunity to blossom. His commitment to Christ and deep love for God's people has thus sustained him as pastor of The New Holy Temple Cathedral Church of God in Christ for nearly 64 years. And it is there where he leaves his legacy through the many lives he touched, leaders he groomed and the family he enriched! His son, Elder Mark Scott will be the eulogist.

Cemetery Details

Hamilton Memorial Gardens

5351 TN-153
Hixson, TN 37343

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

JAN **24.** 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

New Holy Temple Cathedral Church of God In Christ
2311 Bliss Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37406

Family Service

JAN **25.** 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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2311 Bliss Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37406

Tribute Wall

KD

“ *Kelli Darden lit a candle in memory of Bishop James M. Scott Sr.*



Kelli Darden - February 18, 2021 at 01:01 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Family Service - Bishop James Scott, Sr.*



Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc. - January 25, 2021 at 09:57 PM

SW

“ *Shelly Walker lit a candle in memory of Bishop James M. Scott Sr.*



shelly walker - January 25, 2021 at 03:12 PM

AE

“ *Anita Elston lit a candle in memory of Bishop James M. Scott Sr.*



Anita Elston - January 24, 2021 at 12:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bishop James M. Scott Sr..*



January 23, 2021 at 06:18 PM



“ *Bishop James M. Scott Sr, was a very approachable leader with an easy mannerism and kind heart. He installed me as Pastor upon the recommendation of my spiritual father Pastor Emeritus Franklin Hollie. It was an honor to serve under his leadership and he will be greatly missed.*

Pastor Anthony Graham

Anthony Graham - January 23, 2021 at 02:50 PM



“ *Praying for the family. Love Elder and Evang. North*



Evangelist Denise North - January 23, 2021 at 01:02 PM



“ *Dorathella Phelps lit a candle in memory of Bishop James M. Scott Sr.*



Dorathella Phelps - January 23, 2021 at 10:56 AM

CD

“ We are sending our love and condolences.

Love,
Cecil & Karen Drake and Family



Cecil Drake - January 22, 2021 at 12:52 PM

YW

“ My deepest sympathy



Yahunna Wadley - January 20, 2021 at 05:32 PM

EH

We will miss our Bishop. Praying for the family and his church. Elder Franklin and Mother Mary Hollie.

Elder Franklin Hollie - January 21, 2021 at 02:38 AM

LL

My condolences to the Scott's family
Elder Larry Lee
Marion, Illinois

Larry Lee - January 21, 2021 at 09:07 AM

MR

I will forever be grateful for the impact Bishop and Mother Scott had on my life in the time period in which I lived in Chattanooga. These humble servants of God truly loved God and his people. May you be sustained by the love of God and each other in your family. You have my sincere prayers, Melanie (Hollie) Randle

Melanie (Hollie) Randle - January 22, 2021 at 01:49 AM

AE

Giving all grace and Honor to God, for all of my blessings I would like give my condolences for your loss, and also I would like to thank the family of Bishop and Mother Scott for sharing your loved ones with the Elston family. they will truly be missed. You all are in my prayers Sister Anita Elston

Anita Elston - January 24, 2021 at 12:41 PM