



Pastor Windford Rece Goodner

January 21, 1941 - April 13, 2022

Pastor Windford R. Goodner, a spiritual visionary, community leader, ministry mentor and friend to so many: he finished his earthly assignment on Wednesday, April 13, 2022. He was preceded in death by his beautiful wife, Marcia, in July of 2020 and son Darrell, in February of 1964. The retired senior pastor of the Mt. Helm Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. W. R. Goodner was a servant leader who offered his wisdom, teaching, preaching, mentoring, and spiritual guidance to anyone who allowed him opportunity. He gave 40 years of sacrificial stellar leadership to the beloved people of Mt. Helm, the Union District Association, the State Convention and the National Baptist Convention (emphasis in Foreign Missions).

A man after God's own heart, Rev. W. R. Goodner was mission minded and focused in his quest to serve the "least of these", by insuring the gospel be preached to all nations. His multiple excursions to provide assistance, encouragement and evangelism to Liberia, Ghana and Acra (Africa) were his passion. For over 18 years, Pastor Goodner's focus was to provide tangible presence and assistance through sending missionaries who would travel to offer their services: medically, financially and spiritually. It was a great work and he would not and could not come down. An indelible impact and imprint has been left in Africa, due to the call and mission of Pastor Goodner.

He was a pastor's pastor and a minister's mentor. Pastor Goodner was a

wealth of wisdom and wit. Very calm, jovial and patient in character, Pastor Goodner met no strangers. Everyone was a prime candidate to be solicited for the body of Christ. His life's work remains vibrant and relevant, as he leaves thousands who have been poured into through his deposits of wisdom, preaching, teaching and casual conversations. His departure was sudden yet his branding is unremovable. We who remain as recipients from the life deposits of Rev. Windford R. Goodner will carry out his legacy. We know "if it is the Lord's will", we will live to share Pastor Goodner's wisdom with others. "And we know that all things work together for the good to them that love the Lord and are the called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28) This full life gifted to us was slowly emptied out in 81 years and 83 days. We give God thanks and praise for allowing us to experience the invaluable treasures in the life of Rev. Windford R. Goodner. An humble servant who has done well to live well so that we can now speak well of his life.

Pasotr Windford Rece Goodner, passed on April 13, 2022. Public viewing will be on Friday, April 22, 2022 from 12pm - 7pm at Mt. Helm MBC, 1602 N. College Avenue. The Celebration of Life will be on Saturday, April 23, 2022 at Emmanuel MBC , 4958 Ribble Road. The family hour will be at 10am and the funeral service will be at 11am. Interment will be in Crown Hill Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Crown Hill Cemetery

700 W. 38th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46208

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **22**. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Helm Missionary Baptist Church
1602 N. College
Indianapolis, IN 46202

Visitation

APR **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church
4958 Ribble Road
Indianapolis
Indianapolis, IN 46218

Service

APR **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church
4958 Ribble Road
Indianapolis
Indianapolis, IN 46218

Tribute Wall

RK

“ I met Pastor Goodner in 2016 when his wife and I shared a room in the rehab unit at American Village for a few days; my bed was the one nearest to the door and when he came to visit his wife, he would knock and open the door just enough to ask if it was okay to come in--i was impressed by his effort to respect my privacy and the fact that he always wished me well when he left. A fond memory from that meeting was the fact that we couldn't get a slice of onion when we had hamburgers for lunch; when his wife told him this, he sliced up an onion that he had at home and brought both of us several slices of onion for our sandwiches. He impressed me as a very kind and thoughtful man. I'm sure he will be missed.

Roselyn Keppel - April 25, 2022 at 01:52 AM

LF

“ Love Deacon Howard and family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Pastor Windford Rece Goodner.



Love Deacon Howard and family - April 22, 2022 at 09:09 PM

WG

“ *My heart is so sad to learn about Pastor Goodner. We were friends. Nothing that I couldn't share with. He always checked up on me. I would call him and say "Pastor I need some advice" His first response was "Let us pray". Always a man of God in everything he did. I admired him. He always call me by my whole name and say I was named after him. To his children. God bless you how wonderful to have a dad who was so loving and caring. Sending love and prayers to you at this time.*

Love, Wendy Sue

Wendy Sue Greene - April 21, 2022 at 12:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Pastor Windford Rece Goodner.*



April 21, 2022 at 11:37 AM

CS

“ Pastor Goodner was a kind man with a kind heart, you could feel God in his spirit by being in his presence. I met him 35 years ago, I was his daughter, Tabitha’s college roommate. It’s funny how God puts people in your path. There was a group of us, we were struggling college students at the time. He and his beautiful wife would invite us to Sunday service and afterwards, they would invite us into their home for a big delicious feast. They were the kindest, most loving people that I met. Still today, after 35 years, I always kept contact with the family. I am thankful to God to have had the honor of knowing Pastor and Mrs. Goodner. My life was truly enhanced by knowing them.

My condolences to Malcolm, Mark, Tabitha and the entire family. ❤️



Chandra Wells Scott

Chandra Wells Scott - April 21, 2022 at 11:21 AM

DE

“ It was a pleasure, living next door to Pastor Goodner and his family on Coliseum Avenue.
I pray that God will comfort your hearts, during this time.

Debra Evans

Debra Evans - April 20, 2022 at 12:11 PM



“ Pastor Goodner just did my mothers eulogy a month ago. He will be missed greatly.

Derrick Wells - April 18, 2022 at 09:41 AM

ER

“ To The Family 👨👩👧👦 Of Retired Pastor W.R. Goodner, Especially My Friend Tabitha, You Are In Our Thoughts And Prayers In 🙏 The Passing Of Your Father And My Buddy! When Grief Comes Around Remember To Read 📖 The Word Of God For Comfort And Strength! We Love ❤️ You! Deacon Mario And Erika Young Of Little Bethel And Union District!



Erika Reeves - April 17, 2022 at 03:54 AM

SJ

The family of Pastor Goodner.you are in my prayers. I worked with Pastor Goodner in the Union District. He was man of God and Spiritual person.with teaching wisdom and a friend. HE will be missed by many. He is in the arms of Jesus.

Shirley Jackson - April 20, 2022 at 11:14 AM



“ My longtime friend of 57 years plus. He will be missed along with His sole mate Sister Goodner. I can see her at the gates of Heaven with open arms and a big smile on her face. That's how I'd like to remember them. Rest In Peace.

Donna L. Murff

Donna Murff - April 16, 2022 at 07:48 PM

JJ

"WHO PLUCKED that Flower,"cried the gardener, as he walked through the garden. His fellow- servant answered, "THE MASTER !" and the Gardener. ... HELD HIS PEACE. Pastor Goodner will be greatly missed by all who knew him..

Jeanetta Jackson - April 20, 2022 at 05:01 PM

SM

Beautiful Sis. Jackson!

Shawna Mayberry-Harrell - April 22, 2022 at 02:09 PM

SM

His life was well lived and a beautiful story told, Pastor will be missed truly, I'll never forget your smile nor what you installed in me (us all) the uncompromising word of God, hugs, conversations, Shawnanana's, Sunday School, bible study, BTU, trips to out of state parks, it started on 17th Yandes the donuts in the basement just the overall love you always showed all the homegoing services you stood and preached the word of all God, my marriage.... YOU WILL ALWAYS BE MY PASTOR!! I will never forget your labor of love in my life (family) you are a true jewel and (Sis. Goodner), Matthew 25:21 His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord, Rest with the Lord Pastor Goodner.

Shawna Mayberry-Harrell - April 22, 2022 at 02:24 PM