



## Mr. Curtis Raines, Sr.

February 1, 1943 - November 5, 2010

Mr. Curtis Raines, Sr. transitioned from labor to reward on Friday, November 5, 2010. His faith was unwavering as he ascended into the arms of God. He was born February 1, 1943 in Thomaston, Georgia to the union of the late Wilson and Susie Mae (McCants) Raines. Deacon Raines accepted the Lord at an early age. He attended public school in Georgia, continuing his education and graduating in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Curtis met the love of his life, Ruth Hudson Raines, and married in 1973. They were married for 37 years. To this union there are four daughters, three sons and one goddaughter. Curtis also has one daughter and three sons from a previous marriage. Curtis united with House of Peace Church of God in Christ serving faithfully under the leadership of Pastor Elder Leonzo Hudson, Sr. as a dutiful Deacon. Deacon Raines was saved and filled with the Holy Spirit as a young adult. In 1986 under the leading of the Holy Spirit and blessings of Pastor Hudson, Deacon Curtis and family united under the leadership of Supt. Pastor C.G. Charles, Tabernacle Church of God in Christ, Kalamazoo, MI. There he served the Lord in many roles; Trustee, Deacon, Men's Fellowship Committee, and the Male Chorus. He was an epitome of dedication to God's church and servant of the Lord. Deacon Raines often exclaimed, during or after a fervent testimony, "Someone just ought to say thank you Lord, right about now". This was a joy to see and hear him praise the Lord. He was a Godly man who encouraged others to believe in the Word of God. Curtis loved to sing God's praises and was affectionately called, "the singing, preaching

Deacon." Curtis retired in 2005 from Kalamazoo City Public Works. He was also co-owner of PRE Properties Inc., a housing management company. He found joy in building and restoring homes and providing quality and affordable homes for families. Curtis loved and cherished Ruth. The mention of her name brought a warm smile to his face. They were best friends. Next to God, family and travel were their passions.

Curtis was preceded in death by four brothers, Moses Raines, Rufus Raines, L.C. Raines and one sister Lillie Raines. He leaves behind to cherish his memory 10 children: Luenette Gainer, Curtis Raines Jr., Willard Raines, Carl Raines all of Florida; Stephanie Randle, Tiffany Randle, Freda Buchanan, Jason (Noreen) Raines, Jaron Raines, Darnell Cargile, Sheia Raines and Arhea Norton all of Kalamazoo; Five grandchildren: Wiltisha, Wilneka, Kasha, Eris, and Rylan; two brothers: George and (Linda) Raines of Kalamazoo and Wilson (Mildred) Raines of Georgia; five sisters: Mattie C Howell, Fannie Mae (Horace) Raines, Hattie Lee (Alton) Dawson, Ellena (Murthie) Daniely, Catherine (William) Ivey, all of Georgia; Aunts: Mamie Carter, Mary Colbert, and Mary McCants; Goddaughter Alisa Spencer; Special friends: Jacqueline Woodard, Larry Edmonds, Jerome Holloway, and Dwayne Powell and a host of family and friends.

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV 9. 12:00 PM (ET)

Tabernacle Church Of God In Christ  
3210 Virginia Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Curtis Raines, Sr.



Harper Funeral Home - November 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Mr. Curtis Raines, Sr.

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. Curtis Raines, Sr.

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ May God bless you and keep you Mrs. Raines.##imported-begin##Jacqueline Smith##imported-end##

November 25, 2010 at 01:26 AM



“ *Mr. Raines was a great man and a child of the Most High. I lost my father in September so I know Lord will comforted you at this time. Knowing that my brother in Christ is in the presents of our loving Heavenly Father.*

*God Bless,  
Tony Smith###imported-begin##Tony Smith###imported-end##*

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November 21, 2010 at 05:53 PM



“ *Rest in peace, forever loving you, Ruth###imported-begin##Ruth Raines###imported-end##*

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November 17, 2010 at 05:43 PM



“ *Sorry for loss. I know he will be truly missed. I also believe you know he is in a better place. May GOD continue bless and keep your family.*

*Love, Alverna Williams and family###imported-begin##Alverna Williams###imported-end##*

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November 09, 2010 at 08:42 PM



“ I first met Mr. Raines in October 1986 through his son Jason, whom I befriended during those early days of 7th grade, as well as his brother Jaron. From the beginning, he made myself and Jason's other friends feel as if they were a part of the family, that we could ask him anything, and he would selflessly share his insights with us, keeping us all grounded with his unimposing morality and strong, spiritual sense of self. He was a man of God, and was not afraid to let everyone know it. I will always love him for that. And I will definitely miss the pearls of knowledge that he would slide into our conversations over the years, the gentle ribbing (usually over the ladies, or lack thereof), the genuine care and concern that he'd show for not just myself, but everyone he knew. What a wonderful man and a terrible loss for everyone who knew him. I feel honored to have known Mr. Raines for 2/3 of my 36 years here on Earth, and will continue to mourn the loss of his wonderful smile, his sly wit, his hard-earned wisdom, and his beautiful, God-fearing spirit. But I will also rejoice, as I know that I will hear his voice every time I talk and hang out with his wonderful sons.

*Rest in Peace, Mr. Raines. I love you.##imported-begin##Shawnte McCall##imported-end##*

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November 09, 2010 at 12:53 AM



“ *May Almighty God of Tender Mercies Comfort the Raines family (2Co.1:3,4),*

*When the last enemy strikes grief may be great and make the heart yearn for*

*Comfort, Almighty God gives HOPE and PROMISE at (JOHN 5:28, ACTS 24:15,*

*ISAIAH 26:19 and REVELATION 21:4)*

*Almighty God HOPE and PROMISE SOON TO BE ATTAIN, May these thoughts be of some Comfort.*

*gingerrobinson@bellsouth.net###imported-begin##Ginger Robinson###imported-end##*

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November 08, 2010 at 09:29 PM



“ *I didn't know my uncle curtis that well, but he was a one of those persons that I have always and still admire. His love for God and His family as always been sacred. even though he's gone on. The memories of him live on. Miss you Uncle Curtis. May God continue to be with you Aunt Ruth. Love You.*

*Audrey and Family###imported-begin##Audrey Evans###imported-end##*

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November 08, 2010 at 08:58 PM



“ *To Deacon George Raines and family. You are in my thoughts and prayers as you go through this season and life transition.*

*Sis Cotton###imported-begin##Lillie Cotton###imported-end##*

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November 08, 2010 at 12:28 PM



“ Our prayers are with you during this time. Keep the faith; God bless.

*Homer Gibson & family##imported-begin##Kim Gibson##imported-end##*

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November 08, 2010 at 11:48 AM



“ I was so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. If I can do anything for you (especially for Sheia), please do not hesitate to call.##imported-begin##Julie Hepner##imported-end##

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November 08, 2010 at 11:34 AM



“ My prayers are with you during this time of grief and sorrow. Yet I also rejoice with you as you celebrate the Homegoing of Deacon Curtis Raines Sr. Our family have lost another compassionate, God-fearing member and the world has loss a friend to mankind. May God contine to comfort all of the family, friends and fellow labourer in Kingdom Building,  
Pastor Otis C. Raines, Sanford, Fl##imported-begin##Pastor Otis C. Raines##imported-end##

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November 07, 2010 at 08:23 PM



“ On behalf of the Rancifer sisters and myself we all send our deepest heart felt condolences to you Ruth and your family, in this your time of prayerful need. May the Lord keep you in his hands and carry you through this time. Know that He is forever with you and will never leave you just call his name when you feel weak and alone he truly is a comforter and will see you through. The Rancifer sisters, Melissa , Vanessa, Helen and Audrey.##imported-begin##Melissa Jeremiah Rancifer and sisters##imported-end##

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November 07, 2010 at 06:34 PM



“ My condolences, and love to you all during this time. You all are my prayers. I am daughter of Elizabeth Daniely Anderson, and granddaughter of Ellena (Raines) Daniely.##imported-begin##Melissa Anderson ##imported-end##

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November 06, 2010 at 08:18 AM