



## Reverend David E. Washington Sr.

March 15, 1939 - December 18, 2019

David Edgar Washington Sr. was born on March 15, 1939 in Grindstone, Pennsylvania to the late Percy and Lellia Washington.

At an early age, David professed Jesus Christ as his personal savior at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Grindstone, Pennsylvania. David was active in the church as a young boy, but it would be later that David would become a devoted servant and Pastor in The Church.

David excelled in football, baseball and track and became the first black quarterback in the history of Brownsville High School. Through his athletic success, David became a hometown hero, which resulted in some 'special' meal preparation from his mom. This 'special' attention earned David the nickname "Baby Jesus" from some of his siblings. David went on to win a football scholarship at Pratt Community College in Pratt, Kansas where he became a Junior College All-American at the quarterback position. He then furthered his college football career at Kent State University in Kent, Ohio.

After leaving Kent State and joining the Army where he served for three years, David moved to Cleveland, Ohio where one of his older brothers, Kenneth resided. It was in Cleveland, where David would find his greatest life treasure, his beautiful bride, Mary Elizabeth. They were married on August 21, 1965. They shared a love affair and unbreakable bond for 54 years. To this union,

two children were born – Shelley and David Jr.

David had a 30-year career at Ford Motor Company where he served in a variety of positions but primarily as a Supervisor in Labor Relations. He retired from Ford in 1997; however, his greatest life labor was still in front of him. During this time, David would go on to earn his Bachelor and Master of Business degrees from Baldwin Wallace College.

Under the late Reverend Dr. James Emmitt Moss, of Springhill Missionary Baptist, David was licensed to preach the gospel in 1996. David served in various leadership capacities at Springhill including Sunday

School Superintendent, Associate Minister, and Sunday School instructor. David later earned a Masters of Arts in Pastoral Ministries from Marygrove College. He would later go on to Pastor First Baptist Church of Amherstberg, Ontario Canada, and serve as Associate Pastors of St. Phillips Baptist Church and Davison Missionary Baptist Church. David also served for 10 years as the Senior Pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church in Pontiac, MI. before retiring. After which, David then transitioned to serve alongside his son, David Washington Jr. at Canton Christian Fellowship where he served as the midday Bible Study Teacher and “Big Papa”/Chief Advisor to anyone who would listen!

David was not only a great husband, father, preacher and teacher, but he was also a community leader. He had a passion for coaching and teaching youth sports. David coached football, baseball and basketball and he has mentored and impacted hundreds of young men over the years. Many of those young men, saw David Sr. as not only a coach but a father-figure and life teacher.

Preceding David in death were his parents Percy and Lellia Washington, brothers George, Willie Joe, Richard, Moses, Kenneth, Clarence, Clifford and sisters Viola Jenkins and Juanita Martin.

On Wednesday, December 18, 2019, at 11:45 a.m., David departed from this side of heaven. He leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife, Mary Elizabeth of 54 years; daughter, Shelley (Kenneth); son, David Jr. (Emeshe); and sisters, Frances, Esther (Donald) and Joan. He also leaves behind eight grandchildren, Gabriella, Hannah, Faith, Nathan, Joyelle, David III, Noah and Sekai; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Phil Poe (Claretta), Fannie Mosley, Gladys Jenkins, Lillian Reeves (Joe), Mary Francis, Andrew Poe and David Poe (Roberta), as well a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and a great brotherhood of pastors and preachers.

# Previous Events

## Family Hour

DEC 28. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Canton Christian Fellowship  
8775 Ronda Dr.  
Canton, MI 48187

## Funeral Service

DEC 28. 11:30 AM (ET)

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8775 Ronda Dr.  
Canton, MI 48187

# Tribute Wall



“ *Reverend David E. Washington Sr.*

September 27, 2022 at 08:40 PM



“ *Reverend David E. Washington Sr.*

September 27, 2022 at 06:52 PM



“ *Rev & Mrs James O'Rear lit a candle in memory of Reverend David E. Washington Sr.*



**Rev & Mrs James O'Rear** - December 27, 2019 at 11:56 AM



*Please Know that we are lifting the entire Washington Family up in our Thoughts and Prayers today and the coming days ahead*

**Rev & Mrs. James O'Rear** - December 27, 2019 at 12:01 PM

MR

*Pastor David Washington, Sr. was a great man of God, molder of youth, and mentor and surrogate father to many. He took a personal interest in all who came his way my wife Stephanie and me included. He thought enough of me to encourage me in my call to ministry and allowed me to preach in his pulpit at Shiloh Baptist Church, a great honor that I will forever cherish. Most important to me is that he cheered me and my family when we were blessed to achieve good things and chastised me if I was flagging in my responsibilities. He also encouraged me and made me laugh when times were tough or I felt down. He made me feel special and he often encouraged me to stick with Pastor David Washington, Jr. at CCF. I'll miss him dearly, think of him often, and never forget the things he taught me in both word and deed. Rest well Papa Washington. You earned it. All our love to Pastor, Lady Meshia, Mother Washington, and the entire family. May God Bless You! 🙏*

Minister Larry Lee Rowley - December 28, 2019 at 07:57 AM

LR

*I don't know why my name was shortened?*

Larry Lee Rowley - December 28, 2019 at 08:00 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Reverend David E. Washington Sr..*



December 27, 2019 at 11:53 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Reverend David E. Washington Sr..*



December 27, 2019 at 11:50 AM

SP

“ *shiloh Baptist Church -Coley Gracey, Pastor purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Reverend David E. Washington Sr..*



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**shiloh Baptist Church -Coley Gracey, Pastor** - December 27, 2019 at 10:08 AM

CF

“ *I wasn't around Pastor Sr. for a long time but I found that he had a great memory! Every time I would come to Michigan he would fuss about me about leaving and moving to Texas and ask when I was coming back? Then he would say "you're that girl who sang, I would say "yes sir to which he would reply, I know who you are." If I didn't sing when I visited he asked, "why didn't you sing today"? At first I was surprised that he knew who I was but then I realized he didn't miss much! Awesome man of God! My prayers are with you all.*

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**Carla Tedford Foreman** - December 27, 2019 at 02:53 AM

CE

“ *Pop Washington was one of a kind. I didn't know him for a long time, but it was long enough for him to impart a number of nuggets to help me out as a new preacher of the gospel. He's left a ton of wisdom and lessons with his son that will have an impact for years to come. Rest well Pop Washington!*

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**Capree Edwards** - December 27, 2019 at 12:18 AM

RF

“ Robert D. Harlan, Sr. & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Reverend David E. Washington Sr..



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**Robert D. Harlan, Sr. & Family** - December 26, 2019 at 11:03 PM

 Terrie Taylor

“ What a GREAT man of GOD. Kind, charismatic, hilarious and prayer warrior and didn't mind speaking his mind 😊 Awesome Christian in the faith and a great-positive example. We honor you Pastor Washington Sr. 💕



*Darryl & Terrie Taylor*

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**Terrie Taylor** - December 26, 2019 at 05:18 PM

NW

“ Papa Washington was an encourager of marriage! He was always giving words of wisdom to my husband as he knew that the head of the household was responsible for his household. I also heard him strongly encouraging the men to get married to their girlfriends, which the women much appreciated lol. He also encouraged me to sing solo more, as he knew I was a little shy. He was so proud of me when I did! He wanted to see our house in the country and I wish we were able to make that happen. I will really miss him ❤️ Continued prayers for the entire Washington family 🙏

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**Nezula White** - December 26, 2019 at 02:32 PM

GE

“ I will miss Pop Washington always telling me to sing something. Not asking, telling lol. He would also ask me if I was gonna do my Holy Ghost dance. Lol. Great man of God and an anointed preacher.

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**Geanine Edwards** - December 26, 2019 at 11:54 AM

SW

“ Pastor Sr will truly be missed. His laugh, his jokes but most of all his presence. We are praying for Mother Washington and the entire Washington family.

*May the peace of God comfort you.*

*Love you,*

*Sidney West and family*

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**sidney west** - December 26, 2019 at 11:07 AM

PS

“ My condolences and prayer of comfort to the entire Washington family as a great man of God has ran his race and finished the course and has now transitioned to receive his reward. My experience with Reverend Washington were few and my family and I was blessed immensely by his son Pastor Washington at CCF. Which means we are so grateful for the seed and mentoring you gave to your son. Blessing and Gods strength to Momma Washington and the entire family..🙏❤️🙏❤️🙏

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**Paul A. Walker Sr.** - December 26, 2019 at 10:42 AM

DW

“ I'll always remember Poppa Washington saying to me, "Hey Shorty, did you squeeze your wife yesterday?" He would also say, " make sure that you squeeze her every day ". He would ask my wife, just make sure that I was telling the truth. Lol... I'm truly going to miss walking with him from his assigned seat at church to his vehicle. He always had some jokes and some wisdom for me in that short walk. Much love to Poppa Washington! Continued prayers for Momma Washington and the rest of the Washington family!

Doron White - December 26, 2019 at 10:29 AM

Mitzi Hollins

“ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Matt. 5:4  
Praying that this Scripture resonates with you and your family during this time of great loss but heavenly gain. God is faithful and true! He is the our source of comfort and peace in it all. I pray that you will receive it and lean on His strength to get you through. God bless.

Mitzi Hollins - December 24, 2019 at 07:45 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Reverend David E. Washington Sr..



December 24, 2019 at 07:36 AM

MW

“ I am honored and blessed to have been able to call The Great Reverend David E. Washington, Sr my Father-in-Love and Dad! My heart breaks knowing that you’re no longer on this side of heaven yet it rejoices because I’ll surely see you again! Each passing day I’m reminded of the power and depth of the legacy you left behind, as evidenced by what you did with the dash between your birth and death! That dash speaks volumes about the man of God you were and the life you lived...you gave unconditionally and died empty. That’s what this thing called life is all about, honoring God through our lives; nothing else is more important. Dad, I miss you and I love you!

Your daughter-in-love,

Mesha (Mesheba, lol)

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**Mesha Washington (Emeshe A Washington)** - December 23, 2019 at 09:11 PM

AH

Ardell Hailey

I will always remember this great Man of God. First visiting his church in Pontiac and CCF. I am reminded of the time I visited he and Mrs. Washington in rehab, he was so funny with the staff.  
RIH Pastor Washington Sr.

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**Ardell Hailey** - December 27, 2019 at 07:05 PM

TR

“ The love that you shared will always be remember. I know that every now and again, I will hear you say im going to tell my son on you..Yes I remembered that your coffee has to be pretty brown, just like momma

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**Tracee** - December 23, 2019 at 02:50 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Reverend David E. Washington Sr..*



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December 23, 2019 at 11:56 AM



“ *Pastor Sr., thank you so much for being a friend and pouring into my life. I'll always remember the nicknames you called me and the laughter we shared. You will forever be in my heart, MY FRIEND. Love you*



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**Cheryl Stampley-Simpson** - December 22, 2019 at 10:14 PM



“ *Rev. Washington, Sr would always say something funny to make me laugh. A sense of humor is a wonderful thing to have. When I would call his home he would ask me. "Are you the lady that live in the heights?" Joking. RIH Rev.Washington, Sr.💕💕  
To the Family: We are so sorry for your loss. We are uplifting you in prayer.  
💕💕Mildred Bailey and Family*

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**Mildred Bailey** - December 22, 2019 at 01:21 AM

DC

“ *DST - FANTASEE- EE Chapter purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Reverend David E. Washington Sr..*



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**DST - FANTASEE- EE Chapter** - December 21, 2019 at 07:12 PM

JF

“ *Daddy, every Sunday I always give you, mummie and auntie a kiss after service to show my appreciation for our Pastor David, Jr. It is each of y'all leadership and teachings that made our Pastor the man of God he is today, for that I wanna say thank you.*

*I'm truly gonna miss your wise jokes and always messing up my name when you seen me saying, "What's your name again?" Being silly. 😂*

*Thanks for your teaching, your coaching, and most importantly your love for God's Kingdom. I pray you have many crowns stored up in heaven, so many that the saints will rejoice with you. Love you daddy, may your legacy live on through the lives you've touched! 💖💖*

*Juanita Francis*

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**Juanita Francis** - December 21, 2019 at 04:41 AM

CM

“ *Pastor Sr. a great man. You will be missed but never forgotten. You sit with the Angels now, singing Holy, Holy, Holy. Love You. Clotee*

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**Clotee Miller** - December 20, 2019 at 10:29 PM

PF

“ We extend our prayers and condolences to the entire Washington Family. May the peace of God keep you during your hours of bereavement.



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**Pastor Maurice Flaniken** - December 20, 2019 at 06:48 PM



“ Dad you are and will always be the greatest of all time (GOAT)! Thank you for all that you gave, sacrificed, mentored and poured into me.

*Your only Son*

*David Jr*

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**David Washington** - December 20, 2019 at 06:45 PM

LT

“ Lisa Taylor & Family lit a candle in memory of Emeritus Pastor David E Washington  
Rest in Paradise Pastor  
You will truly be missed  
Love Always  
Lisa Taylor & Family



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**Lisa Taylor** - December 20, 2019 at 03:27 PM

SM

“ *Salte Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Reverend David E. Washington Sr.*



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**salte mitchell** - December 20, 2019 at 03:05 PM

SM

“ *R I H from the Mitchell Family*

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**salte mitchell** - December 20, 2019 at 03:04 PM

VW

“ *Valina Walker lit a candle in memory of Reverend David E. Washington Sr.*



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**Valina Walker** - December 20, 2019 at 02:45 PM

RM

“ *Ruby McIntosh lit a candle in memory of Reverend David E. Washington Sr.*



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**Ruby McIntosh** - December 20, 2019 at 02:17 PM

JJ

*Enjoyed our friendship!!!! Res5 in peace.*

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**Jake Gaines Jr** - December 26, 2019 at 09:09 PM



*Pastor Washington will truly be missed. Heaven is a litter sweeter.*

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**Elaine Washington** - December 27, 2019 at 04:08 PM