



## Portia Bishop

March 15, 1952 - September 1, 2012

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 8, 2012 at the World Outreach Campus, 2405 Bay Road. Supt. Hurley J. Coleman, Jr., Host Pastor. Bishop Samuel Duncan, Jr. will officiate with interment in Roselawn Memorial Gardens. Friends may call at the Greater All Nation Prayer Tower C.O.G.I.C., 608 S. 20th Street, on Friday from 4:00 until 9:00 p.m. Our beloved wife, mother and grandmother went home to be with her Heavenly father on Saturday, September 1, 2012 at the age of 60 years. Portia Maxine Chandler Bishop was born March 15, 1952 to the late Superintendent Julius Chandler & Doris Polk Chandler of Eden, Maryland. Portia graduated from James M. Bennett Senior High School. She was a seamstress and very athletic in school. Evangelist Portia Maxine Bishop hailed from the state of Maryland and received early Christian education under Bishop James L. Eure, Eastern Shore, Maryland and Bishop LT Blackshear, Delaware. She resided in Saginaw, MI for the last eight years. She was married to Superintendent Louis Bishop, Pastor of Greater All Nations Prayer Tower Church of God in Christ. She was an anointed woman of God who loved the Lord and his people. She served and held many positions in the church including: Church Secretary, Usher, Sunday School Teacher, Sunday School Superintendent, District Chairlady of the Sunday School, State President of the Purity Class, a member of the State Choir, State Voice of Hospitality, and District Missionary. Also, Evangelist Bishop worked with the National Ministers Wives with Mother Sarah Butler. Evangelist

Bishop's purpose in life was to be that shining light that would cause others to want to be saved. Her goal was to reach the lost at any cost. Evangelist Bishop's aim was always to put God first and let him direct her path. Her endeavor was to please God in every way, reaching out to others making a difference in someone's life. Evangelist Bishop's favorite scripture was Psalm 34:1: "I will bless the Lord at all times and His praise shall continually be in my mouth." Evangelist Bishop's favorite song was "I Won't Complain". Evangelist Bishop leaves to cherish her memory, her loving and devoted husband, Superintendent Louis Bishop; her loving daughter, Alethea "Cookie" Nichols; two grandchildren, George "MJ" Copeland and Joi Nichols; five loving siblings, Jeffrey Polk (Rachel), Julius Chandler Jr. (Althea) of Eden, MD; Paulette Walters of Saginaw, MI, Grady Chandler of Delmarva, Delaware, and Mark Chandler of Baltimore, MD; three uncles, Uncle Calvin Polk (Mildred aka Aunt Tinge), Uncle Boyd Polk, and Uncle Roger Polk (Elaine); one aunt, Aunt Iva Brooken and a host of nieces and nephews, cousins and Godchildren.

# Tribute Wall

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**Robert Campbell** - April 04, 2018 at 01:41 PM

KC

“ *Im sure gonna miss my Auntie Portia. She was one of a kind. Im gonna miss our talks and laughs. She was one classy lady and loved them thrift stores. I dont know what I will do without her. It just dont seem real to me. Nows shes resting in the arms of Jesus. I loved my aunt very much. But God love her best. She be forever in my heart.*

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**Kim chandler** - September 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ To the family,  
*The Magic of a Mother's Touch*  
*There's magic in a Mother's touch,*  
*and sunshine in her smile.*  
*There's love in everything she does*  
*to make our lives worthwhile.*  
*We can find both hope and courage*  
*Just by looking in her eyes.*  
*Her laughter is a source of joy,*  
*her works are warm and wise.*  
*There is a kindness and compassion*  
*to be found in her embrace,*  
*and we see the light of heaven*  
*shining from a Mother's face.*

*Anonymous*

*Please know we are praying for you and with you as you celebrate  
the homegoing of Cousin Maxine. We will miss her dearly and we  
love you all so very much.*

*Lee and Gina*

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**Lee and Gina Deal** - September 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ *Cookie & Family,*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you as we remember the life and legacy of our beloved Evangelist Bishop. While we are unable to be with you, please know we love you and continue to pray for you and Superintendent Bishop.*

*Your mother left a lasting legacy of prayer, praise, worship and Word for all of us to follow. I thank God for the influence she had in my life and the lives of many others. Thank God she was patient with us when we were learning to live holy and she taught us with love and compassion, while being firm in the Word of God.*

*We love you!*

*The Kellam Family*

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**Bishop James W. & Elder Elizabeth Kellam** - September 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ *Cookie, we were saddened to hear of the passing of your mother. Our prayers go out to you and your family. God is a good God. God loved Sis. Portia so much that he took her out of her pain and put her in a place where she will suffer no more.*

*Blessing to you and the family.*

*Gregory and Rev. Lucille Nichols*

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**Gregory & Rev. Lucille Nichols** - September 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Grace & Peace in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

*We humbly bow our heads to show great respect to our Almighty GOD for the life and legacy of Lady Portia Maxine Bishop. We will truly miss her grace, praise, and smile that was evident at all times! She was a rare jewel and a devoted Saint of of GOD! Without a doubt our Master has called her from her labor to soon receive her REWARD!*

*To the family, friends and alike be strengthen during this time of transition, because our Almighty GOD will carry you through to the other side!*

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**Pastor Terrance L. Murray** - September 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WW

“ May God bless you and your family

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**William Wise** - September 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ What a wonderful and exciting spirit has gone home to be with the Lord. She made a great impact on our lives. We did what we could and now we pray for Cookie and the beloved grands. God be with yu all.

*Miss'y Delores Jacksdon*

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**Supt & Miss'y Philip R Jackson** - September 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I wish to offer my deepest sympathy in the passing of your mother and wife. I pray you find comfort in knowing that we are praying for you during this difficult time.

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**Mo. Clararetha Spencer** - September 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ To the family. My thoughts and prayers are with you. I did not see you that much, after you relocated but, we never lost the love we had for each other. We do know that Portia is with the Lord. This is a road we all have to take, we will miss you, but it gives me comfort in knowing that you are resting in God's arm.  
Love Arnetta and Calvin.

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**arnetta sample** - September 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ To Cookie and all the Chandler family, I would like to give my condolences. I thank God for the time He allowed Maxine to be a part of all our lives. The last time I spoke to Maxine, she was telling me how she wanted to visit me in the Virgin Islands. I am sorry she never got a chance to visit but I know that she is in a Paradise that is definitely greater than the Virgin Islands.

*All my love to the family and may God bless you with peace during this time.*

*Terry Saunders Skepple*

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**Terry Saunders Skepple** - September 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ To the Chandler family:

*Sorry to hear about the passing of Maxine. She was a very good friend. She always had an encouraging word wherever she saw you.*

*May God richly bless the family!*

*Love,*

*Doris Saunders*

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**Doris Saunders** - September 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ To the family continue to press towards the mark of the higher calling. Maxine has reached her mark and she is now singing with her heavenly voice in Heaven. She was devoted to her family and was always trying to get us together for any occasion but a sad one. I pray that her homegoing will be joyous just the way she would have it. My prayers are never ceasing for the lost to be saved.

*God's Blessings to you all and Weeping will only last for a while but joy will come.*

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**Mabeline A. Polk** - September 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. My prayers and thoughts are with the family. May God give you peace and strength through your time of loss. Continue to trust and seek God in all you do.

*With Love and Concern,  
Tracey (Polk) Ballard and Family*

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**Tracey Ballard** - September 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Cookie, our hearts were saddened to hear of the loss of your dear mother. We are praying for you and your family.

*John 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.*

*Your mother has gone from labour to reward, rejoice in her life and legacy because only what you do for Christ will last. Continue on in the work of the Lord as never before. We love you and pray God heals the hurt as only he can do.*

*Be blessed.*

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**Minister Lance and Sis. Dennette Anderson** - September 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ED

“ Cookie and Family My thoughts and prayers are with you as you go through this period in your life. Your mother was a wonderful person. She left a legacy for all of us to follow. If you need anything you know I am here for you!

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**Emily Dupree** - September 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Rejoice in Heaven Mother Portia Bishop. We will miss you dearly. Take your rest. You have gone from labor to your heavenly reward. No more hurt, no more pain, just joy in the presence of the Lord.

*Rest on....*

*Love you, Kimberly Horne*

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**Kimberly L. Horne** - September 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ *Portia and her family was the reason I found God. My sisters and I happen to be the first family to join Solid Rock Church, with Elder Julis Chandler and his family. We grew up like we were all part of the Chandler family and we did whatever Maxine told us to do. We learned to sing, praise God, worship God, and everthing she taught us made me the women of God I am today. Thank you my sister, you are truley a great Women. We love you all. God bless your husband and all of the Chandler Familey. The Cuffee's.*

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**William and Dorothy Bailey** - September 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *To the Nichols and Bishop Family*

*We are praying for you during your time of bereavement. Praying that God will comfort and strengthen you. Sister Portia was my wife and I guest soloist at our wedding 30 years ago. She will be remembered as an anointed and powerful woman of God. She possessed a kind and sweet spirit always willing to help those who was in need. May God strengthen Superintendent Louis Bishop and the Greater All Nations Prayer Tower Church family during this time. Weeping may endure for a night but joy cometh in the morning.  
Pastor Robert W. Campbell Sr. - Greater Hope COGIC Dallas, Tx.*

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**Pastor Robert Campbell Sr.** - September 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ We, the pastor & members of GFT COGIC do bow our heads in Godly sorrow at the passing of our dear sister in the Lord and friend. "Maxine" was certainly a blessing to all who's live she touched. Remembering her from her home church, Solid Rock COGIC, she was on fire for the Lord, and no one could extinguish "that" flame. She was a true woman of God. We will miss her, "BUT" God had a plan for her. Family, lift up your eyes unto the hills from whence cometh your Help.."

*Greater Faith Temple church, Pastor: Bishop Paul R. Harmon.*

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**Greater Faith Temple COGIC** - September 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ I know that God will give all of you the strenght that you will need for this trial. God is the God of all comfort. Now is the time to run to the "hiding place" in God. He will comfort you.

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**Dollie Milfort** - September 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you as you mourn the loss of a wonderful person and sister in Christ. May you be encouraged to know that others feel your pain and share in your grief.

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**JOYCE ANN BRATTEN** - September 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ God know what he is doing she was a great women of god and i am going to miss her in my heart.she would want of to praise the lord know matter what going on.

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**Brother Norman Whittington** - September 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ *Praying for the entire family.*

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**Pastor Ed. & Mattie Jackson** - September 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ *To the Bishop and Chandler Family*

*Our prays are that God will strengthen you with the love and support that need. For God does all things well.*

*May you get joy in the life that Miss'y Portia lived. For only God can heal the heart and give strength to the soul.*

*Elder & Mrs Andre Latchison*

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**Elder & Mrs Andre Latchison** - September 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ *Still unbelievable, But,I know U are gone becuz U did not answer your phone, U always call me back...O how I am missing thee and O how I love thee! U were always encouraging,happy,smiling,laughing, u kept me going. I still hear our last conversation,(Portia testifying) Girl, I am doing good, I cannot complain,GOD has been too good to (Me cheering her on...AMEN) I am now saying, Lord,I am Broken but your strength is easy in all of my weakness!REST IN PEACE my Dear Friend!!*

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**Wilbur and Sherry Smith** - September 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ We offer you our most sincere and comforting words and expressions of sympathy. Your loved one, Portia Maxine Bishop. lovingly touched many lives, as she did ours. She will be sorely missed. We "mourn and weep when you mourn and weep and rejoice when you rejoice."

*May God, Our Father, strengthen and comfort all of the family and fill you with His peace that passeth all understanding.*

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**Edward & Theresa Horne** - September 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ WE WERE GRIEVED DEEPLY TO HEAR OF YOUR GREAT LOSS. OUR PRAYERS AND DEEPEST SYMPATHY ARE WITH YOU AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME. LOOK TO THE LORD AND LEAN ON HIM FOR COMFORT. IN DUE TIME, HE WILL BRIGHTEN YOUR WAY.

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**MISS'Y JEAN LATCHISON** - September 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ *Cookie: I was saddened to hear of the going home of your mother. My prayers are with you. Love much*

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**Evangelist Willa Greene** - September 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ To Supt. Louis Bishop, Alethea "Cookie", MJ and Joi Nichols, & the Greater All Nations Prayer Tower COGIC Family:

*You remain in our thoughts and prayers as you adjust to the absence of Lady Portia. She was a beautiful, virtuous woman of God who was faithful until the end and has entered her eternal rest. Although she will be missed tremendously, take comfort in knowing that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. She will live forever in our hearts!*

*"Well done, good and faithful servant! Enter into the joy of your Lord!"*

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**Pastor Perry & Lady Gina Bell** - September 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CY

“ *Cookie, I was saddened to hear of the passing of your mother. She always had a beautiful smile to share with you and she will greatly missed.*

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**Carl & Darlean Young** - September 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *Evg. Portia was truly a woman of God. I will never forget her holy boldness and determination to speak the truth "so help me God." Many years ago, she visited one of our praise services. It had been several years since she, my deceased husband, Bishop E. Thomas Foreman and our church communed together. Without hesitation, she admonished the saints to do what they knew was right and her words were so touching that there wasn't any objection. Evg. Portia was a warrior woman. A woman who captured the hearts of many while she opened herself up as an example for the world. Although she may be outside our touch, I believe she is resting in His arms. Be encouraged and know that sorrow doesn't last always. For the day will come when we shall all rejoice because heaven will be our home.*

*Sincerely,*

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**Leatha Foreman** - September 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM