



## Rev. D. Aldridge,

May 1, 1927 - August 15, 2009

Family hour will take place at 9:45 a.m. Friday, August 21, 2009 at the Victorious Believers Ministries Church of God in Christ, 624 South Outer Drive, with the funeral commencing at 11:00 a.m. Bishop Marvin C. Pryor, Pastor. Rev. Earl O. Crump, of Door of Faith Christian Church in Pontiac, MI, will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at The New Christ Community Church, 3302 Grant Street, on Thursday from 2:00 until 7:00 p.m., where the family will be present from 2:00 until 6:00 p.m. "Then Peter said, silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee; In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk" (Acts 3:6) William Demone Aldridge was born on May 1, 1927 the second oldest of five children to the blessed union of the late Bill and Annie Lee Aldridge, in Eupora, Mississippi. Being the only son, he was often accused of jealously protecting his four sisters. He demonstrated considerable athletic talent as a youngster. He was a four-sport star in high school playing football, basketball, baseball and track. Many residents of the Saginaw community best knew Rev. Aldridge as a very unyielding, animated sports referee, officiating city-league basketball games. William Aldridge completed his high school diploma at Rusk College. He then completed three years of college academic work at Rusk before deciding to respond to God's call to service in 1948. The initial call to the ministry came at the tender age of seventeen, in June of 1944. The early years in the ministry proved to be a period of sacrifice and significant challenge. Between 1948 and 1953, Rev. Aldridge pastored at five different

rural Mississippi churches. Rev. Bothuel, Pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, introduced Rev. Aldridge to Christ Community Church on Palm Sunday in 1954. On the following Easter Sunday he accepted the pastorate at Christ Community, where he pastored until retiring in 2004. He taught in the Buena Vista School District and retired from the General Motors Malleable Iron Plant after 28 years in July of 1981. Rev. Aldridge met Eugene Erby, the sophisticated and stylish daughter of Shepherd and Mary Erby while attending Rusk College. They were married in 1948 and to this union were born eight children, including triplets. He leaves to cherish his memory, children: Mayor Joyce (Dr. Eugene) Seals, Prophetess Mary McDonald-Barnes, Pastors Leona (James) Glenn, Demona (Glenn) Reed, Rev. William (Deanna) Aldridge, Jr., Pastor Audrey (Andrew) Parker, Carolyn (Terry) Pruitt, all of Saginaw; grandchildren: Claudie Aldridge, Carol Lynn (Ordona) Willis, Loyce (Willie) Brown, Michelle Andrews, Felicia (Michael) Buchanan, Dr. Delicia (Brian) Pruitt, Jacinta (Tommie) Henderson, Tracie, Eugene and Mary Seals, Leslie, Monique and William McDonald, Tiffany and Towanna Aldridge and Shantel Goggins, Andre (Lisa), Jacques (Gina), William and LeFlore Reed, Jacqueline (Christopher) Jackson, Jonathan and Patricia Glenn, Eugenia (Ontay) Johnson, Christopher (LaShay), Samuel (Chalonda) Parker, Dawn Granberry, Dena and Dana Pruitt, Michael Seals; forty great-grandchildren; sisters: Willeace (Jim) Harris, Melba (George) Nash, Zepha Norwood; many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins; brother-in-law: Henry Flowers; Goddaughters: Dena Pruitt and Carolyn Horton. His memory will also be cherished by Yvonne Carmichael and Elizabeth Richmond. He was preceded in death by: his parents, wife Mary Viola Eugene (Erby) Aldridge, children, Augusta Marie and Ouida Aldridge, sister, Ann Flowers and granddaughter Tamara Aldridge. The family would like to express special thanks to Dr. Babu Nahata of Covenant Rehab, Dr. Strife and the nursing staff of Vibra Hospital in Lincoln Park, MI, and Rev. Aldridge's caregivers, Floria Hardin, David Williams, Tracie Seals, Shirley and special thanks to Mary McDonald-Barnes and Demona Reed.



# Tribute Wall

HP

“ *May the peace of God keep you and your family through Christ Jesus.*

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**Hurley and Donna Perry** - August 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ *Know that GOD is with you all. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Bernadette Guion** - August 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mary, We pray that you will have the strength you need to get through this very difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, your wonderful family and your church family.*

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August 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ *My sincerest wishes for strength and peace at this most difficult time for your family.*

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**Candy Osborne** - August 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ To Joyce Seals & Family,

*We were deeply saddened when we heard about your father's passing and send our sincere condolences to you and your family.*

*During times like these we must remember to praise God anyhow. He holds our today, tomorrow and our future. He doesn't do anything that would harm us.*

*Keep God close, near and dear to your heart and put all your trust in Him and he shall provide you with comfort and restful nights.*

*May God bless you and remember we are always here for you in the time of need.*

*Desmond & Shontaye Bibbs*

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**Desmond & Shontaye Bibbs** - August 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ *My cousin Demond will always hold a special place in my heart. Demond loved our family. I was glad that I had an opportunity to say goodbye. He looked so peaceful and pain free. When I said I was leaving he opened his eyes. It is a moment that I will always cherish. May God give our family the strenth to make it through this difficult time. Love Sherry*

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**Sherry Draine-Williams** - August 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ *Just wanted to share my deepest sympathy and thoughts for you all during this time!!! We yet rejice knowing that Rev. Aldridge is now resting with the Lord.*

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**RONALD PARRISH** - August 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ *Your daddy is with Jesus now. Look up and the peace of God will keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ.*

*Love you all.*

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**Sister Fannie Davis** - August 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *I have been so blessed to have a first cousin, such as Rev. Aldridge, who took the time to put me under his wing and train me to be a true man of God that I am today. I loved one of his favorite scriptures that has always stayed in my spirit(Exodus 14:14, "The Lord shall fight for you and ye shall hold your peace".) He certainly will be missed. May the peace of God give my cousins(the Aldridge Family)the strength that they need to get through this difficult time, and our thoughts and prayers are with you and your church family. Love to you all.*

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**McKinley & Karen M. Williams** - August 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ *Praying for friends to comfort you, faith to uphold you, and loving memories to help you smile again. At this time of sorrow, may these truths sustain you. Your loved one will always be as close as a memory, and the God of all comfort will always be as close as a prayer.*

*With our Deepest Sympathy and Prayers, The Powell Family!*

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**Roy & Dorothy Gaines** - August 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ *To the Aldridge Family I Pray that God will give you Peace and Love in the Holy Ghost. My Prayers are with your family. May God Bless and Kepp each one of you.H*

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**Renee Kaiser** - August 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ *God Bless the entire Aldridge Family.*

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**Barbara & Janelle Payton** - August 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HR

“ *To the Aldridge Family,  
Vivian and I send our deepest condolences to you all wishing you the peace of God today and forever. Reverend Aldridge will always hold a special place in our hearts as a friend, Pastor and advisor. There are many awesome memories that we hold in our hearts for he and Mrs. Aldridge as he Pastored us and married us; Mrs. Aldrige as a dear friend and first lady as well as piano teacher for our children.  
Rev. Aldridge was always so kind and free spirited as he shepherded the flock. May your memories and love for him sustain you during your time of loss.  
Sincerely in God's Love,  
Howard and Vivian Rankins*

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**Howard and Vivian Rankins** - August 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ I shall always remember Rev. Aldridge as this tall, handsome man who loved his family and pleasantly welcomed all who entered his home on Bundy Street. May God Eternally Bless All of His Descendants.

*Praises to our Heavenly Father,*

*Ann(ie)*

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**Ann(ie) L. Brown** - August 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Our community was made better, Our hearts allowed to be cleaner, Our spirits more sensitive to the Lord Jesus Christ. We cherrish the times of refreshing and giving of our leaders. We respect that God himself created them for us.

*We mourn and yet we rejoice. We are blessed to have been visited by the angels of light.*

*The ministers of mercy, love and kindness. Thank God for the gospel preachers the golden voices that still ring in the earth.*

*Thank God for Pastor William D. Aldridge, Sr.*

*Pastor Beverly Smith  
Kingdom Life Ministry International.*

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**Dr. Beverly A. Smith** - August 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Our deepest sympathy's goes out to the Family. Rev. Aldridge will truly be missed. The entire family will be in our Prayers.

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**Sanders Family** - August 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ *Miss me, but let me go*

*When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room  
Why cry for a soul set free*

*Miss me a little - but not too long  
And not with your head bowed low  
Remember the love that we once shared  
Miss me - but let me go*

*For this is a journey that we must all take  
And each must go alone  
It's all a part of the Master's plan  
A step on the road to home*

*When you are lonely, and sick of heart  
Go to the friends we know  
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds.*

*Miss me - but let me go*

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**Prophetess Yvonne A Turner** - August 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ My tribute to this family. In your time of sorrow, our family extend special prayers to you all in your time of bereavement.

*Remember family;*

*Let your love be your strength. I will be praying for you and with you.*

*Love Thumbelina Givhan from Christ Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church.*

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**Stella Johnson** - August 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ You all know that our prayers and thoughts will be your constant companion. Keep God first and know that He will comfort you.

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**Supt. H. J. Coleman,Jr.** - August 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ May God continue to Bless your family during this time of transition. Rev. Aldridge was a very nice man. He loved his family so much.. My family and I are praying for you all.

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**Kimberly Bunch** - August 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ YOUR FAMILY HAS ALWAYS BEEN THERE FOR THE COMMUNITY NEEDED. KNOW THAT DOWN THE ROAD YOU WILL PASS ON ANY STRENGTH YOU FIND TO SOMEONE ELSE IN NEED. STAY STRONG WITH THE LORD, ALWAYS. WITH OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS, THE PATRICK/MCKETHER/SCHUMPERT FAMILY!

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**ANN MARIA PATRICK** - August 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ *Our thought and prayers are with the family.*

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**Surphia Lewis** - August 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM