

Celebration Service of Elder Michael D. Hudson

December 1, 1948 ~ March 23, 2023



Saturday, April 1st, 2023 9:00am - 11:00am
Calvary United Pentecostal Church | Pastor Brian Labat
19W701 Army Trail Blvd.
Addison, Illinois 60101

Order Of Service

Master of Ceremonies

Michael Gardner

Procession of Family Members and Ministers

Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 15:51-58

Musical Selection

My Soul Has Been Anchored

Slide Show

Obituary

Video Selection 1 & 2

Remarks

George Hudson

Eulogy

Musical Selection

Still I Rise

Final Words

Pastor Brian Labat

Calvary UPC Choir Selection

Joy is Coming - Praise Break

Note: Due to time constraints, acknowledgements of Resolutions and Condolences will be addressed by the family at a later time.

There will be a gathering at the church after the burial. Light refreshments will be served.

Tribute To My Dad

Robert Hudson

Michael D. Hudson was a man who wore many hats in life, but he will always be remembered as a devoted minister and loving father. There are countless stories that family and friends can share to reflect on these attributes when thinking of Michael Hudson. I will share just a few.

Michael's life as a minister is what he is most well known for, and he lived his life hoping it was. I do not know of a man more dedicated to his faith and spreading the good news of Jesus Christ. From waking up our house at 4 am with his loud and thunderous morning devotional prayers, to

taking us to 3-4 church services some weeks, to ministering at the nursing home, to visiting the sick and elderly saints, to traveling the country evangelizing, he set an example of what it means to have an ALL IN commitment to the ministry. He built a memorial to God every day, as Cornelius did.

As many of you know, he faced a number of health challenges in the past 7 years, and in a sense, he was tested as Job was. Just as Job did, he never cursed God; he held steadfast in his faith and commitment. I said it at his 72nd birthday celebration, and it still rings true: the man had unshakeable faith. I appreciate the example he set, and I know his ministry has been an inspiration to thousands of people.

Now, I would like to highlight Michael's role as a dedicated father, as it was a great positive influence for my brother and me, as well as for a few other young men that he took under his wing. One of the fond and fun memories of growing up with my dad included the times we were out of town on vacation and at the hotel's swimming pool. While hanging out in the pool, my dad would swim to one end of the pool and grab an imaginary can of spinach and drink it. Then he would proceed to flex his muscles like he was Popeye the sailor and use his newfound strength to chase us down in the pool and dunk us in the water. He really knew how to have a good time and make us laugh.

He took his role as our father very seriously. He always made sure we understood that he was our father first and our friend second. He believed in tough love and that it was needed at times. We learned at an early age that there are consequences for our actions and the difference between right and wrong. In today's day and age, many boys and girls are growing up without a father figure present. Without the foundation he provided, I could not have achieved what I have thus far in life, so I will never take him being present in our lives for granted. As a testament to his character, not only did he fulfill his fatherly duties to his biological sons, but he also took time to be a father figure to some of the children in church who did not have one.

There are not enough pages of paper or ink to encompass all the things this man has done as a minister and as a father. Thank you all for taking the time to read this and for keeping our family in your prayers. My dad lived his life the way he wanted to, and that was a life in line with God. He blessed so many people with his time, presence, and dedication. He will be missed, but his legacy will carry on.

Obituary

Today we honor the presence and Lordship of Jesus Christ in His sanctuary, and a life well lived by His servant Michael D. Hudson.

On December 1, 1948, in Chicago, IL Woodrow and Celestia Hudson welcomed Michael DePriest Hudson into the world. He grew up on the south side of Chicago in the Englewood Neighborhood where he attended Perkins-Bass Elementary School. During his teenage years and early twenties his family moved to the Morgan Park Neighborhood. During this time, as he tells it, he was sidetracked into a world of drugs, alcohol and penal institutions.

During a street meeting, 50 years ago, at the age of 24, Michael, heeded the call to dedicate his life to Jesus Christ. He was baptized in Jesus' name on June 24, 1972 and later received the baptism of the Holy Ghost on July 3rd. When Jesus came into his life, the addictive power of drugs and alcohol was immediately broken, and he began his journey of becoming a disciple of Jesus.

While being used of God in many facets of church ministry, he decided to go back to school and received his G.E.D. and college degree from Olive-Harvey College in Chicago. After college, he was employed by the Digital Equipment Corporation in Schaumburg, IL. In June of 1985, he married Roberta Bujold from Ann Arbor, MI and to this union two sons were born, Michael Jr. and Robert, both of whom he loves very much.

Pastor Hudson started a home missions work in 1989 and pastored for 12 years. In recent years, Bro. Hudson decided to become a member of the Calvary UPC Church, under the leadership of Pastor Brian LaBat, where he and his family were welcomed with open arms.

During his work as an evangelist he ministered in the following states: Michigan, Illinois, Tennessee, Florida, California, Kentucky, Missouri, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, North Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama, Ohio, Georgia, and Indiana. Internationally he went on a missions trip with Pastor Philip Bentley to Turks and Caicos Islands.

Michael is a gifted story teller, and loves to make people laugh. His friend, Tom Carey, calls him the "King of Testifiers". He is the evangelist of joy and hope.

We gather here today to pay honor and tribute to a warrior in the Lord's army. Who has never backed down or wavered in his commitment to the Lord's truth, found in the scriptures. He has traveled and sacrificed for the cause. He is loved and admired by young and old alike. He had no sad story to tell - only one of victory in Jesus Christ.

He leaves to celebrate his life, his wife Roberta, two sons, Michael Jr. and Robert. Siblings George (Brenda) Hudson, Beverly Williams, Rachael Coleman, and Magellan Hudson.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents Woodrow and Celestia Hudson, brother, Larry Hudson, sister, Winnie Fouch, and half-sister, Audrey Dukes.

All church tributes and resolutions will be acknowledged at a later time due to time constraints.



Acknowledgment from The Hudsons



We wish to express our deepest gratitude to everyone for the many acts of love and kindness displayed. We appreciate your calls, prayer, strength and support, words of encouragement, cards, and visits. Thank you for your presence here today, especially those who traveled from out of state to help us celebrate the life of our beloved husband/father. ---- The Family of Elder Michael D Hudson.

A Life Well Lived