

Pastor
**LEON
GASTON**



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2022 · 12:00 PM

NORTHERN MISSISSIPPI ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST HEADQUARTERS
368 SUNFLOWER AVENUE
CLARKSDALE, MS

BISHOP WILLIAM DEAN, JR.,
JURISDICTIONAL PRELATE & OFFICIANT



LIFE

Reflections

I HAVE FOUGHT A GOOD FIGHT, I HAVE FINISHED MY COURSE, I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH: HENCEFORTH THERE IS LAID UP FOR ME A CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, WHICH THE LORD, THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGE, SHALL GIVE ME AT THAT DAY: AND NOT TO ME ONLY, BUT UNTO ALL THEM ALSO THAT LOVE HIS APPEARING. -2 TIMOTHY 4:7-8

Leon Gaston, on January 6, 1949, was born to the union of the late Claude and Zerelda Gaston.

Leon left this life on February 7, 2022, where he joins his wife {Sarah}, four brothers, and one sister. Elder Gaston married Supervisor Sarah Ann Braggs Gaston in 1970 from Chattanooga, TN. In this union was added one adopted daughter, Angela Robinette, two God-daughters, Shirley Copeland Pierce and Carlotta Powell with two grandchildren.

Elder Gaston worked faithfully in the church. He was a builder, administrator, and leader in the Church of God in Christ. As a pastor He believed in having beautiful edifices so he built Burning Bush COGIC in Booneville, MS and Powerhouse COGIC in Batesville, MS.

Education:

He graduated from Davidson High School, Water Valley, Mississippi. He attended Foster Barber & Beauty College, Ripley, Mississippi, where he received his Barber Certification. He received his Cosmetology license from State of Tennessee.

Employment:

He worked as a licensed barber in Water Valley, MS and Holly Springs, MS. He later established his own business, Leon's Barber & Beauty Shop in Booneville, MS. He has served as President of Mississippi Department of Barber Board for ten years.

Pastoral Ministry:

He served Burning Bush Church of God in Christ for 25 years in Booneville, MS, 1972-1997. He served Powerhouse Church of God in Christ for 30 years in Batesville, MS 1991-2021.

He served as District #1 Superintendent of Sunday School under Superintendent George Copprue and District Superintendent Walter Shannon. He also served as Chairman of District #11 under leadership of District Superintendent Albert Pass.

He served in several jurisdictional capacities as Northern Mississippi Jurisdictional Expediter, Ordination Board, and chairman of the Trustee Board.

Elder Gaston is preceded in death by his wife, Sarah A. Braggs Gaston; his parents: Claude and Zerelda Gaston; four brothers: Amos, James Robert, Aaron, Morris Curtis and one sister, Claudia Mae;

He leaves to mourn his death two brothers: Charles Earl (Earnestine) Gaston, Detroit, MI; Howard (Stella) Gaston, Booneville, MS; and two sisters, Claudia Bernice (Charles)Young, Boonville, MS; and Eva M (Larry) Lewis, Lexington, MS; A host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He leaves to cherish a very close relationship with his In-laws, The Braggs Family. He is also remembered by the Northern Mississippi Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Powerhouse Church of God in Christ.

Although this servant of God has fallen asleep and our spirits are weighted with grief, we are comforted by the Word of the Lord found in John, Chapter 11: *"He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live..."*

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

*Please stand where indicated

*The Call to WorshipAdministrative Assistant Michael Hickmon

“THE HOUR OF HOME GOING CELEBRATION HAS COME,
O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYERS, AND ACCEPT OUR MEDITATIONS, AS WE GLORIFY THY NAME.” AMEN

*The ProcessionalBishops, Superintendents, State Officials, Pastors, Elders & The Family

*PrayerElder Samuel L. Anderson
President of Home & Foreign Mission

*Old Testament Scripture.....Superintendent Andre’ Curry

* New Testament Scripture.....Elder Jonathan Wiley

Selection.....Jurisdictional Choir

Words of ComfortSuperintendent Albert Pass

Expressions: (3 Minutes Each)

Powerhouse COGIC, Batesville, MS.....Missionary Donna Smith

Deacon Brandon Wicks

Holly Springs, District # 11.....Missionary Nadolyn Holleman
District Missionary

Selection.....Jurisdictional Choir

Ministerial Tributes: (3 minutes each)

As a Fellow PastorAdministrative Assistant Joseph Hawkins

As a Fellow Minister.....Elder William Perry Robinson
Elder Nathaniel Holleman

As a Dear Friend.....Administrative Assistant John H. Scott

Jurisdictional Tributes: (3 Minutes each)

Jurisdictional Women’s Department.....Mother Mary H. Scott, Jurisdictional
Supervisor

Jurisdictional Board of Elders.....Superintendent Andrew McClellon, Chairman
AIM.....Superintendent Henry Walker, Sunday School Department

Resolutions:

Holly Springs District #11Elder Edwin Smith

Jurisdictional Board of Elders.....Elder Craig Johnson, Jurisdictional Secretary

Family Tributes: (3 Minutes each).....Pastor Larry Lewis, Sr.
Elder Samuel Braggs

Selection.....Jurisdictional Choir

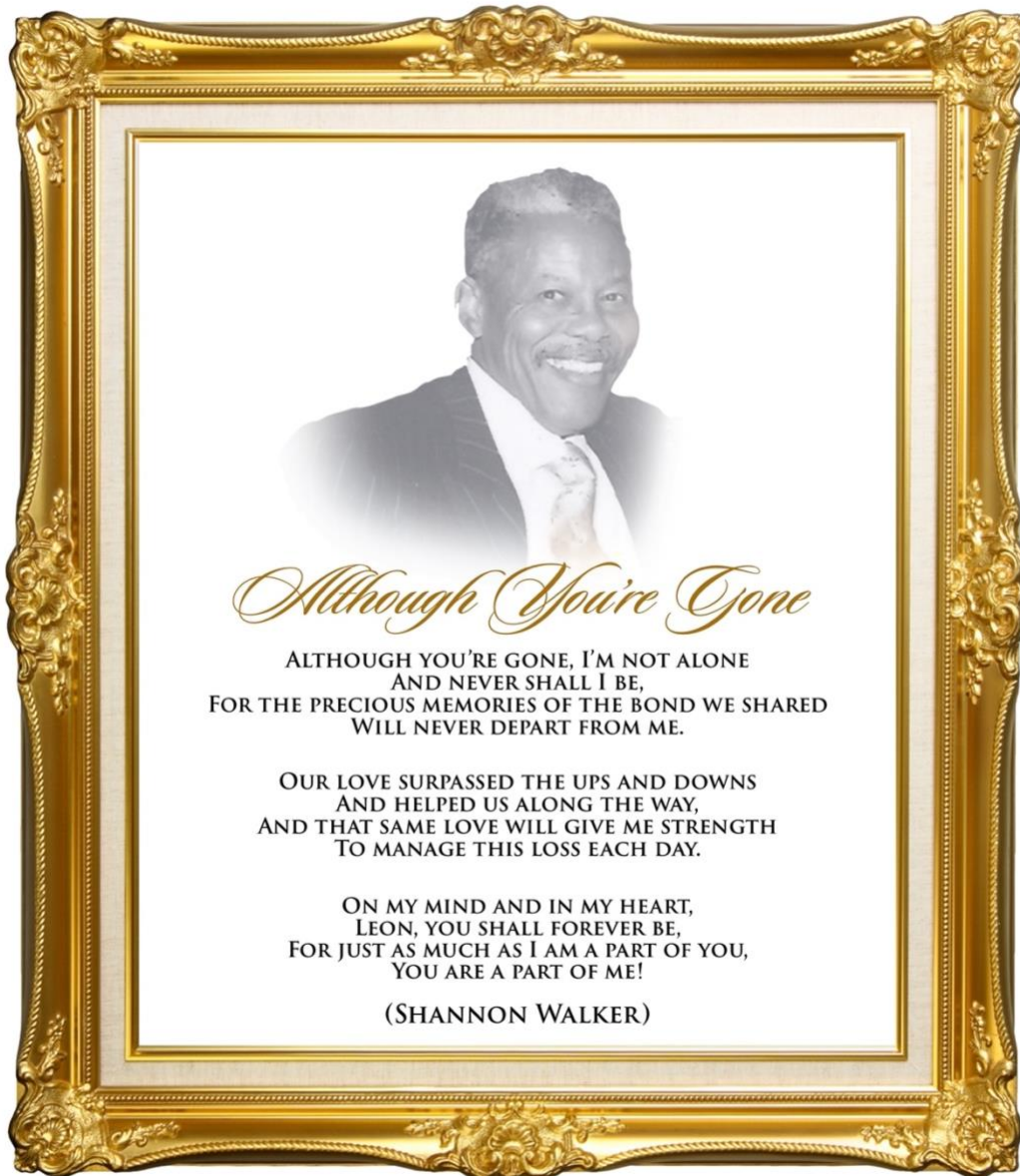
Acknowledgements.....Missionary Catherine Shannon
Elect Lady-Evangelist Department

The Obituary -----Read Silently (with soft music)

Sermonic Solo.....Minister Antonio Nelson
Powerhouse COGIC, Batesville, MS

***EULOGY.....BISHOP WILLIAM DEAN, JR.**
Jurisdictional Prelate

*The Recessional





THE
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Acknowledgements

WE, THE FAMILY OF ELDER LEON GASTON, WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE FOR ALL EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY AND ACTS OF KINDNESS EXTENDED DURING THIS TIME OF BEREAVEMENT. WE SINCERELY THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR PRAYERS, WORDS OF COMFORT, VISITS, PHONE CALLS AND THOUGHTS. YOUR KINDNESS SHALL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED.

The Gaston Family

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CARLO JOHNSON ANTHONY NELSON

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