



Pastor Newton Carey Jr.

September 15, 1934 - December 16, 2016

Newton Carey Jr., was born on September 15, 1934 to Newton Carey Sr. and Bertha Carey of Colfax, Louisiana. Charting His Own Path After completing his formal education, he enlisted in the United States Navy on July 30, 1952 and served his country until receiving an honorable discharge on September 9, 1955. Excited by opportunities in California, he moved to Oakland where he met the love of his life, Sallie T. Johnson. The two united in holy matrimony on Thanksgiving Day in 1954. He confessed to loving three things “Black-eyed peas, lemonade and Sallie T.” Choosing Greatness Newton Carey Jr. was an entrepreneur and began his career with Simas Brother’s Gas Stations. There he met his mentor Walter Simas and moved up from pumping gas to becoming the General Manager. He became the first African American to own several gas stations in Northern California. His first station was Carey’s Union 76 on West MacArthur. He later owned and operated six additional stations throughout Alameda County, where he pioneered the self-service model. Newton Carey Jr. had an unmistakable style, known to wear his infamous cowboy boots and walked with a swagger that presumed confidence. Even though Pastor Carey was a successful entrepreneur his heart was and has always been ministry. Newton Carey, Jr. answered the call of ministry under the leadership of Pastor George Houston of Cosmopolitan Baptist Church. He furthered his studies at Bay City Bible College and Golden Gate University. Along with, Mama Sallie they founded the East Bay Rescue Mission and started ministering at Open Door Ministry. They provided outreach to those in

need at nursing homes throughout the Bay Area and weekly bible study to the homeless. His anointing was profound and his passion for God's people continued to grow. In 1975, he was called to Pastor True Vine Missionary Baptist Church, a small twenty-member congregation in West Oakland. With his wife, and their five children he began his work to implement God's plan for the ministry. They started evangelism programs in the community, which included the True Vine Food Pantry, Off The Vine Clothing Room, Door-to-Door Witnessing, and The Annual Block Party & Health Fair. In addition, Pastor Carey established a relationship with our sister church Hillside Covenant, in Walnut Creek to pray for racial unity during the riots following the Rodney King verdict. True Vine became a beacon of light for those who were lost and the membership flourished from twenty to over 1,000. Fervent and effectual, Pastor Carey led 6 a.m. prayer and many followed his example and continue to this day. Pastor Carey was an avid reader and believed in leadership through service. He spent countless hours pouring into others, no matter where they were. He was widely recognized for his style of witnessing and sharing the Word of God to everyone he encountered. With his raw and uncut approach to the Gospel, he was very generous with his life, and purpose, which compelled him to be vocal during the AIDS and crack epidemics that plagued our communities. Pastor Carey and Mama Sallie have been recognized for their tireless work, including receiving Congressional Recognition from U.S. Representative Barbara Lee for their "outstanding leadership and invaluable service to the community." He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife of 62 years, Sallie T. Carey. His loving children Pastor Zachary Carey, Darnell Carey, and Jean Carey, and Rodney Bobino of Oakland and daughter in law Dr. Donna Carey. Three grandchildren: Donnie R. Carey Jr.; Trinity A. Carey, and Zachary E. Carey Jr. Three great grandchildren: Donnie R. Carey III, Dionnie and Tamia Carey. Siblings, one brother Louis Carey of Kansas City, MO, sister-in-law Norma Jean two sisters, Helen Ringgold of Bakersfield CA, brother-in-law Smith Ringgold and Gwen Carey of Hayward, CA and a host of aunts and uncles and nieces and

nephews. He was preceded in death by his two older sons Donnie R. Carey and Newton Carey III, siblings, Clara Hammonds and Lee Dale Carey Sr. and his parents Newton and Bertha Carey Sr. Pastor Carey would never let you leave his presence without asking, "If you were to die today, where would you spend eternity?" Let us continue to cherish Pastor Carey and his legacy.

Cemetery Details

Rolling Hills Memorial Park

4100 Hilltop Drive
Richmond, CA 94803

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **29**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

True Vine Baptist Church
1125 West Street
Oakland, CA 94607

Homegoing Celebration

DEC **30**. 11:00 AM (PT)

Evergreen MBC
408 West MacArthur Blvd
Oakland, CA 94605

Tribute Wall

AB

“ *It's a shame, that they are renaming the street Isabella to this man. Who no one knows about. It's better to change the address where he lived than where he worked.*

Alex Brown - December 12, 2018 at 06:12 PM

MA

Lots of people do in-fact know who he is. He helped the community of Oakland for decades. He worked all over the city so it is NOT a shame to rename the street where his headquarters is.

May - March 11, 2024 at 05:28 PM

SJ

“ *My Sincerest Condolences to the Family of Pastor Newton Carey JR. My Dad, Herschel Jackson (son of Anna and Matt Jackson of Colfax LA) and Pastor Carey were First Cousins. Unfortunately, I never had the pleasure of meeting Pastor Newton Carey JR MAY HE REST IN PEACE.*

Shawana T Johnson - January 04, 2017 at 07:57 PM

DH

“ *That SMILE!!!! His face always lit up and you knew he was happy to see you. And, his praying and teaching without ceasing. He is a light that a world which can be so dark will dearly miss.*



Deana Hudgens - December 30, 2016 at 01:11 PM

CB

“ I have so many fond memories of Pastor Carey and family. We've known each other over 50 years. He and my Father, Pastor Emeritus Charles F. Bennett Founder of the Palma Ceia BC in Hayward, CA, entered the ministry together at Cosmopolitan BC in Oakland, went to bible school together, preached their first sermon on the same night at Cosmopolitan BC and Pastor Carey acted as the Facilitator when the Palma Ceia BC was founded and organized in September of 1968. He also helped baptized me in 1968. Our families shared so many good times together. I loved when the Carey's came over when we were kids. We had lot's of good food, fun and fellowship. My love, respect and admiration runs deep. Pastor Carey was a precious gift to the Body of Christ and will be fondly remembered by many. Here is what I believe is the last picture taken of my Dad and Pastor Carey at Palma Ceia BC after some type of Anniversary Service.



Connie Bennett - December 29, 2016 at 06:43 PM

TH

“ To: The entire Carey Family

Pastor Carey always had a smile on his face... We are deeply saddened by the loss that your family have encountered. Our hearts go out to you during this trying time and may our prayers serve as comfort to you and your loved ones. He was truly a wonderful, loving man & will be missed dearly.

Love, Tania, Aryanna, Noel & Safiyah Hill

Matthew 5:4 - Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Tania Hill - December 29, 2016 at 11:38 AM

EH

“ *My condolences to the Carey family. We have not only lost a spiritual leader but a community servant who committed his life to leading souls to Christ by his example.*

Elihu M Harris

Elihu Harris - December 23, 2016 at 06:11 PM

NG

I going to miss the greatest pastor in the world who poured so much into my life. A man full of wisdom, knowledge and understanding of the word of God. A walking bible.

To: The First-Lady Mom-Ma Sally and family.

I love you and the entire Carey family. I will always be there for you and your family.

Love you and the entire family.

Bro. Nate Maurice Garrett

Nathan Maurice Garrett - December 28, 2016 at 01:56 PM