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DeWitt Hill, Owner



Saint DeWitt Hill, Jr.

July 27, 1929-April 15, 2019

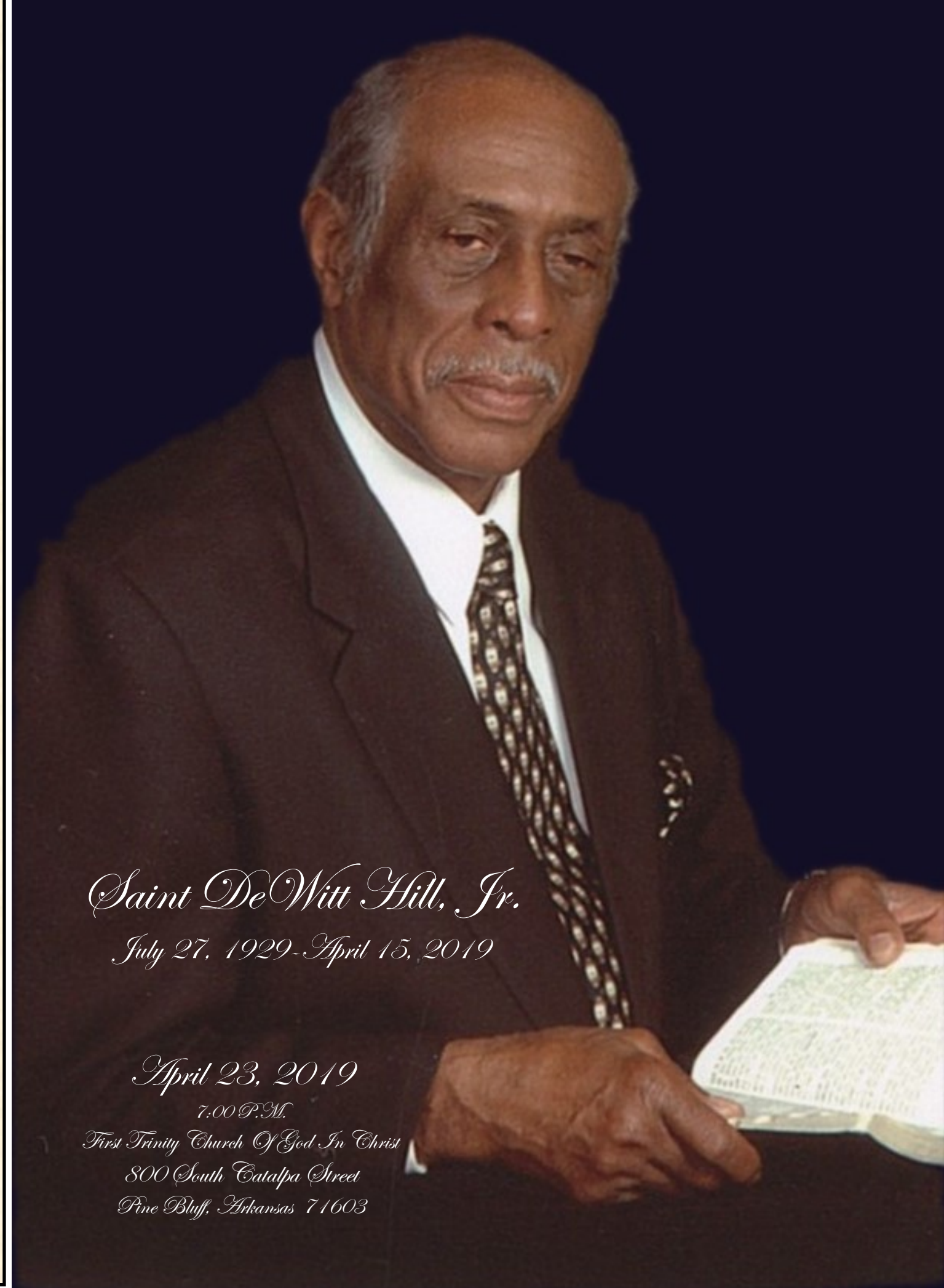
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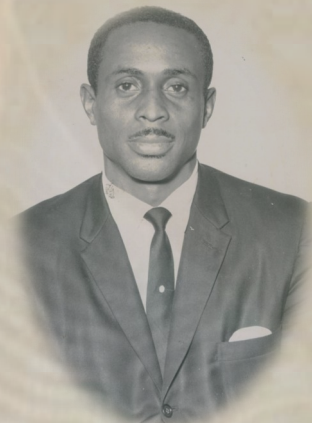
First Trinity Church Of God In Christ

800 South Catalpa Street

Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71603



Saint DeWitt Hill, Jr.



Thank You *Lady Minnie Hill and Family*



Tributes

Wanda Jean Jones I loved Pastor Hill. He has helped me in a lot of situations. I will miss him and the knowledge of ministry he kept giving to Pine Bluff District #1 Women's Dept.

For years, I traveled with Elder Hill across the United States and Internationally. I am just one of the many who called him “dad”. I am thankful that I accompanied him on his last foreign mission. Thank God for the opportunity. Ron A. Lee

My heart hurts! Sooo many memories of and with this great man of God that I can't even think about without tears welling up. The scripture says that we have ten thousand instructors but not many fathers, but Saint Hill was a FA-THER!!! I am because of Saint Dewitt Hill

The Arkansas First Jurisdiction YMV & YWE officially offer our condolences to the Hill Family, Supervisor Lady Minnie Hill, Brother Finley Hill and Family, Sister Christine Hill and all of his extended family in the loss of our own Youth Department President Emeritus Pastor Saint Dewitt Hill. We also wish to offer condolences to the First [Trinity Temple Cogic](#) of Pine Bluff and Greater Trinity of Little Rock, AR. The opportunities you gave and the impact you made will live on in our lives! Special prayers for your friend and our current Jurisdictional Youth Department President Pastor Karl Barnes! Sincerely, Brother [Jordan Leeper](#) and Missionary [April Dawn Agnew](#) and teams

My tribute to my pastor, Saint Dewitt Hill, was given last Saturday in Pine Bluff during my presentation at a youth empowerment day! I didn't know the plan God had to give Pastor Hills his wings late last night, but I'm glad God saw fit for me to appreciate Pastor Hill publicly while he was still on earth. This visionary impacted and empowered youth everywhere he went and let us know we are "Somebody Special". May our light from [Trinity Temple Cogic](#) ([First Trinity Pine Bluff](#)) shine for the world to see and know!

LaTonia George

Alderman [Steven Mays](#) Honoring the Life of Saint [Dewitt Hill](#) The Pastor Of The First [Trinity Temple Cogic](#) in Pine Bluff Arkansas.. I Lead and Sponsored a Resolution 8-0 City Council Vote to Place a Topper on Catalpa Street Honoring this Great Man Of God with his Name and his Dedication to The Church & Community. He would Always Encourage me to Never Give Up and Never Quit helping our Citizens in Pine Bluff Arkansas Rest in Peace and Love.. Pastor Hill... .

This wonderful Pastor, Preacher, Teacher, Evangelist has transitioned from this life to the Church Triumphant! He was such a blessing to our city, to cities all over the USA and abroad. We will miss you tremendously! I will miss you so very much, Pastor Hill. Thank God for your LOVING, KIND, COMPASSIONATE SPIRIT! God bless you, First Lady Hill and family. We love all of you!

Revs David and Edna Morgan

The measure of a man is not how he dies, but how he lives. My [Trinity Temple Cogic](#) family has truly lost a legend, a man who lived the life he preached. Eld. Hill was a true visionary, a leader, a teacher, and he preached the Word of God. Most importantly he lived the Word of God. His teachings still resonate in my heart and spirit today. He loved young people, countless times talking to young people about choices, going to court, schools, praying for souls, tent revivals, arranging trips for all to experience the world, building schools and churches in Third World countries...I could go on and on. He lived. He loved and His legacy will never die. Heaven truly gained an angel.

Tina Dobbins

Remembering a great man of God this morning. I don't have the words to really express how this man, after my parents, was such an important part of my childhood until I graduated from college. My first pastor, Saint Dewitt Hill, Pastor of First Trinity Church of God in Christ (The "Mother" Church), 800 S Catalpa, Pine Bluff Arkansas and Greater Trinity COGIC, Little Rock Arkansas has finished his course. All of the Grissom children and some grandchildren were raised in this church and it was under this ministry as a little girl I was taught to use every gift and talent for ministry every Sunday, Sunday Night, Tuesday night, Friday Night, during revivals, tent revivals and Youth Congress, District meetings, State meetings, etc. He had a special love for the Youth Department and loved seeing the youth go forth in ministry. He was a great Evangelist for the Lord traveling across the country and across the seas to ensure that everyone he came into contact with heard about Jesus. I'm so glad I had a chance to see him a few months ago and to talk with him. Please keep his wife, Mother Minnie Hill in your prayers along with the rest of the family and church family. Rest well Pastor. ~Phyllis Grissom-Robinson

I was just thinking about Pastor Saint Dewitt Hill and yes, I am going to really miss him man. He called me his son also his personal organist. I was just at his home this past weekend with Elder Ron Lee talking with him. I was also at First Trinity with him Sunday morning and evening . He was getting me ready to go forth with preaching and he lifted my spirit. May God get the Glory for the presence of this great musician, preacher and educator. Elder Tony Webster

Order of Celebration

Elder Hayward Battle, Presiding
Supervisor Romanetha Stallworth, Presiding

The Musical Prelude

The Processional

The Selection*“Only What You Do For Christ Will Last”*Sister Denice Howard

The Prayer. Superintendent Henry Hellums

The Old Testament Scripture *Job 14:1-7* Reverend Henry “Hank” Wilkins, IV

The New Testament Scripture *I Corinthians 2:9-12* Pastor Percy Bland

The Musical Selection First and Greater Trinity Mass Choir

The Proclamation The Office of the Mayor, Pine Bluff

The Musical Selection The DeWitt Hill Singers

The Resolutions and Acknowledgements Sisters Joyce Williams and Linda Simmons

The Reflections Deacon Willie Gilmore – First Trinity
Elder Walter Crockran, Greater Trinity

The Eulogistic Remarks Supt. Jerry Williams, Sr.

The Musical Selection The Hill Family

The Eulogy Elder Finley Hill, Sr. – *Son of Saint DeWitt Hill*
Elder Johnny Hill – *Son of Elder John Hill*
Elder Derrick Hill – *Son of Pastor James Hill*
Elder DeWayne Hill – *Son of Elder Horace Hill*

The Recessional

Active Pallbearers

Glayton Johnson
Tony Nelson
Undra Franks
Mark Dean

Matthew Jimerson
Billy Battles
Perez Hepburn
Trey Porchay

Entombment

Cypress Memorial Garden Cemetery
8917 U.S. Highway 63
Pine Bluff, AR

Honorary Pallbearers:

Ministerial Staff of First Trinity Church Of God In Christ
Ministerial Staff of Greater Trinity Church of God In Christ
Golden Age Apartments Board of Directors and staff
Trinity Annex Board of Directors and Staff
Funeral Directors

The Family Acknowledgment

The family expresses our deepest and heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for the thoughtfulness and love during this time. Our prayer is for God to continue to bless each of you.

The Life of Saint DeWitt Hill, Jr.

On Monday evening, April 15, 2019, the Lord called from labor to reward Saint DeWitt Hill, Jr. Saint DeWitt Hill's life was one of faith, prayer and servanthood. He was an exemplary leader who had a heart for people from all walks of life. He was a mentor and father of the gospel to many pastors, elders and evangelists.

Saint DeWitt Hill, Jr. was born July 27, 1929 to DeWitt Hill, Sr. and Susie Graham-Hill in Sample, Arkansas. He was the eldest of seven children. He graduated from Merrill High School in Pine Bluff, Arkansas in 1947. He attended and graduated from Arkansas AM&N (University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff) with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Technology in 1951. He later earned a Master's Degree in Education from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville and a Master's Degree in Counseling from Henderson State University in Arkadelphia. Among the many plaques and awards he has received, he obtained a Doctorate Degree in Counseling as well as a Honorary Doctorate Degree from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.

Pastor Hill was united in holy matrimony to Erma Kendrick in 1951. To this union, there were two children, Finley Wayne and Christine Hill. After forty-six years of marriage, Mother Erma K. Hill transitioned from labor to reward on March 29, 1998.

His professional career began as an Industrial Arts Teacher in Warren, Arkansas. He later served in the Pine Bluff School District as a teacher, counselor, and principal. His service had a tremendous impact on many students, parents, teachers and staff.

Pastor Hill acknowledged and accepted his calling into the ministry in 1949. In 1958 at the age of 29, he was appointed pastor of Trinity Temple Church of God In Christ (*Now First Trinity Church Of God In Christ*). In 1973, his ministry rapidly grew as he accepted and became the pastor of Greater Trinity Church of God In Christ in Little Rock, Arkansas. God continued to enlarge his territory in ministries as he began to evangelize throughout the state, nation and foreign fields. Pastor Hill later organized Trinity Evangelist Association (TEA) and traveled with a caravan of vehicles to conduct tent revivals around the country. As a dedicated and faithful servant of God, Pastor Hill always extended a helping hand to others domestically and internationally. He traveled extensively and was a well-known servant throughout the brotherhood. For more than forty (40) years, he visited the prisons and jails preaching the gospel to those who were incarcerated. His expansive ministry is reflected in the many sons and daughters who have become pastors, missionaries, evangelists and other great leaders in the body of Christ.

Pastor Hill served as the Arkansas First Jurisdiction Youth Department President for fifty (50) years and transformed the lives of many young people across the state. These youths were given opportunities and encouraged to pursue their dreams.

Pastor DeWitt Hill, Jr. and Missionary Minnie P. Brooks were united in marriage on April 19, 2003. With this union, he welcomed Marinda Brooks as his second daughter. Together Pastor and Missionary Hill continued to work in the ministry in Haiti, the Philippines and the Bahamas.

Pastor Hill was ingenious. In 1991, he sponsored a Summer Food Service Program for families throughout the city of Pine Bluff. His vision extended beyond the walls of the church as he worked untiringly to secure funds to provide housing for low income and elderly individuals in Pine Bluff. That vision became a reality in 2009 with the opening of the Golden Age Apartments.

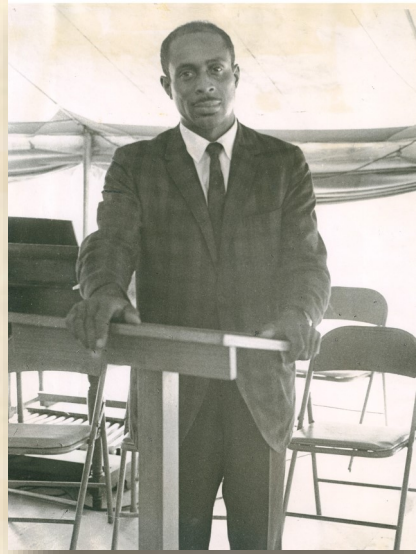


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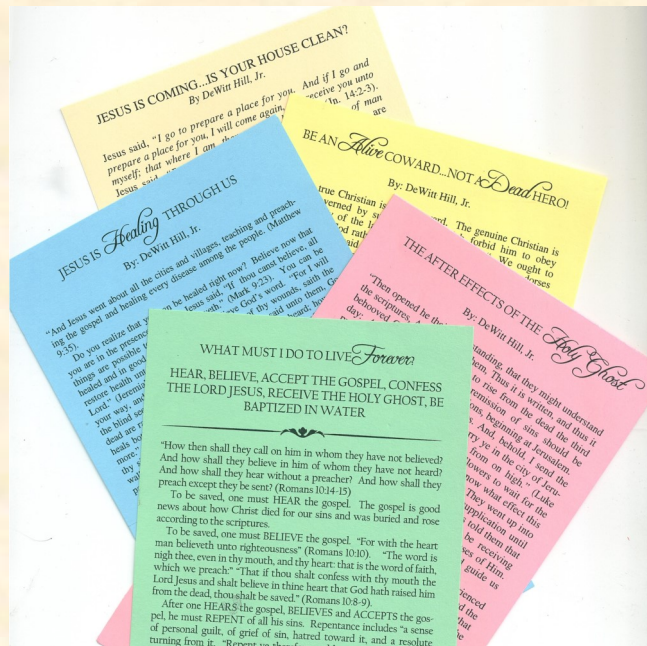
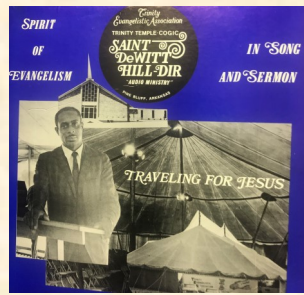


In lieu of flowers, please consider contributing to the legacy of Saint DeWitt Hill, Jr. Foreign Mission Ministries: First Trinity Church of God In Christ, 800 S. Catalpa Street, Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71603 or via internet at <http://www.firsttrinitycogic.com>

Reflections: Trinity Evangelistic Association



Ministry of Compassion



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In addition, Pastor Hill's vision to convert an industrial building into a multi-functional facility was fulfilled when he was able to purchase the building for less than market value. This facility known as the Trinity Annex is available for use by community groups, schools and churches. Because of Pastor Hill's commitment to help restore the city of Pine Bluff, the family of the late former Congressman Jay Dickey donated a commercial building to First Trinity to be used as another ministry tool. In his honor, the Pine Bluff City Council added his name to the Catalpa Street signs.

Pastor Hill's body of work is recognized in many venues. As an entrepreneur, in 1989, Pastor Hill was the owner, licensed funeral director and manager of Christian Way Funeral Home in Pine Bluff. In 2016, Pastor Hill became the oldest agent with Lincoln Heritage Life Insurance Company in Arkansas.

As the first African American to broadcast on radio in southeast Arkansas in 1964, his daily radio and weekly television broadcast ministries (*The Ministry of Compassion*) touched many lives. In 2018, Pastor Hill made his debut into the movie industry by securing a role in *"It's Called Life."*

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing." 2 Timothy 4:7-8.

Pastor Hill is predeceased by his parents: DeWitt Hill, Sr. and Susie Graham-Hill; three brothers: Horace, John and James Hill.

Having received the Lord at a very early age, Pastor DeWitt Hill, Jr. was dedicated to prayer, fasting and soul-winning. His memory will be cherished by his loving wife, Missionary Minnie P. Brooks-Hill; one son, Finley W. Hill, Sr.; two daughters Christine Hill, and Marinda Williams (Barry II); five grandchildren, Finley W. Hill, Jr., (Keshelia), Kylene, Mariyah, Makiyah and Barry Williams, III; three great-grandchildren: Ailehseä, Ailidya and Finley W. Hill, III; three sisters – Sara Naomi Thompson, Doris Watson and Bettye Williams and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends, including the members of First Trinity and Greater Trinity Churches of God in Christ and Christian Way Funeral Home staff.

Elder Hill's Final Words of Exhortation to The Church

9. But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 10. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 11. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. 12. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. 1 Corinthians 2:9-12 KJV



The Pastor's Family



The Family Continues

