



SUPERVISOR

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Loyce L. Rodgers

NOVEMBER 13, 1955 - MAY 19, 2021



THE FAREWELL CELEBRATION FOR

Supervisor Joyce L. Rodgers

Texas Northeast First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Church Of God In Christ, Inc.

> Thursday, the Third Day of June Two-Thousand Twenty-One Anno Domini

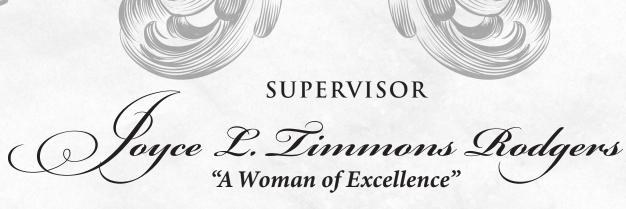
Ten o'clock in the Morning

The Potter's House

6777 W. Kiest Boulevard Dallas, Texas 75236 Bishop Thomas D. Jakes, Host Pastor

Mother Barbara McCoo Lewis General Supervisor, Department of Women

The Most Reverend John Drew Sheard
Presiding Bishop & Chief Apostle



"And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry."

I Timothy 1:12 (KJV)

In Gladewater, Texas, on November 13, 1955, the late Dewey and Rosie Mae Timmons birthed one of eight extraordinary children. They named the child Joyce (joyous, cheerful and merry). Accepting salvation at age eight and anointed with a holy calling, Joyce wanted to be a "missionary" when she grew up. Little did she know—God's plan and destiny for her life would be to proclaim His word to the world.

Her brother Melton recounts their favorite childhood story of how Joyce would request herself to sing at church musicals. A few songs later, her name was called and she went to the mic to sing that specially requested musical selection, requested by someone in the audience. Her nieces and nephews, though adults now, still recall the large family gatherings where their Aunt Joyce was generally in charge at dinnertime, and until recently would insist that they "clean their plates" before they could have anything to drink.

In high school and college, Joyce dreamed of being a Dallas Cowboys Cheerleader, but in the interim, she became one of the widely acclaimed Kilgore College Rangerettes and a cheerleader for the Lord. In 2020, she was invited by the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders organization to provide inspiration to the current squad of Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders. She told them: "always surround yourself with people who will tell you the truth...those who will tell you if you have spinach in your teeth." They valued the time spent with her and are posthumously appointing her as an honorary Dallas Cowboys Cheerleader.

Joyce was authentic, with wit, flair, and a smart sense of humor. She was that genuine, one-of-a-kind friend that so many people held dear. She mastered the art of listening and as a "giant slayer," she challenged people to "Go BIG!"

Joyce was an exceptional woman who practiced excellence. She clothed herself in humility. She was an advocate for women and youth, and she had a way of making people feel distinct and "individualized." The church world will forever celebrate the radical impact she made on their lives. Joyce chose what was right, she was consistent in serving others, and when asked about historical moments in her life, she would reply, "Just tell them I'm saved."

Joyce began her lifelong walk with the Lord at the Rising Star Church of God in Christ (COGIC) in Gladewater, TX, under the leadership of Supt. C. H. McNeese, Sr. After moving to Denton, TX to attend college at the



University of North Texas, she became a member of St. Andrew COCIC, under the leadership of the late Elder S. E. Mitchell, and remained a St. Andrew member, where Superintendent Clarence Harden is the pastor.

As Joyce grew in the knowledge of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, she evangelized and ministered God's word with confidence and authority. In the early '90s, she founded **Primary Purpose Ministries** (PPM), the goal of which is to minister hope and release people into their purposed destiny. PPM's influence extended far and wide, with charitable drives to provide backpacks filled with school supplies for at-risk students, bicycles for students in Africa, philanthropic donations to Haitian storm victims, the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, the Rosie Mae Timmons-Allen Foundation Scholarship Fund, Texas Oncology, The Family Place Dallas, and Lifeline Children and Family Services. She hosted widely-attended conferences in the cities of: Arlington, Baltimore, Dallas, Denton, Houston and Nassau Bahamas.

Her evangelistic outreach extended beyond the preached word into the written word. Evangelist Rodgers was the author of four books, the best-selling *Fatal Distractions*, and *Daily Mirror*, a 31-day devotional. *Daily Mirror* was so popular, after numerous requests, she published *ReJOYCE*, another 31-day devotional. Her most recent literary project was *Go BIG: Believe in God*. Evangelist Rodgers also had the distinct honor of having several articles published in Charisma Magazine.

In 1999, she was appointed Chairlady of COGIC's International Youth Department (IYD), and in 2017, she was appointed one of the Administrative Facilitators for COGIC's International Department of Women. On Monday, May 17, 2021, General Supervisor, Mother Barbara McCoo Lewis, of the COGIC's International Department of Women installed her as Jurisdictional Supervisor for the Texas Northeast First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, where Bishop J. E. Hornsby is Jurisdictional Prelate. Throughout her ministry Joyce won untold thousands of souls to the Lord, the exact number of which is only known by her Savior and Lord.

Supervisor Joyce L. Rodgers departed this earthly life on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, assured by 2 Corinthians 5:1, Amplified version, "...if the earthly tent [our physical body] which is our house is torn down [through death], we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

Supervisor Rodgers was preceded in death by her parents Dewey Timmons and Rosie Mae Timmons-Allen; husband Fred L. Rodgers; sisters Madeline, Rose, and Kathy Timmons; brothers, Jerry and Michael Timmons and nephew Christopher R. Timmons. Today, she leaves to cherish her memory: four brothers, Charles (Denise) Curry, Benicia, CA; Charles L. (Shelia) Timmons, Dallas, TX; Donnie (Evelyn) Timmons, Rusk, TX; Melton (LaQueta) Timmons, Tyler, TX; two sisters, Lawanda Winston, Patricia Borens of Dallas, TX; the Church of God in Christ worldwide, churches and ministries that span the ecumenical gamut, and a beloved host of relatives and friends.



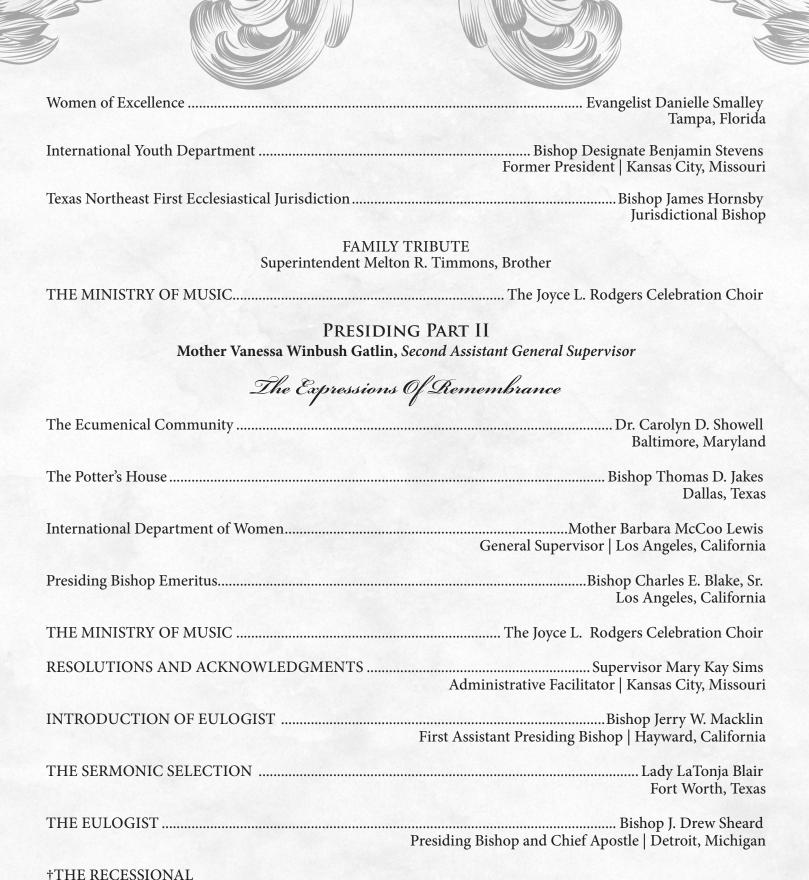
PRESIDING PART I Evangelist, Dr. Dorinda Clark-Cole, Elect-Lady, Department of Evangelism

†Where Indicated Congregation, Please Stand

> The hour of Homegoing Celebration has come, O Lord, hear our prayers and accept our meditation as we glorify thy name. *Amen*

†THE PROCESSIONAL
The Presiding Bishop
The General Board
The Bishops
Members of the Clergy
The Rodgers Family

> Assisted by the Assistant General Supervisors Supervisor, Dr. Wilma Hughey, First Assistant General Supervisor Mother Mary Jane Walton, Third Assistant General Supervisor Supervisor, Dr. Gladys Lockett Ross, Administrative Facilitator





LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS

VERSE 1

What a fellowship, what a joy divine Leaning on the Everlasting Arms! What a blessedness, what a peace is mine Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!

Refrain
Leaning, leaning
Safe and secure from all alarms
Leaning, leaning
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!

VERSE 2

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms! *Refrain*

VERSE 3

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!
I have peace complete with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms! *Refrain*



Honorary Flower Bearers

International Department of Women Church Of God In Christ

Active Flower Bearers

Jurisdictional Chairladies **International Youth Department** Church Of God In Christ Evangelist Vandalyn Kennedy, Chairlady

Honorary Pallbearers

Jurisdictional Presidents International Youth Department Church of God In Christ Pastor Nathaniel Green, President

. Active Pallbearers

Superintendent Clarence Harden Superintendent Andrew Jackson Superintendent Harry Sutphen Pastor Kenneth Davis Pastor Michael McWilliams Pastor Dexter Floyd Pastor James Lincoln **Elder Demetrious Smith**

Final Arrangements Entrusted to

People's Funeral Home

1122 E. Mulberry St. Denton, Texas 76205 (940) 383-1932



Friday, June 4, 2021 3:00pm Tyler Memorial Cemetery and Mausoleum 12053 State Hwy 64 West Tyler, Texas 75704

Programs

Blessing & Beyond Creations

District Missionary Vera L. Walker

Jackson, Mississippi

(601) 506-0447

Acknowledgment

The Family of Supervisor Joyce L. Rodgers would like to take this means to express their sincerest thanks to all who participated in the life of our esteem relative and for the love given during her illness and untimely Promotion to Glory. There are no words to express how thankful we are for your support during this difficult time. Your prayers have truly been felt and your presence helped to make the weight a little lighter. Whatever sacrifice you made to help us celebrate the life of our dear "JOYCE" we say THANK YOU, we love you and may God bless you! We will express our gratitude in a more personal way as time passes and the pain of our grief is better borne.

Special "THANKS" is extended to Bishop T.D. & First Lady Serita Jakes and the staff at the Potter's House for the use of this magnificent Cathedral to host this Service of Remembrance.

The Family wishes to extend their heartfelt THANKS to Presiding Bishop J. Drew Sheard, the General Board, Mother Barbara McCoo Lewis and the entire Church Of God In Christ Family! We pray God's choicest blessings on each one of you.





