



Rev. Ernest Wardell Glenn Jr.

August 7, 1937 - March 1, 2013

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"Walk in the light, as He is in the light." I John 1:7

The second child of Ernest, Sr. and Martha Glenn arrived on August 7, 1937.

Ernest was born

in Yalaha, Florida. The family relocated to South Carolina and he completed high school at

McCrorey-Liston High School in Blair, South Carolina, received a bachelors' degree from

Johnson C. Smith University, where he was student body president and graduated with honors,

and a masters from Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary. Glenn met and married Idell

Williams Glenn while they were both attending Johnson C. Smith University.

Two children

were added to their union.

Rev. Glenn accepted Christ at an early age and united with Shiloah Presbyterian Church in

Winnsboro, South Carolina. He was ordained in 1965 at Fairfield-McClelland Presbytery in

Winnsboro, S.C. He served churches in Cheraw, S.C., Greenville, S.C., and

as seminary intern in the Chicago Presbytery. Glenn received a call to Christ Presbyterian Church - first as associate pastor, and later he became pastor, where he served for 33 years until retirement. While pastoring Christ Church, he became the first African-American Moderator of the Milwaukee Presbytery, served on the Milwaukee Presbytery Personnel Committee, Board member for Day Care, member of C.H.U.R.C.H, Inc. and M.I.C.A.H, served as President of the Milwaukee Theological Institute and played an active role in the Boy Scouts of America. Rev. Glenn received many honors and awards for his service in the community and stated "I have been very happy with what God has allowed me to be a part of in this part of the world:" Ernest served in the U.S. Army. He later joined the Wisconsin Army National Guard, as a chaplain, where he was the first African-American officer and was promoted to the rank of Colonel. Mayor John O. Norquist proclaimed April 18, 1997 as "Colonel Ernest W. Glenn, Jr. Day" in honor of his many years of military service.

Rev. Glenn was a friend to many, and his joy and love for mankind could be felt while in his presence. He loved the outdoors and he was a very passionate gardener. He loved walking, reading, listening to music, traveling and talking with friends and family. He was also very

comfortable with strangers.

Rev. Glenn was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Martha Glenn, and sister, Carrie

Lou Glenn Stovall. Left to cherish his memory: his wife, Idell, one son, Micah Ernest, a

daughter, Sabrina Glenn-Molton (Rodney); five grandchildren: Kailynn Glenn, Qua'Vaughn

Glenn, Chyna Jiles-Glenn, Sydni Molton and Mikiah Pearson. Also left are his siblings: Josie

Glenn Gaston, William (Edith), John, Casper (Maggie), Charles (Janet), Douglas (Bella), Robert

(Pauline), Otis (Bella), Mark (Millie), George (Dorothy), Larry (Carrie), and Althea Udell Glenn

(Curtis) Watson. Rev. Glenn leaves nieces, nephews, a host of other relatives, and many, many friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Christ Presbyterain Church
1930 W. Walnut Street
Milwaukee, WI

Visitation

MAR 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

New Life Church-West
3410 W. Silverspring Dr.
Milwaukee, WI

Service

MAR 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

New Life Church
3410 W. Silver Spring Dr.
Milwaukee, WI

Tribute Wall

BB

“ *"BOB" V.BURRELL I, of Atlanta, Ga...I'am "SHOCK and SORRY" for his/our family lost
May "GOD" continue his Blessing with Grace for his/our family!!
LOVE ALL...Bob Burrell I
770-473-0606 305-812-5656
bobburrel@yahoo.com*

Bob Burrell - March 10, 2013 at 01:33 PM

BP

“ *I know him as Rev. Glenn. A man with a kind smile and deliberate speech. When Christ Presbyterian Church spanned the SE corner of 19th & Walnut, Dr. King was still alive, Vietnam threaten and Milwaukee had an Inner-City; I introduced an idea of an Educational/Fun Summer Program to Rev. Glenn. He liked it. With his permission and keen eye: city permits, flyers, and personnel was put in place. It was Great! He was pleased. Time and chance happens to us all-doesn't it. I've traveled and lived away and back home. But when reminiscing, I fondly remember Rev. Glenn as a humble, proud man who gently represented his Savior Jesus Christ. The above caption is befitting because he was always ... looking up. May God cover the family and breath into the vacuum Pastor Glenn's presence has left. I say here, as it was said of my Dad, "a good man has done his job, and gone home".*

*In Sympathy & Love,
Barbara Pleasant*

Barbara Pleasant - March 09, 2013 at 03:15 PM

DJ

“ Dell, WE ARE HERE...



Dennis & Jennie - March 06, 2013 at 06:58 PM

DA

“ Ernest will truly be missed at the Family Reunions, we enjoyed his warm spirit and calming manner. I remember when he and Idell came to stay with us in Glen Burnie, I always remember that being the first time that I met him. We love you but God loves you best. May the family find comfort in the fond memories that he left.

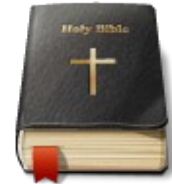
With Sympathy and Love,

Darcel, Maria, Bernard and Kenley

Darcel - March 06, 2013 at 03:59 PM

BG

“ Clifton D Glenn family of Baltimore MD
We are saddened to hear of your sudden loss.
Our hearts are with you in this time of sorrow.



Brian Glenn - March 06, 2013 at 10:11 AM

RN

“ *It was my great pleasure to meet and work with Ernie when he was a Synod Commissioner from Milwaukee; I was a Commissioner from Northern Waters. A true gentleman and pastor. I certainly send my condolences to his family. He will be missed.*

*Rev. Eric G. Nielsen
First Presbyterian Church
Eau Claire WI*

Rev. Eric Nielsen - March 06, 2013 at 06:42 AM

“ Reflections – Remembrance
Rev. Ernest Wardell Glenn, Jr.

March 7, 2013

To the Special Ones – Idell Glenn and family members: We greet you in the midst of this special time of remembrance as followers of the Christ and trust holders.

We honor God by our presence during this time, and celebrate the life of Rev. Ernest Glenn as we remember as music and melody are offered. We regret we are able to be present only for the visitation/wake on Wednesday evening. In the midst of sorrow, grief, mourning, as we shed tears . . . there is joy because Ernest Glenn has successfully completed earthly existence and is in communion with our Gracious God. We are grateful for the faithful and committed love of Idell, Sabrina, Micah and family members. We are touched by your enduring love. How he loved you all with unbounded love and you all continue to love.

Today, family and friends – we gather in recognition and appreciation of his life, love and the victory Ernie has accomplished – his way of loving, nurturing, being nurturer, family member, community builder. We celebrate Ernie’s clock time – his life’s journey. We thank God for the life Ernie Glenn lived and how his life has benefitted us. Even as we ponder the whys of his life’s journey now, we celebrate the exceptional gifts that he has given us, such as his caring, kindness, compassionate love, wit and humor. His ability to live life with exuberance and poise is exemplary. We can say the world or worlds that people have lived in is richer and fuller places because of his presence – his giftedness – his sharing and his understanding of the call to be and do in his own way of our Gracious God. Visionary is his ability to embrace, embody and demonstrate hope and possibility, inclusive in his view of worlds, a compelling steward of creation, visionary educator, pastor and teacher, learner, Peace and Justice Advocacy were his themes of

passion.

Ernie's legacy and heritage are significant. He lived a good life with significant years. Some people live their days as a tragedy, still others as a comedy, while others live their days as an unfolding and wonderful story full of grace, unyielding faith in the possibility of a tomorrow as a future with God. Ernest, I believe we can say was a memory maker, pathfinder – one who finds ways to be and do. A role model – one whose living and loving is worthy of emulation. Memory maker – one whose life is enfolded with promise, energy, power, possibility – zest for life – for living for all creation, creatures, human beings, family members, relatives, friends, communities, churches all posited in the realm of faith, visionary, imaginative leadership was provided Christ Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church for significant years and the entire Ecumenical Church (Baptist, Methodist, Lutheran, Presbyterian, United Church of Christ, Pentecostal, Evangelical), Milwaukee Theological Institute, C.H.U.R.C.H, Inc., love of family and extended family are part of his legacy between memory and hope. I have had time to remember days of our challenging journey together yesterday, yesteryear, years ago while we lived in Milwaukee. To God be the glory for all God empowers creatures and creation to signify.

The Apostle Paul declared in Philippians 1:21 - For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. Paul loved life and loved his friends, but he knew it was gain to die and be with the Lord. Ernest also felt it was time to find that solely needed rest and refreshment that only Heaven can give to those who live life fully and love unreservedly. Bud's approach to life is characterized by a poem by Ralph Waldo Emerson:

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To laugh often and much;

To win the respect of people and the affection of children (and others);

to earn appreciation of critics and endure the betrayal of false

*friends;
To appreciate beauty,
to find the best in others,
to leave the world a better place
whether by a healthy spouse, child, children, family member[s],
community.
A garden p*

Rev. Herman Haller - March 05, 2013 at 05:48 PM

BF

“ *To Mrs Glenn, Micah, and Sebrina my heartfelt sympathy goes out to you . Words cannot express how I feel. Rev Glenn was truly a good friend , pastor to our family. He will truly be missed by me you couldn't find a better friend a good listener, and always had comforting words to give . May God continue to bless all of you and keep you in his care . I wish I could be there . With all my love
Barbara Wilson , Ft. Pierce , Florida*

Barbara Wilson Ft. Pierce , FL - March 05, 2013 at 03:58 PM