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## Celebrating the Life of Dr. George Lee Morris, Sr.

January 12, 1950 – April 30, 2025

Oakland, California

“I was glad when they said, ‘Let us go into the house of the Lord.’ — Psalm 122:1

With hearts full of love and gratitude, we celebrate the extraordinary life of Dr. George Lee Morris, Sr., who entered eternal rest on April 30, 2025, at the age of 75. A man of profound faith, intellect, and joy, Dr. Morris lived his life as a devoted husband and father, artist, servant, scholar, and spiritual leader.

Born and raised in Houston, Texas, George’s life was marked by brilliance, resilience, and an unwavering devotion to God and community. From a young age, he was active in both his school and church, laying a strong foundation for the life of service and leadership he would later embrace. He accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior early in life and became a dedicated member of Park Hill Church of God in Christ and Buck Street Church of God in Christ, where he joyfully sang in the choirs and played piano for the Sunday School Department throughout his youth and early adulthood.

He honorably served eighteen years in the United States Army as a Noncommissioned Officer, demonstrating leadership and dedication early in life. A passionate lifelong learner, he earned more than six doctorate degrees, a testament to his insatiable intellectual curiosity and his deep commitment to empowering others. Professionally, George was gifted and excelled as a Nuclear Medicine Technologist and Instructor, and he was also published in an academic journal, contributing valuable insights to his field. In the realm of theological education, he was a respected faculty member at Pneuma Theological Seminary and Dean of Theocracy School of Divinity, the Bay area extension, where he shaped minds, nurtured faith, and inspired generations



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of future leaders. His legacy of excellence endures in the countless lives he taught, mentored, and uplifted.

A gifted musician, George played the piano and bass and lent his powerful voice to several gospel choirs. He was a former bodybuilder, martial artist, and even a Mason, embracing excellence and discipline in all his pursuits. Whether in ministry, music, medicine, or martial arts, George's presence was felt and cherished.

George faithfully led and ministered throughout his life. He pastored a nondenominational church in San Francisco and later served as Interim Pastor of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church in Richmond. He also contributed to the broader faith community as Secretary of the Board for the Northern California Baptist Training Union, offering both leadership and spiritual guidance.

He was ordained as an Elder at Acts Church of God in Christ, where he ministered with devotion through the Baptism Team, Foundation Classes, Men's Choir, and the Sick and Shut-in Ministry —always pointing others toward Christ with compassion and conviction.

In his later years, Dr. Morris became a beloved member of Shiloh Church in Oakland, where he continued to serve with enthusiasm and purpose. He was active in the Baptism Team, Men's Ministry, Adult Choir, and Prayer Team, remaining steadfast in his faith and commitment to the body of Christ.

He lived his favorite saying with humility and grace:

"The only time a person should look down on another person is when they are helping that person up." (Jesse Jackson).

George embraced life with enthusiasm and joy. He found delight in traveling the world, dragon boat racing, weightlifting, bowling, and billiards, and was known for his passion as an antique car enthusiast. A true lover of music, he appreciated both gospel and jazz. Also, he had a deep affection for the outdoors which reflected his appreciation for beauty and stillness. Whether in conversation or through simple acts of kindness, George never missed an opportunity to uplift those around him with his warmth, wisdom, and unwavering encouragement.



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He is lovingly survived by his devoted wife, Dr. Vernita Marsh Morris; children, Edward Tamonte(wife, Karen Tamonte) and George Morris Jr.(wife, Kristina Morris); grandchildren, Maleeya Tamonte, Kyle Tamonte, Averie Morris, and Donovan Morris; great-grandchild: Kian Tamonte; and siblings, Gloria Freeman(widowed), Adolph Morris (wife, Janell Morris), Shelton Morris, Dr. Carolyn Benton, and Dr. Charlie Lacy, the mother of his children, Juanita Morris, and several nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

He was preceded in death by his beloved mother and father, Sophia and J.D. Lacy, and his brother, Lewis Rabb.

### Service Details

A Joyful Celebration of Life will be held to honor Dr. Morris at:  
Chapel of the Chimes and Shiloh Church, Oakland, CA

### Chapel of the Chimes

- Viewing - 5/21/25 at 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM

(Guests are encouraged to attire in bright colors reflecting George's class and style)  
Shiloh Church, 3295 School St., Oakland, CA

- Family Hour & Final Viewing – 5/22/25 at 10:45 to 11:30 AM
- Celebration of George's Life - 5/22/25 at 11:30 – 1:00 PM

Repat immediately following the Celebration Service

The burial will take place on May 26, 2025, and will be a private ceremony reserved for family and close friends. For additional details, please contact the family directly.



# Events

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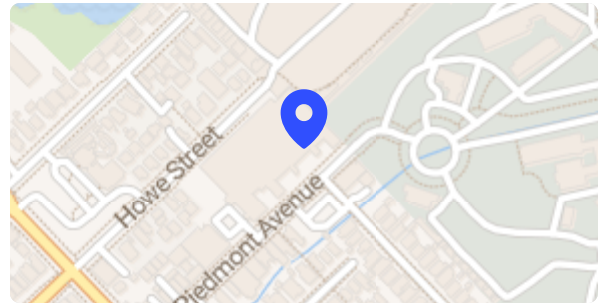
## Viewing

 **Wednesday**, May 21, 2025

 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM PT

 **Oakland: Chapel of the Chimes Chimes Chapel**

4499 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland CA 94611



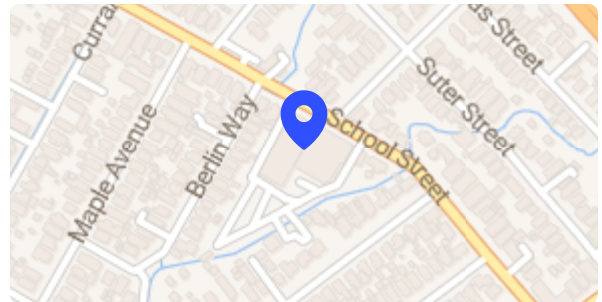
## Family Hour

 **Thursday**, May 22, 2025

 10:45 AM - 11:30 AM PT

 **Shiloh Church- Oakland**

3295 School Street, Oakland CA 94602



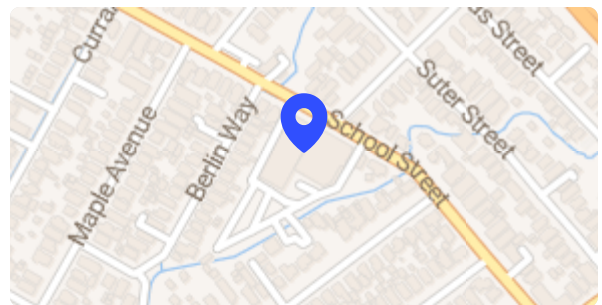
## Celebration of Life

 **Thursday**, May 22, 2025

 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM PT

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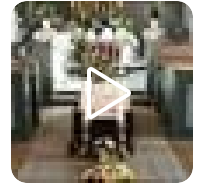
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**Chapel Of The Chimes Oakland** shared a **Webcast Video**.



May 22 at 10:10 AM



**Christell Grace** lit a candle in honor of George.



May 24 at 1:15 PM



**Christell Grace** posted:

In memory of George Lee Morris, Sr, a man of sophistication, style, and a zest for living life out loud. I had the privilege of meeting you through your wife, Dr. Vernita Marsh, and I instantly knew she was smitten, the glee of Love in her eyes and the smile she exuded that the 2 of you would live unapologetically as no one knows the hour or the time but knowing to live life is a Blessing. I remember the pep in your steps, and may it continue to pave a warm path so that you are forever in the hearts of those you leave behind. You are now in your forever home, as you are now in the presence of GOD. Christell Grace

May 24 at 1:08 PM



**Victor R.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of George.



May 23 at 5:38 PM



**Anonymous** planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of George.



May 22 at 2:18 PM



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**Michael Lisman** posted:

George was a great friend and neighbor. We enjoyed our many talks about our shared work with Veterans, homeless, mental health and grandchildren. He was always kind to our visiting grandchildren. May his memory be a blessing to all who knew and loved him.

May 22 at 10:49 AM



**Juel R.** planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of George.



May 22 at 5:36 AM



**Juel Rice** lit a candle in honor of George.

Brother Gorge, A Gentleman and a Scholar, and One of the Kindest & Respectful Person I knew Brother Gorge will be Missed Tremendously Down here on Earth, but... Will Definitely be Loved and Enjoyed in Heaven! My Condolences Juel Rice



May 22 at 5:13 AM



**Constance G.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of George.

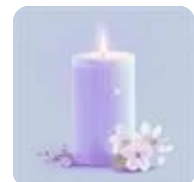


May 21 at 12:03 PM



**Jackie Robinson** lit a candle in honor of George.

Rest in peace my cousin, I will never forget the times we shared talking and hanging out. I thought I had more time to spend with you but our Father in heaven had something else planned for. Thank you for blessing us with your style and class. With loving memories Jackie R



May 21 at 8:54 AM



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**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of George.



May 20 at 4:59 PM



**Tony Watson** posted:

Living next door to the Morris's was fun as a kid. I love camping in their backyard and trying to lift weights in their bonus room. He always had the coolest cars as well.

May 19 at 11:50 AM



**Sausal And Donlin Family** sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Morris family.



May 17 at 5:12 PM



**Laura-Jane Salibay & Family** sent a Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses to the Morris family.



May 16 at 2:50 PM



**Earl Love** lit a candle in honor of George.

I will miss you my nuclear medicine Dad, thank you for your guidance over the yrs, rest now, see you on the other side. So Mote it Be!

May 15 at 12:13 PM



**Tyrone Hopper** lit a candle in honor of George.

Rest In Power! I will miss you my Brother, See you in the morning when we all see Jesus

May 15 at 3:41 AM





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**Anonymous** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Morris family.

May 14 at 7:09 AM



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**Dennis Goins** posted:  
RIP Mr. Morris, you will be truly missed.

May 14 at 7:01 AM



**Joyce Jones** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

May 13 at 10:01 PM



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"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." Rest on my brother, JB Rev. Dr. Johnie B. Jones

May 13 at 9:59 PM



**Kris Kelley** lit a candle in honor of George.

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**Kris Kelley** shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

We got to know George and Vernita in our Marriage Lifegroup and we all made it through the pandemic together. I loved our times of sharing, laughing, and growing together in our marriages and in Christ Jesus, the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27). We love you and miss you, George ❤️❤️ Love, Kris & Jim Kelley



May 13 at 9:51 PM



**Jason Hill Sr** lit a candle in honor of George.

Rest in peace Rev. Morris, you have fought the good fight and you have finished your race. May you now rest and enjoy God's presence, love and peace for eternity. Love Bro. Jason Hill Sr.



May 13 at 8:17 PM



**Adolph Morris** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



May 13 at 4:39 PM



**Linder Robinson** lit a candle in honor of George.

Dr Morris would come by my home here and there . Sit at my kitchen table and feed me wisdom and much knowledge for hours. Then he would leave until months down the road. I do graciously appreciate how he loved me as a sister, a student, and a woman of God. I will never forget him All I can say if you didn't know him, you certainly missed an earthly Jewel. Dr. Morris enjoy paradise ❤️❤️ you earned it from every aspect of life God bless Wife, sisters, brothers, children and grands. Love and much prayers Dr. Linder Robinson



May 13 at 3:14 PM



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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring George by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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