



Matthew Lee Jones

September 28, 1931 - July 15, 2014

Matthew Lee Jones was born September 28, 1931 to the union of Leonard Jones Sr. and Lillie Connors Jones in Macon, Mississippi. He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, Mary and four brothers, Oliver, Ernest, Willie, and Leonard Jones, Jr.

Matthew confessed a hope in Christ at a nearly age and became a dutiful Sunday school member. Later he became a Sunday school teacher in Macon, MS. After growing up in Mississippi, he moved to St. Louis, MO where he pursued his work career first at Weise Planning and Engineering and later as a business owner of his own hauling company and lawn care service. Matthew enjoyed fishing, hunting and restoring antique clocks. Later God called him to be a fisherman of men. Matthew began

his ministry in Alton, IL under the late Bishop Slack. Later, God called Matthew to Pastor his own church. He served in the role of pastor for 49 years beginning in Alton, IL and ending in St. Louis, MO at The Lillian Ave. Community Outreach The Church of God In Christ Congregational. God knew that Pastor Matthew needed a helpmeet and he was united in holy matrimony on May 29, 1988 to Sister Saint E. Tate McElroy. Under his leadership, they transformed the building at 5907 Lillian Ave. into a beautiful sanctuary. Together they made sacred music and melodies with him on the drums and his wife on the organ. They labored together in ministry for 26 years preaching, teaching, singing and praising God. On July 15, 2014 at 2:57 A.M., God called him from labor to reward.

Pastor Matthew Jones affectionately known to her as "bay bazey" leaves to cherish his memory a very devoted wife, Evangelist Mother Saint E. Jones, two sons, James Jones, Ernest Patton, Jr., and one daughter Wendy Patton, one sister Hattie Hilliard and one brother Paul (JoAnn) Jones, four grandchildren, William Jones, Marcus McDowell, Dominique Saint Eason and Courtney Eason, one great grandson, Owen Jones and a host of other relatives and friends.