



Leonard Charles Badon, Jr.

September 18, 1945 - July 15, 2021

Leonard Charles "June" Badon, Jr. was born September 18, 1945, in Tylertown, Mississippi to the late Deacon Leonard Charles Badon, Sr. and the late Mrs. Jessie Emma Magee Badon. He was the eldest of ten children born to this union. After graduating from Vernon High School in Mt. Hermon, Louisiana, he enlisted in the United States Army in 1965. After serving tours of duty in Vietnam and Germany he was honorably discharged in 1968. In May of 1969, he migrated to Detroit, Michigan and was employed by General Motors as a Robot Engineer. After 31 years of service, he retired in February 2000.

Charles Badon accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior in July 1973 and joined Inspirational Church of God In Christ in Pontiac, Michigan; under the leadership of the late Superintendent Bennie L. Ellout, Sr., serving for several years as a Deacon.

In November 1978 he met a beautiful songstress, Janice, who happened to be the sister of his Pastor, and had a strong desire to get to know her. In August of 1980, he married Janice Ellout, the love of his life. To this union, four children were born: Christa Elaine, Leonard Charles III, Michael Daniel, and Robyn Lorraine.

Deacon Badon continued to serve and accepted the call to preach. He was

licensed as a minister in April 1982 and ordained an Elder in the Church of God In Christ in August 1986 by Bishop Roger L. Jones, Sr. He served as the Assistant Pastor of Inspirational Church of God In Christ from August 1982 until September 1995. He also served as chaplain for North Oakland Medical Center in Pontiac, Michigan from 1990-1992.

Elder Badon and his family later joined Greater Miller Memorial Church of God In Christ under the leadership of the late Bishop Earl J. Wright, Sr., prelate of Southwest Michigan Second Jurisdiction from November 1995 until January 2002.

In June 2002, Elder Badon united with the late Bishop Walter E. Bogan, Sr., prelate of Great Lakes First Jurisdiction.

He has served the church in many capacities including Young People Willing Workers, Jurisdictional Executive Committee (Southwest Michigan #3), Evangelism Team Member, Board Member, Associate Minister, Local, District, and Jurisdictional Young People Willing Workers President.

He was installed as Pastor of Good Shepherd Church of God in Christ in Belleville, Michigan and served faithfully from 2002 until 2004.

Pastor Badon missed home and desired to move back to Louisiana. He built a home in Slidell, Louisiana and together with his wife, relocated here in April 2005.

After serving with Quillen Temple Church of God In Christ, under the leadership of Administrative Assistant Leonard C. Hill of Louisiana Eastern Third

Jurisdiction under Bishop Howard E. Quillen, prelate, Pastor and Missionary Badon stepped out on faith and founded Faith Tabernacle Ministries Church of God In Christ in June 2009.

In October 2009, Pastor Badon united with Louisiana Eastern Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction under the leadership of Bishop Gerald H. Hawkins, Sr. Education was always important to Pastor Badon, in addition to being an avid reader and lifelong student of the Word, he attended Walsh College of Troy, Michigan, Oakland Community College of Auburn Hills, Michigan, and the Charles Harrison Mason Bible College in Lansing, Michigan. With this strong background, Pastor Badon was installed as the Dean of The Louisiana Eastern Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Bible Institute in September 2012. The first graduating class Commencement was held June 20, 2015, with 14 students receiving their Certificate of Completion.

Pastor Badon was a licensed agent with Primerica Financial Services and was promoted to Regional Vice President in 1993. As his pastoral duties expanded, he turned over his business to his son, Michael.

His favorite scriptures are Philippians 3:10: "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made comfortable unto his death." 2 Peter 1:3: "according as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue."

Pastor Badon was preceded in death by his parents Deacon Leonard Charles, Sr., and Mother Jessie Emma Magee Badon; his brother, Cleotis "Deek" Badon; and sister, Lavine Badon Buckner.

He leaves to cherish his memory and to carry on his immeasurable legacy: his loving wife of over 40 years, Missionary Janice Ellout Badon; his children: Christa Elaine Badon, Leonard Charles Badon, III (April) of Romulus, Michigan, Elder Michael Daniel Badon (Traci) of Belleville, Michigan, Robyn Lorraine Sherman, and Deborah Darlene Effinger of Ypsilanti, Michigan; eight grandchildren: Leonard Prince Charles IV, May Lorraine Grace, June Ann Grace, Julya Beatrice Grace, Charlie Rae, Michael Thomas, Brittani Chanel, Antione Louis-Charles; five great grandchildren: Keyon Lee, Patrick Alphonse, Cameron David, Zuryi Arraiya, and Tariq Alonzo; seven siblings: Wilkie Mae Stovall; Elder James Lee Badon (Supervisor Gwendolyn), Wilton Earl Badon (Patricia), Jonelle Parson (Melvin), Bonnie Susan McElveen (Elder Nicholas), Kenneth Badon, Elder Jessie Louis Badon, Sr. (Kimberly); Goddaughter Denise Stovall-Jones Evans; a host of nieces and nephews, cousins, other relatives, spiritual sons and daughters, and friends. Special love and gratitude to the faithful and loving members of Faith Tabernacle Ministries Church of God In Christ.