



## Supt. Cleodis Wells

September 4, 1939 - March 5, 2014

Cleodis Wells was born September 4, 1939, in Sparkman, Arkansas. He was the sixth child born to Deacon Evandust and Mother Q. Ozella Wells. He was born eight minutes before the seventh child, his twin sister, Cleolia. Mother and Dad Wells trained the children to go to church, school and work. He was educated and graduated from the Sparkman Public School System. One of the twins was valedictorian and the other salutatorian. Immediately upon graduation, in 1958, Cleodis relocated to Detroit, Michigan. He was employed by and retired after thirty years from Ford Motor Company, where he received numerous awards for his impeccable performance as well as his ministering and counseling many of his co-workers.

Even though Cleodis left his parents and moved to Detroit, he did not leave his training. He joined Greater Northwest Church of God in Christ with his sister, Agnes Rance, and brother, Ozzie Wells. Later he married the love of his life, Pamela Jo Carol Hurse. They were married forty-two years and to this union they had one son, Carl, and one grandson, "Little" Carl. He was stable and committed to the Lord, his family, his church and his employer.

Joining Greater Northwest became a life-long commitment. He was a consistent and active member of his church for nearly 57 years. He attended Greater Northwest Bible Seminary under the direction of the founding pastor, the late Bishop Green D. Moore. He served for over twenty years as the co-

founder of the Couples A-Glow Ministry. He went from choir member, to deacon, to minister, to Sunday School Superintendent and eventually an ordained elder by the late Bishop Moore in 1983. He faithfully served Greater Northwest under the leadership of both Bishop G. D. Moore and Bishop Isaac King, Jr.

Elder Wells was also appointed Sunday School Superintendent at the jurisdictional level; first, by Bishop Earl J. Wright of Southwest Michigan Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and second, by Bishop Isaac King, Jr. of the Agape Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction with field representative Missionary Gloria Maxwell. He was always found to be heartily working for the Lord and involved in formal study. Elder Wells was in the first graduating class of the Greater Northwest & Bible Training Institute.

Elder Wells was observed as having the “heart of a pastor.” He could always be found serving in prayer, the Bishop G. D. Moore Tambourine Brigade, the choir, and he flowed in the ministry of singing, where he was anointed and many were healed and set free. He drove the church van, visited nursing homes, mentored young men, worked with the church maintenance and had a passion for church outreach. His service extended beyond the church. He was also active in the Lorraine Seals Food Outreach Ministry, the After School Excel Program, and his neighborhood activities.

Elder Cleodis Wells was appointed the third pastor of Greater Northwest Church of God in Christ by Bishop Isaac King, Jr. in 2004. Bishop King also, at the request of the Inspirational District's Superintendent Bennie Elloutt, appointed Pastor Wells as Assistant Superintendent. After the demise of Superintendent Elloutt, he became Superintendent with District Missionaries Janice Edmonds-Martin, followed by Evelyn Jones, and current District Missionary Jynean Chandler. During his tenure, Superintendent Wells received numerous awards and recognition for outstanding achievement in

support of the Agape Ecclesiastical Jurisdictional Women's Department.

Superintendent Cleodis Wells served his family, church, district and jurisdiction faithfully even in the midst of his illness. His wife, Pamela, was untiringly committed to her marital vows, exhibiting the promise "in sickness and in health, till death do us part." His wife and family were blessed to be with him as he made his transition on March 5, 2014.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens

17840 Middlebelt Road  
Livonia, MI 48152

# Previous Events

## Family Hour

Thursday, Mar. **13.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Greater Northwest COGIC  
15811 Rosa Parks Blvd.  
Detroit, MI 48238

## Funeral Ceremony

Friday, Mar. **14.** 10:00 AM (ET)

Greater Emmanuel Institutional C.O.G.I.C.  
19190 Schaefer Hwy.  
Detroit, MI 48235

# Tribute Wall



“ *Supt. Cleodis Wells*

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January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *To The Wells family. I am so sorry for the lost of Mr Theodis Wells. My family and I send our prayers to your family. Eunita McClanahan Robinson.*

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**Eunita McClanahan Robinson** - March 15, 2014 at 08:53 PM



“ *Bobbie Walker & Mershell Walker-Johnson lit a candle in memory of Supt. Cleodis Wells*



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**Bobbie Walker & Mershell Walker-Johnson** - March 14, 2014 at 09:48 PM

MJ

“ To The Wells Family: May your hearts be encouraged during this time of grief, for the Father has promised to, "not abandon you or fail to help you" (Joshua 1:5).

*We are petitioning our Lord Jesus Christ on your behalf and believing by faith the sweet abiding presence of the Holy Spirit, the prayers of the righteous, encouraging words both written and spoken, the love of family and friends will provide you comfort during this time. For the scripture states in Matthew 5:4, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."*

*Amazed by His grace,*

*Bobbie Walker and Mershell Walker-Johnson (Mom & Daughter)  
Sparkman, Arkansas & San Antonio, Texas*

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**Mershell Walker Johnson** - March 14, 2014 at 09:32 PM



“ The New Christ Temple Church family would like to extend our deepest condolences to the Wells family. We know that Supt. Wells has past from life to life everlasting, and we live to see him again. We will continue to lift you and the church up in prayer.

*Yours in the Masters service*

*Pastor Lorris Upshaw Jr.*

*& New Christ Temple COGIC*

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**Lorris Upshaw Jr.** - March 14, 2014 at 05:17 AM

RS

“ My sincere condolences to the entire Wells family. I pray you find peace in knowing you will see Uncle Cleotis again in heaven and until then he'll be standing guard watching over you all. Love Mona & Shemon

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**Ramona Stinnett** - March 13, 2014 at 08:57 PM

DH

“ *May you find peace and understanding during your time of sorrow.*

*Dr. Kenneth G. & Mrs. Pamala Hall Harris  
Arkadelphia, Arkansas*

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**Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth G. Harris** - March 13, 2014 at 05:34 PM

PO

“ *The Owens family is praying for the wells family sorry I couldn't be their in time of need but know I am praying that god give u strength to see u through I love u family love Pauline and the Owens family*

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**Pauline Owens** - March 13, 2014 at 03:31 PM



“ *God's gift of time, We all need a time to grieve, quiet time for reflection to sift through memories and come to grips with what has happened. We all need a time for tears, not for the one is now at peace in heaven, but for ourselves as we realize that things will never be the same. We all need a time to just "be", when we can open ourselves to God and let the reassurance of His everlasting love start to heal our broken hearts. Praying for the Wells Family and wishing you peace. Bro. & Sister in Christ, William & Ola Cowan- Bernel & Family.*



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**William Bernel** - March 13, 2014 at 01:49 PM

ME

“ *Melody lit a candle in memory of Supt. Cleodis Wells*



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**Melody** - March 12, 2014 at 11:38 PM

ME

*To the Wells Family, my prayers are with you during this difficult time. Pam I remember when you send Cleo go married. I thank God for allowing me to be a small part of your lives. Stand strong, for your in the arms of our Lord and Savior. Much love to you all. Rev. Melody (Burke) Essex*

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**Melody** - March 12, 2014 at 11:41 PM

AL

“ *Evangelist Cleolia Penix,*

*Please be encouraged at this time, we share and feel your loss. We are praying for you and your family. Just remember the fond times that you shared with your brother, (Cleodis) they will always be in your heart. We love you.*

*Sincerely,  
Supt. Melvin & Evan. Alice Shaw  
New Covenant Fellowship COGIC*

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**Alice** - March 12, 2014 at 01:10 PM



AL

“ *Dear Evangelist Cleolia Penix,*  
*We just want you to know that we feel your pain, we've been there; however, I am a living witness to let to know that God is with you and He will see you through. He will comfort and heal you. We are praying for you and your family.*

*Love Shepherdess Lillie M. English  
Calvary Temple Outreach COGIC  
9700 S. Halsted Street  
Chicago, IL 60628*

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**Alice** - March 12, 2014 at 12:57 PM



JT

“ To The Wells Family,

*Praying that the Lord will comfort you with His peace, surround you with His Love and encourage you with His presence.*

*Love - John & Debbie Tate*

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**John Tate** - March 12, 2014 at 11:45 AM

SP

“ To the family of Supt. Cleodis Wells and Mother Cleolia Penix: You are in our thoughts and prayers. Unfortunately, I will not be able to physically be with you during this difficult time, but I am praying for you and the entire family. God is faithful and He will give you the strength you need to get through and to the place He has prepared for you. Mother Penix, know that Supt. Larry L. Polk and Texas Northeast First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Sunday School is praying for your strength. We love you!

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**Supt. Larry L. Polk** - March 12, 2014 at 09:22 AM

SS

“ Shirley Smith lit a candle in memory of Supt. Cleodis Wells



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**Shirley Smith** - March 12, 2014 at 07:46 AM

EJ

“ To Lady Pam Wells and the Wells Family,  
You are in our thoughts & Prayers. May the Peace of God give you  
strength and comfort in this your time of great loss,  
Know that we love you and will continue to keep you and your entire  
family lifted up before the Lord.  
May God Bless & forever keep you,  
Mother Queenie M. & Elder Cyndi Johnson

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**Elder Cyndi Johnson** - March 11, 2014 at 06:57 PM

MH

“ To the Well's family - Cleo will always be  
remembered by me, he was a beautiful,  
caring person, also helping people and a hard  
working person in the church. I knew him as a  
young saved person in the church, he was  
really a truly saved man of God. He would sometimes load choir  
members up in his car to go short distance trips to sing at other  
churches, May God strengthen you during this time of sorrow.  
Marsha Fisher-Hill



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**Marsha Hill** - March 11, 2014 at 09:14 AM

MA

“ To the Wells Family: We are thinking of you during this difficult time.  
Remember that you have friends to comfort you, memories to  
strengthen you and love to bring you peace.

*Mary and Robert Hunter  
Raleigh, NC*

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**Mary** - March 10, 2014 at 05:48 PM

MH

“ *Mary & Robert Hunter lit a candle in memory of Supt. Cleodis Wells*



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**Mary & Robert Hunter** - March 10, 2014 at 05:42 PM



“ *To the Wells family ( Auntie Pam) may God continue to comfort your .heart as only he can. Uncle Cleo is at rest now the Struggle is Over.*

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**Carla Cole-Lasenby** - March 10, 2014 at 12:52 PM



“ *Carla Cole-Lasenby lit a candle in memory of Supt. Cleodis Wells*



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**Carla Cole-Lasenby** - March 10, 2014 at 12:44 PM

AC

“ *Audrey Chatman lit a candle in memory of Supt. Cleodis Wells*



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**Audrey Chatman** - March 09, 2014 at 09:43 AM

SS

“ We were so saddened to learn of the loss of our dear friend, Pastor Cleodis Wells. Missionary Pamela Wells, we are praying that will Comfort you in this time of great transition.

*Deacon Stephen & Sister Lorna Savage*

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**Stephen Savage** - March 08, 2014 at 10:42 AM



“ Apostle Crystal Smith lit a candle in memory of Supt. Cleodis Wells

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**Apostle Crystal Smith** - March 06, 2014 at 07:05 PM

