



Stanley D. Lord

December 3, 2022

Reverend Stanley D. Lord, a friend, trailblazer, coach, community leader, and activist, transitioned from this earth into eternal life on Saturday, December 3, 2022. Reverend Lord, affectionately known as "Coach Lord" or "Rev. Lord", was born in Yonkers, NY. He was celebrated for his strong faith, unwavering activism, and mentoring programs that supported youth and adults.

Rev. Lord was predeceased by his sister Rosalyn Wheeler and brother Roger Wheeler. He was raised by Mrs. Elizabeth Wheeler in New Rochelle, NY. Stanley matriculated through the New Rochelle public school system. As a child, he loved to cook with mommy in the kitchen on Woodbine Avenue. She taught him how to cook the best fried chicken. He was known for this culinary treat by his family and friends.

He was an avid sports fan; in high school, Stanley was a talented athlete. He was a Varsity Football player and an All-American Track Star. He proudly held the lead role in the play Purlie Victorious, written by Ossie Davis and directed the high school gospel choir. Rev. Lord began his Christian walk at Shiloh Baptist Church, New Rochelle, NY, where he served as a Junior Deacon, member of the youth choir and participated in the Christian Education Ministry.

Stanley attended Kansas University where he was a Division I Scholarship Athlete. As an active campus leader, he served as the Vice President of the

Black Student Union, United Campus Ministry, Baptist Student Union, and a residence hall assistant. Rev. Lord completed his undergraduate degree at Iona College, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration in 1985. He attended His Excellence Theological Seminary, Newburgh, NY, earning a Theology Degree in 1995.

In 1987, Stanley moved to Connecticut and accepted a full-time Track Coach position at Stamford High School. His passion for track led him to establish the Lord Striders and emerged as one of the nation's leading youth coaches in Track & Field. In 1999, he was awarded the prestigious East Region Coach of The Year of the USAF which is the USA Track & Field governing body. As founder of the Lord Striders, he single-handedly secured more than a million dollars in scholarships for over 250 athletes who attend colleges throughout the country. As coach, his mantra was "by all means get it done".

Rev. Lord's faith was unwavering. He was one of Connecticut's revered preachers. His fervent worship and dynamic preaching distinguished him as a leader in his conference. During his time at Faith Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, from November 1987 to the present, Rev. Lord has served as Assistant to the Pastor, Dean of Bible Institute, and served on the budget committee. He was the organizer and director of the Seasoned Adult Ministry (SAM). Rev. Lord established activities and social events for the senior church and community members. Rev. Lord also served as president of the Men's Ministry Christian Men In Action (CMIA) and had established a Men's Bible Study, "Men In The Word," and the Youth Christian Education Ministry. Stanley D. Lord was a civil rights activist who championed voting rights and was a fierce fighter for racial justice. He was a generous and thoughtful leader who led the Greater Bridgeport NAACP to be at the center of the movement for change in the City of Bridgeport. In his role as NAACP President of his local chapter, Rev. Lord was one of Bridgeport's strongest voices for police accountability who demanded change in our local departments long plagued

with racism, misconduct, abuse, and corruption. After George Floyd's murder in 2020, Reverend Lord served on the Bridgeport Advisory Task Force on Public Safety, which passed strong recommendations for non-law enforcement approaches to public safety, police union contract reforms, and budget transparency, among many others.

Rev. Lord leaves to cherish his precious memory: his loving mother, Rev. Dr. Mary Chris-Largie (husband Patrick Largie) of Panama; his twin brother, Rev. Dr. Stuart C. Lord (Adderly Grant- Lord) of Lafayette CO; two additional brothers, Kamanie Woods, of Atlanta GA; Bruce K. Lord (Sheryl K. Lord) of Yonkers, NY; three sisters, Dr. Cindy Chambless (Micheal Chambless) of Pomona, NY; MaryAnn Faulk of Queens, NY; Vickie Lockhart of Long Island, NY; a godson Floyd Lawrence (Pastor Roberta Lawrence) of Bridgeport, CT; a god sister, Samra Coote of Peachtree Corners, GA, and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins,

As we celebrate Rev. Lord's life, let us renew our commitment to his vision "when we stand together in common cause and common purpose, we can do great things."

Visitation will be held on Tuesday December 13, 2022 from 6:00PM - 8:00PM at Faith Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church followed by a service of celebration Wednesday December 14, 2022 at 2:00PM at Faith Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, 29 Grove Street Stamford, CT.

Interment will be private.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Faith Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church
29 Grove St
Stamford, CT

Service

DEC 14. 2:00 PM (ET)

Faith Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church
29 Grove St
Stamford, CT

Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stanley D. Lord.*



December 13, 2022 at 08:44 AM



“ *May the memory of Stanley's life be a blessing that brings joy in the days to come. Love and condolences from Joe-Joe and Makkie.*

Joe-Joe McManus - December 12, 2022 at 05:50 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stanley D. Lord.*



December 12, 2022 at 05:46 PM



“ *To The Family of Rev. Stanley Lord. Our prayers are with you. Rev. Lord loved Jesus, his dedication to the FTMBC Family and the Connecticut State Missionary Baptist Church will always be a part of our loving memory of him and all that he accomplished.*

C.F. Cropper - December 12, 2022 at 07:47 AM

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“ My deepest sympathy and condolences to the entire family of Rev. Lord, Rev Lord was an awesome and amazing individual who cared about everything and everyone, you will be truly missed, RIP Rev Lord 🙏🙏🙏🙏.

Tomeka Elliott - December 11, 2022 at 02:58 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Stanley D. Lord.



December 10, 2022 at 08:36 AM

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“ Rev. Lord you will truly be missed. May God continue to bless you all during your time of sorrow.

Grace, Mercy and Peace.



Linda Ford - December 09, 2022 at 11:42 PM

JH

“ Rev. Lord, thank you for your dedication and service. Rest on in rewarding & eternal peace.



James O. Homer - December 09, 2022 at 11:21 AM

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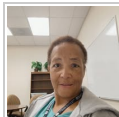


Tony Salters - December 08, 2022 at 02:25 PM

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"Stanley" and I have been in each other's orbit since the mid-1980s and he & his twin share a birthdate with my oldest nephew. We've been friends, mutual confidantes, clients, and supporters of each other in this life and now, as of a cold Saturday in December 2022, it moves into the vast heavens beyond. The achievements and accolades associated with this gentle giant have been incredibly fascinating, fun, and fulfilling to watch and witness. Rest in eternal peace, my friend! Go K U! Go Giants! God Speed!

Tony Salters - December 08, 2022 at 02:52 PM



Coach, Coach, Coach, what can I even say????? Track and Field st Stamford HS was NEVER the same and hasn't been again since!!!! You were something! That Smile, That Laugh, Those Jokes, "Come on now, don't quit now, you can do it, get up those stairs,." You had a relationship with ALL of us. You taught us to be better people. For me, you gave me my first coaching opportunity to coach under you. Validated my faith in God (You didn't think I was crazy about how I felt with faith) Validated my love for community service, you worked in the community with ALL ages (My Grandmoter ADORED you).. We are ALL better people because we had at least one or more season with you in our lives. You ran your race, and finished your course. Y'ou had more to do, but God needed you more. Well Done Faithful Servant, take your place among the Angels!!!! Much Love and Respect Always.....

*Dionne-Etta Mitchell, MA/ MSW
Stamfford High School, 1988*

Dionne-Etta Mitchell - December 10, 2022 at 01:01 PM

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Stanley I love you and miss you so much. Rest in peace my twin brother and best friend.!
- Stuart

Stuart Lord - January 14, 2023 at 01:58 PM