



## Bobby Hurd

April 9, 1947 - July 7, 2013

Professor Bobby Hurd a Gospel Legend with a Global Ministry. ??A springboard helping the careers of many gospel artist? Mr. Bobby Hurd made his transition to glory on Sunday July 7, 2013 12:45 PM at Northside Hospital Atlanta, GA. He is survived by his wife, Dr. Sarah Simmons Hurd, three daughters and two sons-in-law: Felisha Price and Pastor Reaman Price; Gearnia Kasand Green and Pastor Harry Green, and Shelitha Hurd. He was the proud grandfather of Timothy Price, Christopher Price, Jordan Price, Harry Green III and Gearnia Joi Green and a special brother to Douglas Hurd, Betty Glenn and Earnest Hurd. Public Viewing: Thursday July 11, 2013, 12 Noon until 6 PM at Green Pastures Christian Ministries Wake Services: Thursday July 11, 2013 7PM-9PM Green Pastures Christian Ministries 5455 Flat Shoals Parkway Decatur, GA 30034 Dr. Collette L. Gunby, Pastor. Home Going Celebration: Friday July 12, 2013. 12 Noon Greater Travelers Rest Baptist Church 4650 Flat Shoals Parkway Decatur, GA 30024 Dr. E. Dewey Smith, Jr. Pastor. ----- Bobby Hurd, a native of Corinth, Mississippi, graduated from South Fulton High School and Atlanta Area Technical School and began his career as a business owner in 1972 as an electrician. Mr. Hurd is married to his high school sweetheart, Sarah, for 46 years. They have three daughters, two sons-in-law, four grandsons and one granddaughter. Bobby is one that truly loves the Lord and expresses that each day by using the gifts God has anointed him with to touch the lives of others. In 2004, Mr. Hurd became an ordained Deacon at Pilgrim Baptist Church

where he has remained a faithful, dedicated and respected member since 1974. Bobby often says, "God has been so good to me. I came from the cotton fields of Mississippi and know that the Lord has brought me from a mighty long way. I believe God has blessed me to be a blessing to others, because I really enjoy what I do." Bobby Hurd acknowledges and leans on God's everlasting arms for his faith, deliverance and recognizes that God is the center of his life. Noted as a renowned television and radio host, in 2010 Mr. Hurd became a Trumpet Award recipient for Spiritual Enlightenment. In April 1996, Mr. Hurd became a Gospel Promoter and a cable TV Talk Show Host. He was the promoter of "Gospel Night" for the Atlanta Hawks for 10 years. In 1997, the DeKalb County branch of the NAACP respectfully deemed him "Gospel Promoter of the Year." He is also recognized in the National Registry of "Who's Who of Executives and Professionals" for his achievements in the profession of Gospel Promotions and in the field of Electrical Contracting. Former Atlanta Mayor Bill Campbell previously honored Mr. Hurd for his dedicated leadership and innumerable contributions to the city and the community. AB Entertainment recognized him as Gospel Promoter of the Year for two consecutive years in 1999 and 2000. In 2001, Bobby Hurd captured the honor of the Number One Local Gospel Show in Atlanta, GA, and is the Co-Chair of the quartet division of the Gospel Music Workshop of America (GMWA.) He also serves on the Board of the Quartet Convention in Birmingham, Alabama and was voted Man of the Year by the LRA, and the recipient of a 2004 NAACP Award. In 2007, Mr. Hurd became the Recipient for the Roy Wooten Award @ GMWA in the Quartet Division. In 2009, Deacon Hurd was appointed as a Chaplain for the Fulton County Sheriff Department. With over 14 years experience, Bobby Hurd is committed to making a difference in numerous communities nationally and internationally through various media outlets providing inspiration, gospel entertainment, and compassion to all through: The Bobby Hurd Television & Radio Shows, "Have You Hurd Gospel Magazine, the internet [www.watc.tv](http://www.watc.tv), [www.bobbyhurd.com](http://www.bobbyhurd.com) and [www.thepraisehouse.com](http://www.thepraisehouse.com). Closely examined topics and issues on

leadership, social change, education, health awareness and economic empowerment are initiatives that have helped change the mindset and lives of individuals and families. On May 5, 2001, Mr. Bobby Hurd presented a Gospel Workshop and Showcase, in which 52 gospel groups participated, making this showcase the largest held in the Atlanta area to this day. Out of the outstanding 52 gospel groups, four of the groups were able to sign a recording contract. On October 11, 2005, Global Evangelical Christian College & Seminary in Wetumpka, Alabama awarded Mr. Bobby Hurd an Honorary Doctorate Degree in Business Christian Communications.

# Tribute Wall

RW

“ *Mr. Bobby Hurd was a father to me and I was his son that people never new about. Love always pop Mr. Rune C. Wingfield.*

**Rune Wingfield** - December 29, 2024 at 06:31 PM

MH

“ *This is December 29, 2013 and I just learned of Bobby Hurd's death! I have really been out of contact with his program. I occasionally watch a little on Sunday mornings. I had noticed that his wife has a program now and just thought that God had touched her to branch out, but this morning she mentioned she is a Widow now, what a shock Mr. Hurd, was such a GIANT in this community, with all kinds of endeavors that help promote the word, the church and people. I did not know him, but every time I watched he was doing something good for the community or people. May God continue to bless your endeavors, family and friends.*

**Min. M. Holdbrook** - December 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *It was a pleasure meeting you and having you support Jordan and his teammates over the years at Chapel Hill and Southwest Dekalb basketball games, you will be missed. Coach J Latham*

**Jeff Latham** - October 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *Minister Timothy And Glenda Rogers Corinth, MS RIP Bobby Hurd. A Light that will be missed when he come home to share his word with us to help lift us up. You will be missed and our Prayers will be with you all in your time of lost.*

**Minister Timothy Rogers** - July 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Dear Hurd Family; While reading the online obituary, I observed the death of your love one. Death is an enemy to mankind and who can understand it? It can and does have a devastating effect on you and your family as well. Can you imagine reading a newspaper with the headline; When Death is Swallowed Up Forever..... What a wonderful time that will be. Revelation 21:4 offers this hope, it states: And he (God) will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain anymore. The former things have passed away. What a comforting hope. If you would be interested in learning even more, I can send you a little tract that is entitled What Hope for Dead Loved Ones? If you have any Questions please feel free to contact me at this e-mail address here ([b.molina56@yahoo.com](mailto:b.molina56@yahoo.com)). I offer my sincere condolences, may the God of peace be with you and your family. Sincerely Yours, Brandy Molina

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**Brandy Molina** - July 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ JULY 18, 2013; EVANGELIST BOLEYJACK; TO THE HURD FAMILY: WHEN YOU LOOK DOWN AT YOUR FOOT STEPS, BUT IT SEEMS AS THOUGH YOU ARE NOT MOVING, IT IS BECAUSE JESUS IS CARRYING YOU. TO MR. HURD, BECAUSE I KNOW THAT HE CAN HEAR ME, I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR MAKING GOSPEL MUSIC THE JOY THAT IT IS. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE RECOGNITION THAT YOU GAVE ME FOR SUPPORTING YOU. I AM SORRY THAT, I DID NOT KNOW THAT, JESUS WAS CALLING YOU SO SOON. DEATH IS JUST THE BEGINNING OF LIFE, BECAUSE NOW YOU WILL LIVE FOREVER. THE SPIRIT NEVER DIES. MAY JESUS FOREVER KEEP YOU.

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**EVANGELIST SALLY BOLEYJACK** - July 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ I really thank God for Professor Bro. Bobby Hurd for his life and the legacy and the example that he left. He will be forgotten and his memories will live on.

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**Mr & Mrs. Bert Taylor** - July 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ Lit a candle in memory of Bobby Hurd

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**J. Ebbs** - July 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ To the Hurd Family, I would like to offer my sincere condolences to you all. God will give you the strength and comfort that you need. Love and Prayers , The Graham Family(Miami, FL.)

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**Renee E. Graham** - July 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ My prayers are with the family. We have worked programs from within Ga. & out of Ga. I will miss talking to him.. very nice man . to the family God will take care of you ! Mrs Lola Strange/promoter..macon,ga.

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**Lola Strange** - July 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ I remember Dr Hurd as a striking handsome and debonaire gentleman, who was as warm and gracious as his adorable wife, Sarah. Together they truly changed gospel music in Decatur! May God comfort, bless and keep you and your wonderful family! Love - always, Hazel Mahone

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**Hazel Mahone** - July 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ I pray that during this difficult time God will reveal himself to your family as the Comforter, The Good Shepherd, and The Friend who sticks closer than any brother. May He wipe every tear. My prayers are with the Hurd family. - Deborah D. Opie

Deborah Opie - July 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ Peggy Ratliff-Graham I went to school with Bobby and Sarah in Corinth.MS at Easom High school. I pray that God will be with you Sarah and family y, and see your hour of sorrow. Weeping may endure for a night, but joy come in the morning. Praying for you.

Peggy Ratliff-Graham - July 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Mr.HURD TAKE UR REST TELL JESUS HOW U MADE IT OVER I MEET HIM IN ALBANY GA. GOSPEL FEST .TO THE FAMILY LET NOT UR HEARTS BE TROUBLE NOR AFRAID.MIN.C SIMS ATHENS GA.

MINISTER CHRIS SIMS - July 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ We send our deepest Sympathy to the family with great memories shared at Jordan basket ball games with Mr Hurd. RIP!!...much love to the entire family Lee&Janna Risher

Lee and Janna Risher - July 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EA

“ RIP my friend. You are truly going to be missed. You now have your ticket and you may enter into Heavens gates. Well done oh faithful servant well done.

Edward b. Allen - July 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ My condolences is distributed throughout The Hurd Family. Continue to keep our heavenly father 1st...keep planting those spiritual seeds! I hope that we are able to continue to watch the gospel shows b/c they keeps us all lifted; STAY ENCOURAGED!!!.... Kennedy A.

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**Kennedy F. Anderson** - July 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ We the Pilgrim Jubilees of Chicago, IL extend our deepest sympathy to the Hurd Family ! Bobby will truly be missed by all that knew and loved him ! His work down here is done, and now he is receiving his reward . You will be in our prayers and thoughts as you go through this sad but joyous occasion. Bobby is resting in the Bosom of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ ! Sleep on Bobby and Take Your Rest !Bless Your HouseThe Pilgrim Jubilees ( The Jubes )

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**Clay Graham** - July 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ I met Mr hurd on candler rd and he was such an inspiration to me. To the hurd family you will see him again in heaven I also watched his show on television what a inspiration it was to me .

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**rev.tim butler** - July 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ The Everson family extends our sympathy and prayers to the Hurd family. Mr. Bobby Hurd provided humanity with an incredible life example of love, sacrifice, and compassion forus all. We love you Momma Sarah and Family!

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**The Everson Family** - July 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ To The Family of Bobby Hurd, The Friendship Community Church family of College Park, Georgia, where Dr. Donald Earl Bryant serves as pastor, is praying that God’s care and comforting presence will enfold you during this time. May the perfect peace that only He can give abide with you now and through the months ahead. Sincerely, Donald Earl Bryant, D.Min. Pastor

Pastor Bryant - July 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ I love you Hurd Family and am Praying that the Spirit of God comforts you during this time....such an accomplished Man Of God, surely is rejoicing in Heaven with the Angels proclaiming HOLY!!!! MY PRAYERS are with you!

monique - July 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ If we loved one another the way God loves us what a wonderful world this would be. Bailey, Duffy and Morgan Families

Arlene Morgan - July 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ My condolences to the family of Mr. Bobby Hurd. Maxine C. Wood

Maxine C. Wood - July 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ When I was 8 years old I met Mr. Bobby & since then I did know where he was going! Angel In Heaven

Garren Walker - July 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO MRS.HURD AND THE ENTIRE FAMILY AND FRIENDS..MR. HURD YOUR PRESENCE DOWN HERE ON EARTH WILL SURELY BE MISSED BUT GOD HAS BETTER PLANS FOR YOU IN THE GOLDEN CITY..ANOTHER ANGEL TO WATCH OVER ALL OF US..R.I.PARADISE MR.HURD.

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**Alma Bidjocka** - July 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Sent a gift in memory of Bobby Hurd

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**Anne H.** - July 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ BOBBY WAS A LONG TIME FRIEND, I WILL MISS HIM MUCH  
WILLIAM SHIVERS

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**WILLIAM SHIVERS** - July 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Wow, this is a shocker...my condolences to his family and friends.  
He will be missed!

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**Kimberly Boykin** - July 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LI

“ May the Comfort and Peace of Christ Be With You! BrothaRollins

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**Louis Rollins II** - July 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Sending my deepest sympathy to your family from my family  
Gwendolyn Moten

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**Gwendolyn Moten** - July 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *RIP DEACON BOBBY HURD!!! GREAT & WONDERFUL MAN*

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**Terri Howard** - July 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ *To the Family of a unique and awesome man of God, our heartfelt condolences to you, earth has no sorrows that heaven can not heal. COGIC Elder Tyrone Mitchell Gates.*

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**Elder Tyrone Mitchell Gates Cogic** - July 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VT

“ *My sincere condolences to the Hurd family. May you find comfort in your loving memories, and in knowing that God has promised to soon swallow up death forever...and wipe the tears from all faces. (Isaiah 25;8) With deepest sympathy,*

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**v. thompson** - July 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM