



## Bishop McKinley Young

January 16, 2019

It is with tremendous sadness that the devoted family of Bishop McKinley Young, 74, announces his passing on January 16, 2019. Bishop Young was born November 10, 1944 in Atlanta, Georgia; he was the son of the parsonage and a product of the Public Schools of Atlanta. He received degrees from Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Georgia; Andover Newton Theological School, Newton Centre, Massachusetts; and the University of Chicago Divinity School, Chicago, Illinois. He holds honorary Doctorates from six institutions of Higher Education. He pastored churches in Providence, Rhode Island, Chicago and Evanston, Illinois, and Atlanta, Georgia. In 1992 Bishop Young was elected and consecrated the 109th Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church. Bishop Young served as the presiding prelate of the 15th Episcopal District in Southern Africa where he led in the Centennial Celebration of African Methodism. Bishop Young provided leadership in the Ecumenical Community for over 40 years. From 1996-2000 Bishop Young served as the Ecumenical and Urban Affairs Officer for the AME Church. Where ever he served, Bishop Young's focus was on Christian Education, Ministerial Education, and Continuing Education for Lay and Clergy. Throughout his five decades of ministry, Bishop Young was an advocate for social justice, and civil rights, with an emphasis on voting rights. As a lifelong learner, Bishop Young was dedicated to higher education and served as Chair of the Board for Paul Quinn College, Dallas, Texas and Edward Waters College, Jacksonville, Florida. At the time of his passing,

Bishop McKinley Young served as the presiding Bishop of the Third Episcopal District as well as the Chancellor of Wilberforce University, and Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees for Payne Theological Seminary in Wilberforce, Ohio. In 2016 at the 50th Quadrennial Session of the General Conference of the AME Church, Bishop McKinley Young was elevated to the office of Senior Bishop. Bishop Young is survived by his wife Dr. Dorothy Jackson Young, his children Karyn (Ron) Young-Lowe, Deana (Julius) McAllister, Jr., Andrea (Roderick) Jones and Stephanie Lynn Young, and his grandchildren Jennifer Renee and Jessica Christine Lowe, Julius Harrison III, Colin McKinley Young, Dylan David Jeremiah McAllister, Peyton Leigh, Noah Parker, and Miles Owen Jones, two brothers Lonnie H. Young and Rev. Roland Young. Services will be held on Thursday, January 24, 2019 at Wilberforce University. Bishop Young will Lie in State from 9:30a.m. until The Celebration of Life at 11:00a.m. at Wilberforce University Alumni Multiplex on the campus of Wilberforce University, 1055 N. Bickett Road, Wilberforce, Ohio 45384 at 11:00 a.m.

Final services will be on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at Big Bethel AME Church 220 Auburn Avenue NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30303 at 11:00 a.m. The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Omega Ceremony Service and visitation will be held on Friday, January 25, 2019 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Big Bethel AME Church.

In lieu of flowers and because of Bishop Young's ongoing support of education, the family requests that donations be made to Wilberforce University in honor of Bishop McKinley Young. Please make remembrance donations payable to Wilberforce University to be mailed to: Third Episcopal District AME Church, 112 Jefferson Avenue, #5 Columbus, Ohio 43215. Please designate the check as payable to: Bishop and Mrs. McKinley Young Scholarship Fund or Fund #: 51009 3307-5303-60. Make online donations to Wilberforce University at the following link:<http://ame3.org/schools/donate-to-wilberforce/or>

Ohio services are entrusted to MARLAN J. GARY FUNERAL HOME, THE CHAPEL OF PEACE EAST 5456 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus, Ohio. Georgia Final Services entrusted to GREGORY B. LEVETT & SONS FUNERAL HOME, SOUTH DEKALB CHAPEL 4347 Flat Shoals, Decatur, GA. The interment will follow the service at Southview Cemetery, 1990 Jonesboro Road, S.E. Atlanta, Georgia 30315. To offer condolences to The Young Family, visit [www.TheChapelofPeace.com](http://www.TheChapelofPeace.com) or [www.LevettFuneralHome.com](http://www.LevettFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Southview Cemetery

Jonesboro Rd  
Atlanta

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 25.** 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM (ET)

South DeKalb Chapel  
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy.  
Decatur, GA 30034  
(404) 241-5656  
[info@levettfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@levettfuneralhome.com)

## Time of Remembrance

**JAN 25.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Big Bethel AME  
220 Auburn Ave NE  
Atlanta, GA 30303

## Celebration of Life

**JAN 26.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Big Bethel AME  
220 Auburn Ave NE  
Atlanta, GA 30303



# Tribute Wall

KB

“ Offering condolences for the loss of Mr. Young and praying that God’s promise to swallow up death forever and wipe away the tears from all faces will provide a measure of comfort for your family. (Isaiah 25:8) Warm Regards, Kay

Kay Banks - January 30, 2019 at 09:58 AM

CG

“ Dear Dr. Young and Family, I give tremendous thanks and praise to have had the privilege and the pleasure to have been Bishop's friend and one who shared in the Lord's work with him. I thank God and each of you, for sharing him with us.

*I will forever be indebted to his wisdom and sheer presence that he exuded as the Commission Chair for the Department of Church Growth and Development. It is my prayer, and that of Julia as well, that each of you will be comforted and experience the loving kindness and presence of the Lord, today and in the days ahead.*

*Please remember, that we are here for you.*

*Love,  
Drs. James and Julia Wade*

Cheryl L Green - January 25, 2019 at 02:41 PM

DS

“ Dr. Jerome V. Harris & Staff purchased the Sacred Garden Spray for the family of Bishop McKinley Young.



Dr. Jerome V. Harris & Staff - January 24, 2019 at 01:18 PM

SC

“ May the wings of angels keep the Family members of Bishop Young uplifted. When I relocated to Atlanta, finding another Bethel AME Church kept me grounded to my home church Bethel AME in Saginaw, Michigan. Our services were always uplifting and inspirational due to the leadership of then Rev. Young. And in Orlando, Florida, I remember driving around town with a message on my van to support Rev Young in his quest to become a Bishop..Well done, Good and Faithful servant.

*Shari Haithco Clarke*

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**Shari Haithco Clarke** - January 24, 2019 at 11:48 AM

LW

“ To the Young Family you have our heart filled condolences. We praise God for his life and legacy in willing to serve. We are especially grateful to his early years and upbringing at Saint Paul AME Stone Mtn, where his Father served...Lots of Love from Gloria Brown and daughter Rev. Leela Waller

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**Leela Waller** - January 23, 2019 at 10:11 PM

CT

“ Charlene Taylor-Tignor lit a candle in memory of Bishop McKinley Young



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**Charlene Taylor-Tignor** - January 21, 2019 at 05:29 PM

CE

“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family. May God give you the comfort and peace you seek.

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**Cynthia Evans** - January 21, 2019 at 05:22 AM

DB

“ *My Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy. Beloved Man of God. Well Done Good and Faithful Servant*



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**D Denard Brooks** - January 20, 2019 at 10:20 AM

OM

*I had the honor to play in the band with Bishop and graduate with Lonnie may God bless all of you and continue to strengthen you and your family during these days*

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**Odessa Rogers Antioch AME church Stone M** - January 25, 2019 at 04:34 PM