



Dr. J. W. Stripling, Sr.

September 6, 1937 - March 17, 2018

A precious loved one has gone, a voice we loved is still, but we will always have beautiful memories of him. He was a 1956 Douglass High School graduate. Dr. Stripling was the founder and Pastor of the City of Refuge Church of God in Christ for 46 years. He leaves to cherish his memories his wife: Nancy Alice Johnson Stripling of the home; daughter, Sharon Renae Stripling; son, Joe W. Stripling, II; brother, William Ray Stripling, Sr.; sisters: Estelle Bugg, Ruby Jones, and Nadine Smith.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Memory Gardens

12813 NE 50th
Spencer, OK 73084

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 23. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Rolfe Funeral Home
2936 N.E. 36th
Oklahoma City, OK 73111
(405) 424-4136
<https://rolfefuneralhome.com/>

Service

MAR 24. 11:00 AM (CT)

Greater First Deliverance Temple
2101 N. Bryant
Oklahoma City, OK

Tribute Wall



“ I was in my office today, 2 years later when I was informed of Dr. Stripling's journey home. I spent some time in OKC fro about 6 months and attended City of Refuge while I was there. Pastor treated me kind; he drove me to Tulsa with him on oen accasion to attend a worship service. he called me Reverend Gerald, although that was my first name (hahaha). He was kind and caring aa gentel and loving. He was there when I needed him most, and for that I thank God. His life touched mine in positive, powerful and meaningful ways, adn I will never forget what he did for me and how lovingly he did it.

Gerald West Phipps - August 11, 2020 at 10:34 PM

AP

My name is Andrea parks..I would visit the pastor church off and on...I moved to California and while back in Oklahoma City..I called the pastor house and the phone was off ..I knew something was amis, this is sad

Andrea parks - March 27, 2025 at 09:20 PM

TH

“ Tonya Henderson-Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. J. W. Stripling, Sr.



Tonya Henderson-Smith - June 11, 2018 at 03:09 PM

RS

“ My deepest condolences, go out to the Stripling family during your time of loss. May god bless you all. Raymond Simmons. Atlanta, ga



Raymond Simmons - March 28, 2018 at 10:31 PM

WH

“ Our sincere condolences to the Stripling Family and City of Refuge....
the family of the late ElderHoward Huggins

wendell Huggins - March 28, 2018 at 07:06 PM

JO

“ Keeping you and your family in prayer

The children of the Late Ozella McCray

Jones - March 24, 2018 at 09:35 AM

CC

“ Sending my condolences to the family of Elder Stripling during this time of loss. Remembering growing up in church @The City. And how he was always a phone call away when you needed him to pray or to give a encouraging word.Continued prayers to the family.
* Channell Clewis-McTier *



Channell Clewis-McTier - March 23, 2018 at 08:04 PM

HA

“ I am so sorry for the family’s loss, may you find comfort from a future promise recorded in Revelation 21:4 which says “he (God) will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more.”

Hallee - March 22, 2018 at 09:57 PM

KM

“ Kendall Murdock lit a candle in memory of Dr. J. W. Stripling, Sr.



Kendall Murdock - March 22, 2018 at 03:01 PM

MM

“ Melody Murdock lit a candle in memory of Dr. J. W. Stripling, Sr.



Melody Murdock - March 22, 2018 at 02:06 PM

VB

“ From kid to adult you were always there with encouragement and uplifting words. Love you uncle Joe....Victor Bugg

Victor Bugg - March 22, 2018 at 02:46 AM

HF

“ We are so sad for the loss of Dr. J. W. Stripling, Sr... Such a wonderful ,man of God. He will be missed. To the family and members of the City of Refuge we send our love and prayers. May God ever bless... Thomas and Lynne Fisher

Helynda Fisher - March 22, 2018 at 12:45 AM

DF

“ I would like to give my deepest condolences to the whole family sorry for your loss what I would like to do is give the family something very comforting at this time of need it's a promise from Gods word the Bible what I would like to do is share this scripture with the family one of the promises that Jehovah God said he was going to do for all mankind soon and that is Rid the world of sickness and suffering and death it's a promise here at Revelation 21:3,4 gives you that promise may this bring comfort to the family you are in our prayers.

Darrin Fitz - March 21, 2018 at 09:15 AM

WH

“ Willie And Myrna Hill lit a candle in memory of Dr. J. W. Stripling, Sr.



Willie and Myrna Hill - March 21, 2018 at 08:21 AM

PL

“ To: Mother Nancy, Mssy. Sharon and Elder "Wes" and the extended family; You know!! LOVE NEVER DIES!! You are in my prayers! Sister Pat



Pat Lawrence - March 20, 2018 at 02:07 PM

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“ I am so, so sorry to hear of the loss of Elder Stripling. One of my Fondest Memories as a little girl was the beautiful wedding of Elder Stripling and Nancy. I still can see the flowers and feel the happiness from being in old Page Sanctuary on that day and witnessing their beautiful marriage. My mother, Mother Golden always said "Lord Elder Stripling can raise an offering". He will truly be missed. Sharon and all the family, I love you all and I'm praying for you.

Shirley Price (Golden) - March 20, 2018 at 12:12 PM

ST

“ Stephanie lit a candle in memory of Dr. J. W. Stripling, Sr.



Stephanie - March 19, 2018 at 05:35 PM

FP

“ *Frances Parks lit a candle in memory of Dr. J. W. Stripling, Sr.*



Frances Parks - March 19, 2018 at 12:45 PM

JS

Sharon, I am so sorry for your family's loss. I am praying for you all.

Janine Smith-Adams - March 19, 2018 at 11:10 PM

LS

*To the Stripling family, I was saddened when I heard about Rev. Stripling. He was my classmate, neighbor and friend. He will be missed. Nancy, Sharon and Wes I will keep you in my prayer. He will be preaching a dynamic sermon in Heaven and we in Christ have the assurance that we will see him again. Lucille C. Smith * Family.*

Lucille C. Smith - March 20, 2018 at 02:43 PM

PM

*I am saddened to learn of Joe's passing. I have had the privilege of knowing Pastor Stripling, and helping him with his cars over the years, and I can say he was joyful, insightful, loyal, kind, caring and an honorable man. He will be missed. My prayers for his family to find peace and comfort in knowing that Heaven has welcomed Joe home.
Paul Mercer*

PAUL MERCER - March 20, 2018 at 07:48 PM