

## Celebrating a Legacy - Pastor Herbert Stroman May 9, 1930 - March 18, 2013

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On May 9, 1930 in Brazoria, Texas the Lord saw fit to bestow upon the union of Lonnie and Betsy Stroman, a handsome baby boy, whom they named Herbert. As a child, Herbert was groomed to walk with the Lord, steering him to accept Christ at an early age. He received his education from Charlie Brown School in West Columbia, Texas and Booker T. Washing High School in Houston, Texas.

He later enlisted in the United States Army and at the rank of Sergeant, served his country until receiving an honorable discharge. While cherishing time and enjoying his life, God decided to cross Herbert's path with an angel by the name of Rosa Lurlean Clark. Smitten by her intelligence and beauty, Lurlean was deemed the love of his life. On September 7, 1953, honoring their love and commitment for each other, they united in Holy Matrimony. To this

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union, six children were born.

### **Called With a Purpose**

In 1956, Herbert, being the man of God that he was sent to be, received his calling from the Lord and entered into the ministry. On January 7, 1957, Reverend Herbert Stroman began to make Pastoral history as he became the Pastor of Christian Hope Baptist Church. The only church that he ever pastored, he served dutifully and faithfully as the Pastor for fifty-six years. Seeking to enhance his biblical knowledge, he completed Theological studies at Union Baptist Bible College and Seminary in Houston, Texas as well as Bishop Theological College in Dallas, Texas. Pastor Herbert Stroman was loved, admired and respected as a man of God. He was a powerful proclaimer of the Gospel. He not only touched lives in Texas, but throughout the United States. Under his leadership, thirty-four ministers have been licensed and six active pastors serve under the auspices of his pastoral care. Pastor Stroman was a visionary leader that remained steadfast, unmovable and always abounding in the word of God.

### **Lived With a Purpose**

Pastor Herbert Stroman loved God, family and church. He was known throughout the community. Whenever called upon to preach, pray for the sick or feed the hungry, he was always available to lend his assistance. He always believed, "It's just nice to be nice," and often said, "treat the people right and they will always love you." Pastor Stroman lived by those principles and instilled them in his members. His church motto was "Think high and your deeds will grow. Think low and you will fall behind. Say that you can, and you will because it is all within your state of mind." Life lived with a purpose.

### **Purpose fulfilled**

On the eighteenth day of March in the year of two thousand thirteen, God's purpose for Pastor Herbert Stroman was fulfilled. He transitioned from his earthly labor to receive his heavenly reward. Those who preceded him in transition are his parents and six siblings (Lonnie, Jr., Jimmy, Estella, Ester Mae, Arslie Lee and Everette).

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Left to celebrate the life, love and legacy of Pastor Herbert Stroman are his beloved wife of fifty-nine years, Rosa Lurlean; six children, Herbert Darrell (Rose), Olivia Gale (Larry), Kenneth Wayne (Schwuan), Oliver Jewerl, Sharunda and Tranese (James); twenty grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; one god-daughter, Linda McGee; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, friends and the Christian Hope Baptist Church Family.