



## Reverend Dr. Morris L. Shearin Sr.

December 11, 1940 - November 18, 2017

### Biography

The Rev. Dr. Morris L. Shearin, Sr.

The Reverend Dr. Morris L. Shearin, Sr. is a native of Garysburg, North Carolina. He is a graduate of Shaw University, Raleigh, NC, where he received both a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy & Religion and a Master of Divinity. He earned a Doctorate of Ministry from Howard University School of Divinity, Washington, DC.

Rev. Dr. Shearin was installed as the ninth Pastor of Israel Baptist Church (IBC) in October, 1988. Prior to becoming the Pastor of Israel Baptist Church, Rev. Shearin was the Pastor of Mount Olive Baptist Church, Lewiston, North Carolina; Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Lawrenceville, Virginia; Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Adam Grove, Virginia; and the Associate Pastor of Wake Chapel Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Among the many accomplishments of Pastor Shearin during his tenure at IBC, are the following: established the Child Development Center at Israel Baptist Church; initiated the STEM Ministry (Stewardship, Training, Evangelism, and Missions); revitalized the Music Ministry; and made provisions for an on-site commodity food bank. His stewardship teachings and encouragement led to a stronger commitment towards tithing and as a result, the church's mortgage

was burned in 1992 within just three years.

Dr. Shearin has received numerous awards through dedication to God's work and the support of family, friends, and the congregation. A few of his accomplishments include: Member, Judicial Nominating Committee, Washington, D.C.; 2013 Honoree of the Washington, DC Hall of Fame Award; 2008 African American Labor Leaders Economic Summit on Labor and Religion; Past-President, Baptist Convention of D.C. and Vicinity; Past-Member, National Board of Directors of the NAACP; Chairman, NAACP National Convention (2006); Chairman, Project Labor Agreement Task Force, Washington, D.C.; Invited Guest, Harvard Law School; past-president, D.C. branch of the NAACP; past-president, Howard University National Theological Alumni Association; outstanding citizen award, Metropolitan Washington Council AFL-CIO (2005); and member, Board of Directors for the Stoddard Baptist Home.

With the support and love of the congregation of Israel Baptist Church and the DC community, in June of 2015, The Rev. Dr. Morris L. Shearin Sr. Community Life Center at Israel Baptist Church, held its Grand Opening Gala. This contemporary state of the art facility includes health care services on two floors provided by Unity HealthCare. The third floor is home to Israel Manor Inc's Capital City Hall of Distinction -- a spectacular venue with views of the Washington Monument and the Capitol Building.

In 2016, Israel Manor Inc., the business arm of Israel Baptist Church opened a senior housing building, Visionary Square @ Rhode Island Ave. Washington DC.

Dr. Shearin remains active in the Shaw University's Theological Alumni Association and Howard University's National Theological Alumni Association For his tireless and unselfish efforts to advance the kingdom of God on earth,

Rev. Shearin has received numerous other awards and citations from religious, civic, and government organizations in his home-state of NC and in the Washington DC area.

Pastor Shearin's desire to continuously increase the biblical educational experience of the congregation and others, inspired him to lead several tours with Wyatt T. Walker to "The Land of the Bible" (including Israel and Greece). Through such efforts, members were baptized in the Jordan River and rededicated themselves to reaching out to others in order to spread the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Rev. Shearin is married to the former Bertha M. Cotton of Northampton County, NC. They have two children, Felicia and Morris (Jr.), and two granddaughters, Morgan and Alana. Pastor Shearin is also the father of Carolyn and the grandfather of Jualia and Jamel.

Rev Dr. Morris L. Shearin, Sr. was truly a visionary. His passion for helping those less fortunate led him from Vision to Victory in seeing IBC Senior Housing Property-Visionary Square and The Rev. Dr. Morris L. Shearin Community Life Center developed through the business arm of Israel Baptist Church, Israel Manor Inc.

The family requests, in lieu of flowers, that you send donations to Israel Manor Inc. or Israel Baptist Church to honor the legacy and memory of Pastor Morris L. Shearin. Donations can be made online [www.israelmanorinc.org](http://www.israelmanorinc.org) or Or checks can be mailed to: Israel Baptist Church 1251 Saratoga Ave NE Washington, DC 20018.

Repast immediately following service at The Rev. Dr. Morris L. Shearin Community Life Center.

Sincerely,  
The Shearin Family

# Cemetery Details

## Crestview Memorial Cemetery

489 Smith Church Road  
Roanoke Rapids, NC 27870

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 27. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Israel Baptist Church  
1251 Saratoga Ave NE  
Washington, DC 20018-1025  
(202) 269-0288

## Service

NOV 27. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Israel Baptist Church  
1251 Saratoga Ave NE  
Washington, DC 20018-1025  
(202) 269-0288

## Visitation

NOV 29. 10:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

Cool Spring Baptist Church  
120 Cherry St  
Gaston, NC 27832

## Service

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NOV **29**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Cool Spring Baptist Church  
120 Cherry St  
Gaston, NC 27832

# Tribute Wall



“ *Reverend Dr. Morris L. Shearin Sr.*

October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ *Condolences to the Shearin Family from Mrs.Branch and Family of Petersburg, Va.*



Queen Phillips - August 14, 2019 at 04:31 PM



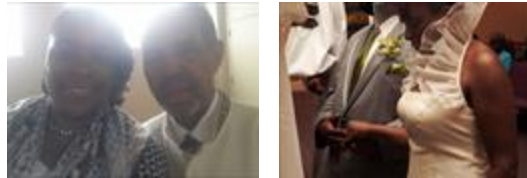
“ *Sarah Clark lit a candle in memory of Reverend Dr. Morris L. Shearin Sr.*



Sarah Clark - November 29, 2017 at 03:45 AM



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Sophia Robinson - November 27, 2017 at 08:22 AM

MW

“ *M.C. Wilson lit a candle in memory of Reverend Dr. Morris L. Shearin Sr.*



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**M.C. Wilson** - November 26, 2017 at 03:12 PM

DB

“ *To the family of Rev. Shearin,  
I was shocked to hear of the passing of your husband and father. I  
knew him has a Freedom Fighter for the NAACP serving on the  
National Board for Region IV.  
He always had a smile and a joke . The NAACP Family here in  
Virginia loved and respected him for all his hard work for justice and  
equality .*

*Our prayer are with you .*

*Sincerely*

*Ms. Drusilla Bridgeforth  
Former State Youth Advisor Virginia NAACP State Conference.*

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**Drusilla Bridgeforth** - November 25, 2017 at 06:13 PM

DG

“ *Please accept my sincere condolences for the loss of your dear  
loved one. You are in my thoughts, my heart and my prayers.  
Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.*

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**Doris V. Garner** - November 24, 2017 at 11:53 AM

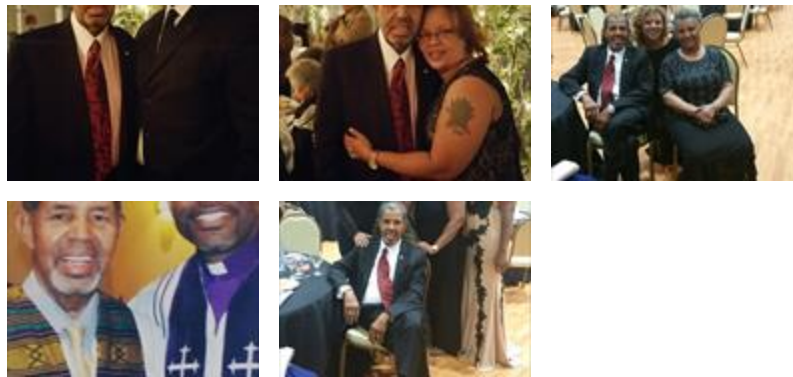
BM

*My condolences to Rev. Dr., Shearing family. I enjoyed my spiritual experienceso under his leadership, N he will be missed. God put me in his leadership for a reason, the journey was what I needed to get myself together, N I'm grateful to have known him. I will miss him no longer being with us at our church, but I have wonderful memories.*  
*Btenda Morning*

**Brenda Morning** - November 26, 2017 at 11:08 AM



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**Marshall-March Funeral Homes** - November 22, 2017 at 01:56 PM



“ We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

**Marshall-March Funeral Homes** - November 22, 2017 at 07:47 AM

RS

*On behalf of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Prince George's County Chapter, our condolences to the family, friends, and congregation in the passing of this fine Man of God in the name of Rev. Dr. Morris L. Shearin, Sr. We bless God for his life. From labor to reward, now my brother you can rest.*

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**Rev. Paul A. Smith** - November 27, 2017 at 05:23 PM

DH

*On behalf of the Washington DC Hall of Fame Society, we send condolences to the family of Reverend Shearin. He was honored by the Hall of Fame for his religious and community contributions to Washington, DC. He will be truly missed for he was always available to assist with a smile. His contributions will live in our hearts and his legacy will light the fire in other to contribute to making life better for us all.*

*Dr. Janette Hoston Harris  
Washington DC Hall of Fame Society*

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**Dr. Janette Hoston Harris** - November 28, 2017 at 10:48 PM