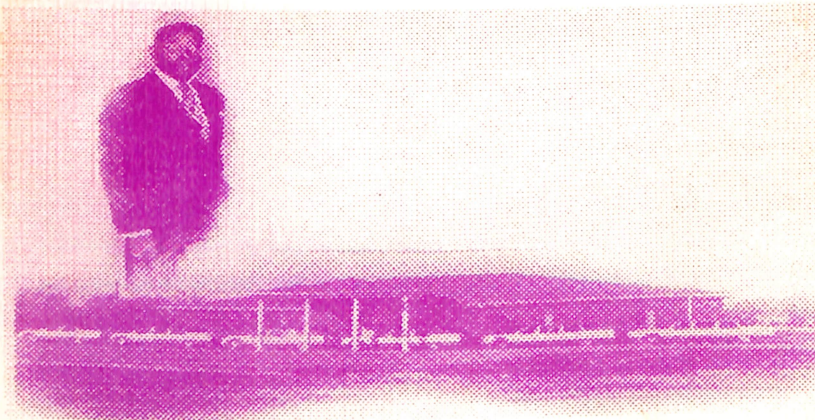


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A Sainted Celebration Remembering The Life Of



Pastor Ivy Joe Rischer, Sr.

How Can A Preacher Die?

How can a Preacher die?

When the words he speaks, are words of life.

How can Preacher die?

When the life he has lived, was full of sacrifice?

How can a Preacher die?

When each day he stands tall among men.

How can a Preacher die?

When so many that are saved, he turned from sin.

How can a Preacher die?

When he lives in the hearts of so many living

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When so many who are

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When every step he makes, they're ordered by God

How can a Preacher die?

When the very nature of his life is to work hard.

How can a Preacher die?

When people everywhere know him by sight and name.

How can a Preacher die?

When he goes with and without, but always stays
the same

How can a Preacher die?

When he blesses the birth, and witness the death

How can a Preacher die?

When he listens to troubles, and pray with each breath.

He cannot die, as long as we live

He cannot be forgotten, as long as we give,

Though to every sermon, mind to every lesson

memory in every topic, that brought about confession

He cannot die, when in each of us is a part so, immoral.

His life can never be buried beneath the soil of dust.

Dr. Gregory W. Spencer



II Timothy 4:5-7

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Precious Memories

Elder Ivy Joe Rischer, Sr. was born September 8, 1951, in Fairfield, Texas to the parents of Sylvester and Lula Mae Rischer.

Elder Rischer accepted the Lord at an early age. He attended public schools in Fairfield, Texas and after graduation, attended Navarro College in Corsicana, Texas for two years.

He met and married his childhood sweetheart the former Miss Patricia Ann Horn and to this union three children were born.

Elder Rischer's career included several managerial positions. He worked as a State Park Recreational Director in Fairfield, Texas, as manager of Bonanza Steakhouse for a number of years in Corsicana, Texas, as manager of Pizza Warehouse for 15 years in Corsicana, Texas, as manager of Bubba's Bar-B-Q in Ennis, Texas and most recently worked in the Transportation Department of the Community Transit in Corsicana, Texas.

In 1973, Elder Rischer accepted his call to the ministry at Taylor's Memorial COGIC under the pastorage of Elder Floyd Gene Taylor. He served as President of the Junior Church, secretary of the Finance Committee, president of the YPWW and was assistant pastor to Elder Taylor. He also served as finance chairman for the Corsicana District.

In July 1993, he founded the Faith Temple COGIC in Fairfield, Texas where he served as the Pastor until the Lord called him home. He founded Faith Temple with a total of eight members and it has grown to a 100-plus membership.

He leaves with hope to meet him: his loving and devoted wife of 23 years, Patricia Ann Rischer; daughter, Demetria Latrice Rischer; twins, Ivy Joe Rischer, Jr. and Katrice LaNette Rischer all of Corsicana, Texas; his faithful and devoted parents, Sylvester Rischer, Jr. and Lula Mae Rischer; three brothers, Sherwin and his wife Myrlene, Jimmy and his wife Jean, Dennis and his wife Eva; one godsister, Cassandra English and her husband Woodrow all of Fairfield, Texas; two god children-Scherra Lynn Washington and Donnell Washington; a loving mother-in-law, Lena Dee Horn of Corsicana, Texas; Patricia's brothers, H. B. Horn, Jr. and his wife Gwen of Corinth, Texas, William and his wife Deloris of Mesquite, Texas, Clarence and his wife Valorie, Michael and his wife Della all of Corsicana, Texas; Patricia's sisters, Sandra Brewer and her husband Ozzie of Dallas, Texas, Cathy Douglas of Corsicana, Texas; his spiritual parents, Elder Floyd Taylor and Mrs. Helen Taylor of Arlington, Texas, the entire Faith Temple Church Family; a god-grandson, Antoine Jamal Morrison; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and many, many friends.



I Finished Early

I had a lot to do,
More than some of you.
But, yet you wonder why I rest.
I finished early.

I started on time.
Even though the choice was mine;
And I put in a full days work but,
I finished early.

I though at first the road was long,
But I just asked the Lord to keep me strong
And step by step I ran the race,
I just finished early.

I'm not a quitter my friend,
I kept on fighting until the end.
And the only thing I can say is,
I finished early.

By the measure of man's mind
And not my God's own time
Do some of you look at the years.
I finished early.

But with God, it counts not at all
how long, how brief, how great, how small.
But he looks for a ready heart
Even if you finish early.

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The Sainted Celebration
held
at the eleventh hour of the morning
on
Saturday, the seventh day of September
in the year
nineteen hundred and ninety-six
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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Corsicana, Texas
The Elder H. B. Horn, Jr. - Gospel Proclaimer
Elder Willie Brown - Presiding

PROCESSION OF FUNERAL CORTEGE Elders, Ministers, Bearers, Directors and Family
"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Celebratory Praise..... Combined Choirs of
Faith Temple, Taylor's Memorial, Heavenly Gospel
Mt. Zion and Renfro Chapel

The Covenant..... Pastor Vernon Jessie
(Old Testamnet - Psalms 15)

The Promise..... Pastor Charles Washington
(New Testament I Corinthians 15: 50 - 57)

Prayer for Strength..... Pastor Leroy Johnson

Precious Memories Read Silently..... (soft music)

Sentimental Expression of Love.....Demetria, Ivy Joe, Jr. and Katrice Rishcer
(Children of Pastor Ivy Joe Rischer, Sr.)

Joyful Praise.....Celebration Choirs

The Statement of Thanksgiving.....Sis. Ruby Dumas
(Faith Temple COGIC)

Sis. Alice Watkins
(Taylor's Memorial and Heavenly Gospel)
Pass all other resolutions in to family

A Special Moment.....District Missionary Ann Perry
(Corsicana District)

The Eulogistic Ameneties.....Mother Annie Johnson - Taylor's Memorial-Corsicana, Texas
Elder L. J. Cyrus - Faith Temple - Fairfield, Texas
Pastor Thelma Livley - Zion Church - Dallas, Texas

The Family's Appreciation.....Sis. Gwen Horn

A Vocal Expression in Song.....Sis. Annette Brewer

The Official Commendations.....Superintendent E. L. Baptist
Superintendent Tommy Crosby
(Representing all Superintendents)

The Clergical Expressions.....Pastor William Lewis
Pastor C. C. Crutchfield
(Representing all Pastors and Ministers)

The Beloved Statement of Faith in Song.....(His beloved wife).Sis. Patricia Rischer

Message of Divine InspirationElder H. B. Horn, Jr.

Final Glimpse until GlorySpencer Funeral Directors

RECESSION OF FUNERAL CORTEGEElders, Pastors and Ministers, Family

To Those I Love and Those Who Love Me

Now that I am gone, release me, let me go
I have so many thing to see and do.
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears
Be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love, and you can only guess
How much you gave to me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you each have shown
But now its time I travel on alone.
So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must,
Then let your grief be comforted by trust,
It's only for a while that we must part.
So bless the memories within your heart.
I won't be far away, for life goes on,
So if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear
All of my love around you soft and clear.
And then, when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile,
And welcome you home.



Goodbye To All My Love Ones

I knew the day would come
When I'd have to say good bye.
But I leave with you my memories
Good and Bad, Happy and Sad.

I know your hearts are heavy
And your burdens seem hard to bear
But look to the Lord Jesus,
He will answer your prayers.

I hope you understand that
My body was just so tired.
And I prayed to the Lord Jesus and
He answered my prayers.

So now my soul is happy
My body is tired no more
For I'm walking in the pathway of glory
And Jesus is my guide.

So I say to you my family
Mourn for me no more
For today is gone forever
And tomorrow is yet to come.

Amen

**Those Bearing Pastor Rischer's Old Body
To the Cryptside**

William Horn
Willie Horn
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Gerald Horn

Greg Stewart
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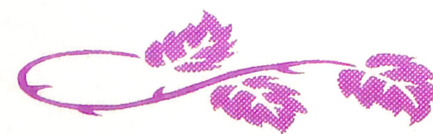


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The Committal Service And The Entombment
Graceland Mausoleum in Resthaven Memorial Park
Corsicana, Texas



The Repast

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Family Expression of Gratitude

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