



Dr. Frank Douglas Lawson Sr.

April 12, 1951 - August 18, 2023

Dr. Frank Lawson was born on April 12, 1951, to Frank M. Lawson and Annie Mae Lawson. He completed his high school years at Paul Lawrence Dunbar of Fort Worth in 1969. During his sophomore year he was among the first African Americans to win the Golden Gloves. He soon after entered the United States Air Force from 1969 to 1973. During his time of service, he married his high school sweetheart Mary Lou Hill on March 28, 1970. They later had six children: Monica R. Woods, Veronica R. Lawson, Frank D. Lawson Jr., Tillunda I. Lawson, Joseph T. Lawson, Alicia J. Murkeldove. During his time in the US Air Force, he competed in the Olympic trials for boxing. He was later rated as the number ten welter weight boxing contender in the world.

Dr. Frank Lawson was called to preach the word of God in June 1973. He began his pastoral journey in 1978. He became the pastor of County Line First Baptist Church in Pilot Point, Texas where he served for seven years. After his years of service at County Line, the Lord called Pastor Frank Lawson Sr. to do work for him at the Elm Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Ft. Worth, Texas. Here he served from 1982 – 1989. In 1989 the Lord moved upon his heart to organize the Harmony Missionary Baptist Church as well as the Moderator for the Elm Grove District Association. Amid his pastoral commitment, he received his Doctor of Divinity from the Word of Life Bible School of Marshall. Dr. Frank Lawson Sr. was the boxing instructor at his Alma Mata Paul Lauerence Dunbar for eleven years. He is now the Vice-President for the Minister Against Crime where he has served since 1995. He is also a first

responder and adviser for the Ft. Worth Police Department. He was one of the jump starters for the Harmony Healthy Harvest, which is geared toward aiding the community in overcoming obesity and health awareness. In 2012 he was a part of the Excel Beyond Jail program geared to guide and assist youth in becoming an entrepreneur. It also provides a support system for those returning to society from incarceration.

Dr. Frank Lawson has served the community continuously by sharing his time, talent in song, and the gift of ministry.

He leaves to cherish his "Ride-or-Die" wife First Lady Mary Lawson: Six children: Monica Woods (Kevin), Veronica Lawson, Rev. Frank Lawson Jr (Anissa), Tillunda Bruce (Patrick), Joseph Lawson (LaKetra), Alicia Murkeldove (Jimmy), Joe Thompson. 30 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren, 4 godchildren, his father Pastor Frank M. Lawson (Sr.), Pauletha Amos (sister), Clyde L. Lawson (brother), Gerald L. Lawson (brother), his aunt, Elizabeth Chavis, Harmony M.B.C members, and a host of family and friends. He preceded in death by his mother Annie Mae Lawson, sister Barbara Lawson-Kimbrough, brother Rev. Paul Lawson, brother Wilburn Lawson, one grandson Joe Thompson Jr., and one godson Kilian Lewis.

Cemetery Details

Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery

2000 Mountain Creek Pkwy
Dallas, TX 75211

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 31. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Harmony Missionary Baptist Church
7510 John T White Rd
Fort Worth, TX 76120

Wake

SEP 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bethlehem Baptist Church
1188 W. Broad Street
Ste 500
Mansfield , TX 76063

Funeral Service

SEP 2. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Great Commission Baptist Church
7700 McCart Avenue
Fort Worth , TX 76133

Committal Service

SEP 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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2000 Mountain Creek Pkwy
Dallas, TX 75211

Tribute Wall

AM

“ I was just thinking about Pastor Lawson today, decided to Google him and saw that he passed away a year ago TODAY! 😞 My dad and I would attend his church occasionally on JTW, and when we did, we always left blessed with the word of God and boy could he sing! I would run into him at Sam's sometimes and he always had a big smile and a blessed word for you. It makes me sad that he's gone but happy because I'm sure he's in Heaven with other Angels now. My deepest condolences to his Family & church. 🙏💔

April Morton - August 18, 2024 at 12:35 PM

NP

“ I was under the pastorship of Dr. Frank D. Lawson Sr. from 1985 to 1989. It was a joy to know Pastor Lawson. One day, I was at Wilkerson-Greines for a track and field event for my son Christopher "Chris." I went up the steps to go to the car for some time, but I don't remember now. At the top of the stairs stood Pastor Lawson, who smiled and greeted me with a hug. Gone But Not Forgotten
Nina Parker Fort Worth, TX

Nina Parker - December 23, 2023 at 01:04 PM

WH

“ Family to Family
We know that back in the day, everyone was Family. The Mansfield Community where we all attended the same church and school. So, I say, Sister Mary and Family, we love you. We pray for God to continue to strengthen everyone, now and always. I didn't know, until I read his obituary, that Doug had climbed such a mighty ladder. So, I say, Dr. Frank Douglas Lawson Sr., was a mighty good servant. Rest assured, his legacy will live on in the years to come. God bless you Family. 💕🙏

Wanda Powell Hall - September 09, 2023 at 05:56 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Frank Douglas Lawson Sr..



September 03, 2023 at 01:00 PM



“ On behalf of Pastor TL and Lady Kim Mitchell, along with the Bon Air Baptist Church Family:
We extend our heartfelt sympathies in the loss of Dr. Lawson. As we lift his family in prayer, we also include his relatives (the Williams and Marshall Families, faithful members of Bon Air) asking God to sustain each of you during this season of sorrow.

D'Andrea Lucas, Bon Air Baptist Church - September 01, 2023 at 08:27 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Frank Douglas Lawson Sr..



September 01, 2023 at 12:52 PM



“ My condolences to the Lawson Family. I grew up at Mt.Moriah Missionary Baptist Church on Danner St. With Rev Frank Lawson...his wife First Lady Sister Annie Mae Lawson and the kids.. "Doug" as we called Frank. Paul..Gerald..Clyde and Barbara Ann... Doug's wife Sister Mary...so many fund memories...may the family find comfort in your time of loss...your cousin. Howard Lawson

Howard Lawson - August 31, 2023 at 01:30 PM

JS

“ Lawson Family, my heart and prayers are with you all as you mourn the loss of Dr. Lawson. I know the community, as well as family and friends, will suffer the loss of this great man. May God hold and comfort you all with His great hands 🙏

Janice Savage - August 31, 2023 at 09:46 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Frank Douglas Lawson Sr..



August 29, 2023 at 09:48 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Frank Douglas Lawson Sr..



August 27, 2023 at 01:45 PM

MJ

“ To The Beautiful Lawson Family This Was A Great Man A Saved Man And A Truly Caring Man A Fabulous Father And A Tireless Server To The Lord I Say To The Lawson Family May God Continue To Bless You And Keep You In His Blessings And We Will Be Praying 🙏 For Comfort For You During This Difficult Time May God Also Give You His Undying Strength In The Days To Come

Mr. Henry Clay Lyons Jr - August 27, 2023 at 12:57 PM

WH

“ To 1st lady and the Lawson/Church Family.
You are in my thoughts and prayers 🙏🙏



Willna Holloway - August 26, 2023 at 01:17 AM

TW

“ Tyrone Wilson

Hello, I have never posted anything on anyone's page after they pass away, but I just have to write something for not only my all time favorite pastor but also my friend. For the last 20 years I dedicated myself to making sure that he didn't won't for anything while I was in his presence. The many conversations that we had taught me so much in my Christian walk. Thank you for doing things the way the Holy Spirit guided you not the way man said to do it. I can go on and on talking about you but I will close with this so many times you came to the pulpit and you always looked into the audience and I always waited for you to find me just so I could give you the nod to let you know that yes I'm here and I got your back. I often told you that I got your back till the end so pastor I'm going to clock out now because my job is done, I hope I made you proud because I was proud to serve under you, take your rest because you deserve it.

Tyrone Wilson - August 25, 2023 at 10:50 AM

EL

“ To Sister Mary and the entire Family. All of you have Great Gifts from God and each of you have made a Loving and kind difference in my Life just know you has been a blessing. Dr. Frank Lawson had a Humble way of Sharing Gods word with you and making sure you understood its Gods Way or No Way. Mary I Love you best. Ella.

Ella DeShazer Lawson - August 25, 2023 at 10:33 AM

AN

“ *Sincere condolences to your wife and family*
Angela Nero

Angela Nero - August 22, 2023 at 11:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for*
the family of Dr. Frank Douglas Lawson Sr..



August 22, 2023 at 12:52 PM

SB

“ *We all played at his Grandfather's house, Uncle Wilburn. We grew*
up calling him " Doug." Even back then he loved boxing
. RIP Rev. Lawson

Sandra Bennett - August 22, 2023 at 10:10 AM

BJ

“ *Thanks to our very good friend Derrick Niblett we were able to meet*
Dr. Lawson. Our interaction with him was extremely kind, real, and
meaningful. The Lawson family and church family are in our
prayers!

Beverly Johnson - August 21, 2023 at 09:32 PM

BT

“ Dr. Michael A. Evans, Sr., Senior Pastor, Rev. Leonard Hornsby, Executive Pastor, Staff and Members of Bethlehem Baptist Church-Mansfield, Texas extend our deepest condolences to First Lady Mary Lawson, Monica Woods, Veronica Lawson, Rev. Frank Lawson Jr., Tillunda Bruce, Joseph Lawson, Alicia Murkeldove, Joe Thompson, the Lawson family, and the members Harmony Baptist Church. There are no words that truly express our sorrow. We are grateful that GOD allowed our paths to cross Pastor Lawson. May GOD comfort you as you journey through this moment.



Bethlehem Baptist Church-Mansfield, TX - August 21, 2023 at 09:27 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dr. Frank Douglas Lawson Sr..



August 21, 2023 at 09:24 PM

RF

“ Family know that you all are being prayed for that God will continue to comfort and keep each of you.



Rev. J.T. Williams & Family - August 21, 2023 at 07:15 PM

DJ

“ Condolences and prayers to my Lawson family Dr.F.D.Lawson had the biggest heart and would show up when you needed him. No words can express the gratitude I have for being a part of his presence...I know God is resting his soul 🕊️



Delores Johnson-Pouncy - August 21, 2023 at 06:47 PM

ST

To God and my cousins, Mary, Monica, Veronica (Pig), Tilunda, Alicia, Jr and Joe, THANK YOU FOR SHARING Rev. Dr. FD Lawson, Sr, 'Doug'. A very Strong, Humble and Kind Servant of God and Humanity 🙏❤️

Sharon Lawson Brewer - Denton, TX - August 25, 2023 at 03:08 AM

TF

“ Our deepest condolences and prayers to the Lawson and Harmony Church Family. May our Lord provide you with peace and comfort during this difficult time. We met Rev. Lawson, during the wedding of our sister Monica. He was a humble and kind Man of God.

Bro. and Sis. Hughes (Bro. Tyrone & Sis. Monica Wilson)

The Hughes Family - August 21, 2023 at 11:27 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Frank Douglas Lawson Sr..



August 21, 2023 at 10:55 AM

WH

“ *Wanda Harris lit a candle in memory of Dr. Frank Douglas Lawson Sr.*



Wanda Harris - August 21, 2023 at 09:59 AM

WH

“ *Frank Lawson was my classmate in high school he was. A very smart I remember when we had our 40 reunion we all go together at his church has a good time there to the family sorry for your loss praying*

Wanda Harris - August 21, 2023 at 09:56 AM