

Obsequies

Rev. Dr. Thaddeus T. Gooden, Jr.

*The Church Militant
April 19, 1925*

*The Church Triumphant
July 3, 2013*

Service

Friday, July 12, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.

GREATER EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH

325 East 118th Street, New York, NY 10035

Rev. Marjorie J. Gooden, Pastor

Officiant

Rev. Dr. Muriel L. Johnson Providence, Pastor

New Covenant Baptist Church of Christ, Queens Village, NY

Eulogist

Rev. James Barnwell, Pastor

Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Springfield Gardens, NY

Obituary

Rev. Dr. Thaddeus Thomas Gooden, Jr. was born on April 19, 1925, in Elloree, South Carolina. Dr. Gooden was born to the late Rev. T. T. Gooden, Sr. and Prentice Grant Gooden. Dr. Gooden relocated with his family to Harlem, New York, where he completed his formative studies at Benjamin Franklin High School in 1943.

As a young man “T.T. Gooden” was enlisted in the United States Army from 1943 through 1945. He was honorably discharged from the Army and awarded three Bronze Star Medals. He continued his military career in the United States Air Force Reserves, where he dutifully served from 1956 until he was honorably discharged in 1967. As a respected Veteran, T.T. Gooden was asked to accompany officers as they notified families of the naval incident which left his son, Shawn and shipmates lost at sea. His sense of integrity, loyalty, discipline and order were shaped by these military experiences, together with his profound upbringing in the Church - these core values were steadfast, throughout Dr. Gooden’s life.

Dr. Gooden began his life in service to God, as an ordained Deacon at the Shiloh Baptist Church, under the leadership of Rev. Morgan C. Days, in Rockville Centre, New York. Later, he answered his call to the gospel ministry. His ministerial training was received from the National Theological Seminary and College, located in Baltimore, Maryland. Dr. Gooden maintained a strict study regimen. He excelled in the areas of theology, history and philosophy, and earned his Bachelor’s and Master’s Degree in Divinity. He was also awarded an Honorary Doctorate Degree in recognition of his outstanding work as a Philanthropist and his contributions to Theological Studies in 1982. He was a great supporter of Shaw University Divinity School, in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Dr. Gooden affectionately joined and worshiped with his father, Rev. T. T. Gooden, Sr. at Greater Emmanuel Baptist Church (formerly known as Emmanuel Baptist Church). After a period of training and study, he became Co-Pastor. He was later installed as Pastor of the Greater Emmanuel Baptist Church in 1978. In 1984, tragedy struck the Church. Archives of the New York Daily Newspaper, Jet Magazine and other national news outlets reflect the shell of the Church - still smoking – as a result of a multiple alarm fire. The congregation was devastated. Dr. Gooden did not miss a beat in fundraising and obtaining financing to restore the congregation’s edifice. By the grace of God, Emmanuel was rebuilt in 1988. Mayor Koch attended the groundbreaking ceremony. The edifice continues to stand today, and consists of a sanctuary (with balcony), a full-service dining hall, archival room, nurses’ room, choir room, and educational facilities. Dr. Gooden’s tribute room was dedicated in 1995.

Professionally, T.T. Gooden worked with several New York City municipal agencies, including the Department of Sanitation and the Department of Environmental Protection, where he worked from 1951 until he retired in 1971. T.T. Gooden was known throughout his life as jovial in regards to his social dealings, yet admired for his stern approach in his professional tasks. As a conscientious worker, T.T. Gooden received numerous commendations and recognitions for meritorious service.

In addition, T.T. Gooden developed a great acumen for the real estate business. Having owned, developed, and/or managed numerous homes and rental properties; he shared his skills and assisted many in establishing their lives, buying homes, and rearing their own families.

His sense of stewardship was even more awe-inspiring. By God's gift alone, Dr. Gooden was an expert at financial management, budgeting and fiscal propriety. His religious and political affiliations, together with these skills, were invaluable in the development of community projects which spanned over several communities and generations.

His community affiliations included serving as Chairman of the Hempstead Citizens Advisory Committee and Founder and President of the Lakeview Garden Block Association. His financial acumen led him to join in the founding of the Vanguard National Bank of Hempstead (which later became Guardian National Bank) and Board Member of the ADD/ADHD Housing Group, Inc., which provides emergency services for troubled and homeless mothers and children.

T.T. Gooden was widely known and served in various capacities in New York City based organizations. He rendered his professional expertise as an Advisor to the developer, Harlem United in building the multi-unit senior housing development, which sits adjacent to the Greater Emmanuel Baptist Church.

During his ministry, he also became actively affiliated with numerous denominational and clergy fellowships, including, the United Missionary Baptist Association, the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc., the NAACP and his beloved Baptist Ministers' Conference of Greater New York & Vicinity.

Dr. Gooden built a beloved community among his colleagues in the ministry. He hosted an annual Fourth of July Poolside BBQ and Fellowship at his home in Long Island, New York, which was highly coveted among members of the conference. This fellowship was a welcomed moment in the midst of hectic and harried lives of Pastors (and their families) from the New York City vicinity. He also extended such invitations to his Church family, Emmanuel. The Church enjoyed these annual visits to Dr. Gooden's home - which continue to this day. The atmosphere was one of pure delight and fun.

In addition to his hospitality, Dr. Gooden embraced the task of visiting sick colleagues and their families, and developed the Visitation and Sick Committee of the Baptist Ministers' Conference of Greater New York & Vicinity. During his tenure as Chairman, he raised money to provide gifts to the sick. He tirelessly visited his hospitalized, homebound or otherwise indisposed colleagues. His faithful visits helped to ensure that these ill Pastors and/or Ministers were not forgotten.

As a family man, Rev. Dr. Thaddeus Thomas Gooden, Jr. was simply extraordinary. Dr. Gooden will be eternally loved by those whose lives he created and each life that he touched. Dr. Gooden's sons, Erick and Shawn, and his sister, Gladys, precede him in death. Dr. Gooden is survived by his beloved wife of twenty-one years and partner in Pastoral Ministry, Rev. Marjorie Jean Taylor Gooden; daughter, Nicole Renee, an Attorney in Albany, New York, in whom Dr. Gooden delighted. Dr. Gooden is also survived by his eldest daughter, Kathleen of Eastover, South Carolina; Michelle of Berryville, Virginia; Winifred of Long Island, New York; and son, Brian of the Bronx, New York. Also surviving Dr. Gooden, are his daughters, Sophia and Sandy and his son, Anthony. There is one surviving nephew, Julian, twenty-two grandchildren, twenty-seven great grandchildren, numerous great nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, beloved friends, colleagues in the gospel ministry, and the ever beloved Greater Emmanuel Baptist Church Family.

No Need To Worry, No Need To Cry

No need to worry, no need to cry nor question God and wonder why. My heart's at peace you're wondering how because my soul is with Jesus and I'm resting now. The services I gave for my family and friends were services of love, even to the end. Loved one's now look to Jesus for He knows best. He carried me home for I needed the rest. Family don't you cry and don't be afraid for me, already a way has been made. Keep trusting in Jesus and doing His will, through Jesus my presence you will always feel. Yes, my heart's at peace and my soul's at rest and you wonder how; it's because I'm with Jesus and I'm resting now. I'm in a better place as long as I'm with Jesus. I'm resting, just like a white dove I've flown away yet. I'm resting now.

Lovingly Submitted by Marjorie and Nicole.

The Master's Bouquet

*The Master walked in His garden,
Plucking flowers along the way,
He plucked one of my loved ones,
To add to His bouquet.
My heart at first was broken,
At the loss of one so dear,
But the tears I shed just washed my eyes,
So I saw His way more clear.
My Lord had a need for just this one,
For the pattern He had in mind,
But it's hard for the rest of us to see
Why we must be left behind.
Perhaps we are not ready to go just yet,
We may need ripen more,
To reach the full blown fragrance
That my Lord is waiting for.
So I'm going to try my very best,
To be loving and Kind each day,
So at last I'll be counted worthy
To be part of my Master's Bouquet.*

*Lovingly Submitted by Kathleen, Eldest Daughter,
Representing the Surviving Children*

Acknowledgement

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going” - John 14:1-4

We wholeheartedly appreciate your kind acts/words, together with your support and prayers, during these hours of bereavement. Words cannot express the despair that is felt with the loss of our Beloved. Yet, the Word assures us that Heaven is smiling upon Dr. Gooden, as he journeys to meet and sit high with his Maker. Rev. Dr. Thaddeus T. Gooden, Jr., was a stellar Husband, Father, Pastor, Mentor and Friend. Therefore, he was undoubtedly admired and loved by each and every life that he touched. He will forever be missed. He will never be forgotten. Only prayer and faith in our Savior will provide us with understanding of God's greater purpose in claiming His Beloved servant. Only prayer and faith in our Savior will comfort us in our weakest moments, and in this time of sorrow. Since love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things, Christ has also assured us that our love for Dr. Gooden, will indefinitely sustain until we reunite with him in Paradise. Until then, we must hold fast to the memories of moments shared with our Beloved. We must also be content, knowing that his soul now rests in everlasting peace with his Savior. With our eternal love...

Lovingly Submitted by Marjorie, Beloved Wife, and Nicole, Daughter

Interment: Saturday July 13, 2013, Greenfield Cemetery • Uniondale, Long Island, New York



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Inspirational Selection.....*Rev. Shepherd Lee, Pastor*
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The Acknowledgments.....*Rev. Anita Burson, Pastor*
Elpida Community Baptist Church

The Reading of the Obituary.....*Bro. Donald Glenn*

Musical Selection - “Hold On” - Combined Choirs of the G.E.B.C.

~ EXPRESSIONS FROM THE GREATER EMMANUEL CHURCH FAMILY~

Deacon Alfred Irons, Chairman of the Deacon Board
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Musical Selection-“Trouble In My Way”-Combined Choirs of the G.E.B.C.

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