



Supt. Nathan Alexander Woodward

January 6, 1970 - May 24, 2023

REFLECTIONS OF LIFE

SUPERINTENDANT NATHAN ALEXANDER WOODWARD was born on January 6, 1970 in Hartford, CT to Nathaniel Woodward and the late Vonnie Lee (Westberry) Woodward. He was their only biological son. Pastor Nathan was educated the first six years of his life in the Glastonbury school system and later educated and graduated from the Hartford school system. He later studied graphic design at Porter and Chester Institute, Wethersfield, CT.

Pastor Nathan has a long work history in retail customer service and bank management. He was employed by Bank of America, working first in the tax office, in human resources and later in their loan department.

From a young child Elder Nathan was blessed with musical ability. When he was a child, his mother was led to give all her children to Him. They immediately got on their knees and gave their children to God. Pastor Nathan's family worshiped at Holy Trinity COGIC where Bishop I.L. Jefferson was the Pastor. Young Nathan sang in the "Heavenly Choir" under the direction of Elder Hubert Powell, who was at the time the church organist. It was there that he observed and learned how to play and how to train a choir. When he was nine years old, Pastor Powell gave him a song to lead, "Let Us All Go Back." This was the start of his music ministry.

In 1980 Elder Nathaniel Woodward was led to change church membership. After much prayer and the leading of God, the family changed their membership to Christ Temple COGIC under the leadership of Dr. J.C. Haynes.

Christ Temple Church is where Pastor Nathan got his foundation in the music ministry. He started on the drums, carefully watched the hand movements of musicians and utilized his God given gift and his memory of Pastor Powell's playing and began to move forward. Pastor Nathan went from the Sunshine Band to the Voices of Paradise, playing the piano and then on to the organ. He became Minister of Music in 2005. Pastor Nathan has served in the local church and as a District and Jurisdictional musician.

In July 2005, he preached his trial sermon and in 2007 he was ordained as an Elder by Jurisdictional Bishop C.H. Brewer, Jr. In February 2017, Elder Nathan was made interim Pastor of Christ Temple and on October 29, 2017, he was appointed and installed as Pastor of Christ Temple COGIC by Bishop C.H. Brewer, Jr. In 2019, the church's name was changed to Greater Christ Temple Church Of God In Christ. Offices currently held in CT First Jurisdiction are District Supt of the C.H. Brewer Memorial District; Vice Chairman of the Pastors and Elders Council; Member of the Ordination Board and Connecticut First Jurisdiction Prayer Warrior.

Pastor Nathan is survived by his wife Evangelist Yvette (Jones) Woodward. They are parents to ten children; Tivia Woodward, Shamira Woodward, Sharae Woodward, Brandon Jones, Taylor Woodward, Denzel Jones, Jahiem Mills, Samiyah Bates, Josiah Torres-Stearns and Ta'leyah Torres- Stearns; Four Grandchildren; Carter, JeZell, Genesis and Braxton; Two bonus children Catherine Channer and Elder Michael Rush; His father and stepmother Elder Nathaniel and Lady Barbara Woodward of Hinesville, Ga.; Three sisters, Sharon Woodward, Shelah Wilcox, and Anavah (Daniel) Bryant; His mother in law Connie Jones; His brother/cousin Marvin Woodward; God children Tena Gamble, Antasia Brown and Janet Judkins; a host of uncles, aunts, nieces and nephews, cousins, His Greater Temple Church Family, other relatives and many friends including special friends Elder Christopher Horton and Pastor James Gattison. Pastor Nathan was predeceased by his mother Vonnie Lee (Westberry) Woodward and his sister Jacqueline Day.

One of the Pastor's favorite statements is "you have to change the way that you think so that you can change the way that you live. "

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

102 East Street
Windsor, CT 06095

Previous Events

Musical Celebration Service

JUN 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Greater Christ Temple COGIC
183 Tower Avenue
Hartford, CT 06120

Calling Hour

JUN 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

Latter Rain Christian Fellowship Church
3200 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06120

Jurisdictional Service

JUN 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

Latter Rain Christian Fellowship Church
3200 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06120

Tribute Wall



“ *Supt. Nathan Alexander Woodward*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *Life just won't be the same without you. I miss you to pieces. I know you are at peace and most of all you are HEALED. Love you so much!! I will see you in that great getting up morning!*



Sharon Woodward - June 15, 2023 at 09:27 AM



“ *To First Lady Yvette I pray God's continuous blessing, care and comfort upon you and your family. I love you and I loved my pastor. May he Rest In Peace.*

Mo. Marion Wimberly - June 05, 2023 at 10:04 PM



To Lady Yvette, I pray that God will comfort, strengthen, and keep you while you are on this journey. I pray for your family/our family in this season. Finally, thank you all for your prayers and support during our season just 6 months ago. We love y'all and pray your strength in the Lord. God bless.

Frank and Patricia Smith and family - June 06, 2023 at 02:19 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Supt. Nathan Alexander Woodward.



June 04, 2023 at 10:43 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Supt. Nathan Alexander Woodward.

June 02, 2023 at 02:11 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Supt. Nathan Alexander Woodward.



June 02, 2023 at 02:11 PM



“ The Baldwin Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Supt. Nathan Alexander Woodward.



The Baldwin Family - June 01, 2023 at 05:41 PM

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“ To the family of Supt. Nathan Alexander Woodward: We extend our heartfelt condolences on the loss of your loved one. Known as a husband, father, son, brother, uncle, and friend, we are certain that your loss is great. But we also know that your collective memories of him will be recalled for years to come. For that, we remain grateful to the Lord that his memory lives on. Please know that our thoughts & prayers are with you. With love, The Baldwin Family

The Baldwin Family - June 01, 2023 at 05:31 PM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Supt. Nathan Alexander Woodward.



June 01, 2023 at 12:34 PM

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“ Sorry for your loss. Your entire family are in my prayers

Cassandra Hooten -Bush - June 01, 2023 at 11:44 AM

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“ "Life is a Candle Lighted by God, make sure your Life shine. for the Lord"

We Love you and will be praying for you as you grieve the loss of your loved one.

The CT / FL / PA and CA Brooks Family

Carolyn Brooks-Burton - May 31, 2023 at 04:30 PM

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“ To Yvette and the Woodward family, you are in our thoughts and prayers. "Let us March on until Victory is won" LEVAS Org. C. Brooks-B. President

Carolyn Brooks-Burton - May 31, 2023 at 04:19 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Supt. Nathan Alexander Woodward.



May 31, 2023 at 10:40 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Supt. Nathan Alexander Woodward.



May 30, 2023 at 04:32 PM

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“ Bishop & Lady Nickie Hinton, Jr. & BTFC purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Supt. Nathan Alexander Woodward.



Bishop & Lady Nickie Hinton, Jr. & BTFC - May 30, 2023 at 02:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Supt. Nathan Alexander Woodward.*



May 30, 2023 at 12:47 PM



“ *Debra Wynn lit a candle in memory of Nathan Woodward*



Debra Wynn - May 29, 2023 at 09:09 PM



“ *On behalf of the New Trinity Temple COGIC Evangelism Team, we offer our sincere condolences and prayers to Evangelist Woodward, family and church. May God give you strength and comfort during your time of bereavement*

Evangelist Berdest Huggins - May 29, 2023 at 06:24 PM