



## Pastor Annette Relaford

June 20, 1946 - July 16, 2020

### The Life and Legacy of Pastor Annette Relaford

“Well done, good and faithful servant; . . . enter thou into the joy of thy lord.”  
(Matthew 25:23)

Pastor Annette Relaford departed this life on July 16, 2020. Born on June 20, 1946 to the late Hercules & Amelia Jones in Hemingway, South Carolina she was one of ten children. Annette was a product of the South Carolina School System and graduated from Battery Park High School. Later, graduating from Wilfred Hair Academy.

Pastor Relaford relocated to New Haven, Connecticut in 1965, having two children Henry and Angelia Cooper. She was joined in Holy Matrimony to the love her life, Deacon Delano Relaford, Sr. in 1967. To this blessed union was born Delano, Jr., Natasha, Alonzo, Tyrese, Jonathan, and Quintina Relaford.

In 1985, Pastor Annette Relaford became a Black Business owner of; Annette’s Unisex Beauty Salon. In the late 70’s she joined St. Stephens Pentecostal Church and gave her life to Christ, under the leadership of the late Overseer David Atkins. There, committing her love for God and the church serving in many capacities in the church.

In 2000- 2002, she began serving as the Assistant Pastor soon becoming the third official Pastor of St. Stephens Pentecostal Church in 2002. Pastor

Relaford served her church, community and her God well.

Pastor Annette Relaford leaves to cherish memories, her children; Henry Cooper (Drucilla) of Derby, CT, Angelia Cooper, of New Haven, CT, Delano Relaford, Jr. (Margarita) of Norwich CT, Natasha Relaford-Murphy (Julius) of West Haven, CT Alonzo Relaford (Fabiana) of Meriden, CT, Tyrese Relaford (Mikisha) of Hamden, CT, Jonathan Relaford of New Haven, CT, Quintina Relaford of New Haven, CT, and Shalene Hodges of New Haven, CT. Siblings; Hercules Jones Jr., Rosetta McCullough and Shirley Alves of Florida, Hallie Palmer and Francina Doctor of South Carolina, a very special sister / raised as a daughter Priscilla Ashley of Hamden, CT. One Aunt, Clementine McFadden of South Carolina and a host of Grandchildren, Great-Grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and special godchildren, also a host of friends and many love ones.

She was predeceased by her parents; the late Hercules & Amelia Jones, her husband the late Deacon Delano Relaford, Sr., and three brothers; Lawrence Jones, Jimmy Jones, and William Jones.

Pastor Relaford Favorite Scripture: Joshua 24:15

And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD

# Cemetery Details

## Beaverdale Memorial Park

90 Pine Rock Avenue  
New Haven, CT

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JUL 31. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Temple Church of God in Christ  
285 Dixwell Ave  
New Haven, CT 06511  
(203) 776-8179

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Pastor Annette Relaford*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to Paster Anette Relaford. I remember being a child going to Saint Stevens with my mother and Paster Relaford would make sure we were all on point for service. She was the sweetest and didn't play no games. Sending all my love for a great woman.*



**Jamill Belton** - August 04, 2020 at 11:52 AM



“ *To the Family of Pastor Annette Relaford. Please accept my sincere condolences! From Elder Jacqueline G. Wint and Family.*



**Elder Jacqueline G. Wint** - August 03, 2020 at 03:37 AM



“ *Moore sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Annette Relaford*



**Moore** - July 31, 2020 at 01:38 PM

MP

“ A beautiful Angel with God now. My sincere condolences to the family. Rest In Peace Pastor Relaford. 🙏❤️

Maxine Pullen - July 31, 2020 at 11:27 AM

KF

“ Kelvan Fitzpatrick lit a candle in memory of Pastor Annette Relaford



Kelvan Fitzpatrick - July 30, 2020 at 07:50 PM

MG

“ Mayling Graves lit a candle in memory of Pastor Annette Relaford



Mayling graves - July 30, 2020 at 06:47 PM

TB

“ Tiffany Bell lit a candle in memory of Pastor Annette Relaford



Tiffany Bell - July 30, 2020 at 04:15 PM

PB

“ *Sending my Condolences To the Family  
From The Baker family 🙏🙏*



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**Patricia Baker** - July 30, 2020 at 03:03 PM

TD

“ *Ttony Dawson lit a candle in memory of  
Pastor Annette Relaford*



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**Ttony Dawson** - July 30, 2020 at 07:37 AM

C(

*My heart go out to my family, sorry couldn't be there love y'all from  
Carolyn Parker and family*

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**carolyn parker (nieces)** - July 30, 2020 at 10:21 AM



*I am going to miss my God mommy I loved her in a special way with  
tears in my eyes to be absent from the body to be present with the lord  
god pick a rose from the garden and that was you rest and see you in  
the morning to the family my god sisters and brothers I love you all love  
elder newton better known as newton that is what she call me sleep on  
mommy missing you*

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**Katherine Newton** - July 30, 2020 at 10:25 AM

JE

*I am going to miss her. I am going to keep the family in my prayers*

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**Jennifer** - August 02, 2020 at 01:51 PM

JP

“ My deepest and sincerest condolences to the Relaford family. We are praying for you not just today but the months and years ahead. Continue together as a strong family a faith believing family. ❤️🙏  
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**Jesse Phillips** - July 29, 2020 at 05:40 PM

CP

To the Realford and Jones Family we just want you to know that Jesus loves and we do too. Mike and Cleo Peterson , and Mike Jr.

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**Cleo & Mike Peterson** - July 31, 2020 at 11:37 AM

CA

“ Before pastor, sister Relaford, i remembered was her laugh and dedication and love for her husband. She loved my father Rev Atkins. We enjoyed trips to convocations , church picnics and bible studies games. And just sitting around after services just talking and laughing. She was wonderful Child of God. A true women of Faith, tried through the fire.. She is in heaven with family and Saints of God. She will be missed.. we pray for the Family and the Family of St Stephen. Mr Chris Atkins

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**Christopher Atkins** - July 29, 2020 at 04:09 PM