



## **Bishop Venoal M. Fountain Sr., D.D.**

August 19, 1949 - December 23, 2024

Bishop Venoal M. Fountain Sr. 75, was born the 8th child of 15 on August 19, 1949, in Eden, North Carolina to the late King David and Irene Broadnax Fountain. Bishop Venoal Fountain Sr. transitioned on Monday, December 23, 2024.

His family relocated to Bridgeport, Connecticut where he graduated from Central High School in Bridgeport, CT. He attended Yale Divinity School in New Haven, CT and was given an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity degree from Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Bishop Venoal was known to be very enterprising as a young man. Young Venoal started working at the age of 16 at General Electric in Bridgeport, CT. He became a supervisor working different shifts in the factory. He later worked for Bullard Machine Tool Company, Bridgeport Machines, Trio Industries, and Tie Communications. Upon leaving Tie communications, then known as Mr. Fountain, started a telephone communications company Le Font Electronics. Le Font Electronics at one time had created 150 plus jobs within the Greater Bridgeport area. His company was ranked number 52 in Black Enterprise Magazine's top 100 companies throughout the nation. In his latter years he was able to officially retire but remained consulting and counseling, which he greatly enjoyed.

He began preaching the gospel at the age of 9. His strong faith and preaching lead him to become the Youth Pastor, as well as the Assistant Pastor of the Fountain of Youth Bibleway Church, Bridgeport, CT, under the tutelage of his older brother the late Bishop Franklin D. Fountain. He also was the 5th Sunday Youth President of Bibleway World Wide, Inc. Connecticut Diocese. As an Elder he opened the Fountain of Youth Revival Center church within Connecticut (Bridgeport, Ansonia, and Stratford areas).

Bishop Venoal Fountain married and is survived by his high school sweetheart, Lady Sandra (Crawford) Fountain in 1970. Bishop Venoal and Lady Sandra had two biological children Aurelia Fountain Mushrall (Joseph) of Bristol, CT and Venoal M. Fountain Jr of Shelton, CT. They have three called adopted sons in love Reverend David R. Foreman, Brian Foreman Fountain, Wayne Carter II. Three biological grandchildren are Julian Fountain, Venoal Fountain III, and Alivia Fountain all of Shelton, CT and his step grandchild Isaiah Mushrall of Bristol, CT. He has one biological great grandchild Julian Fountain Jr. His two adopted grandchildren Adrienne Carter (Clovis) of Derby and Wayne Carter III (Athena) of West Haven, with a host of other grands. Additionally, his brothers Robert Fountain (JoAnn) of Ruskin, FL and Donald Fountain (Rita) of Bridgeport, CT. and his sisters Zorene Fountain Meekins, the matriarch of the family, and Yvette Fountain Hampton of Brandon, FL., Erma Fountain Johnson of Ruskin, FL, Sharon Fountain Whitmore and Jacqueline Fountain Campbell of Bridgeport, CT, and Madeira Fountain Walker (Mark) of Mansfield, OH. He also shared a special relationship with his sisters-in-laws as a "Brother" and spiritual mentor to Shirley Sanders, Doreen Dunham, Marjorie Drinks, Corlette Crawford, Theresa Heyward River, Regina Crawford, and Quinella Hardison. One aunt Harriet Sharpe of Bridgeport. Godchild Joel V Hampton of Brandon, FL and David Manderson of Ct, a special nephew Melvin Vasquez (Clydisha) of Brandon, FL and his extended family Christopher Samuels, Pastor Anthony Samuels, Laterrius Johnson (Cassandra), Joel Cortes, Richard Rivera, and Myrone Early of New Haven,

Ct., and a host nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Bishop Venoal was a father figure to a host of generations of young men and women.

Besides his parents, he is predeceased by his brothers, Clyde, Bishop Franklin, Alvestico, and Norman Fountain; his sisters Betty Best and JoAnn Neri; and his daughter in law Janeen L. Fountain; and his sister-in-law Caren Simmons.

**\*ALL CLERGY ARE ASKED TO BE IN CHOIR DRESS ATTIRE\***

Service will be Live-Streamed

# Cemetery Details

## Mountain Grove Cemetery Association

2675 North Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT 06604

# Previous Events

## Lay In State

JAN 7. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Cathedral of Praise  
45 Gregory St.  
Bridgeport , CT 06604

## Calling Hours

JAN 8. 9:00 AM (ET)

Cathedral of Praise  
45 Gregory St.  
Bridgeport , CT 06604

## Homegoing Service

JAN 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

Cathedral of Praise  
45 Gregory St.  
Bridgeport , CT 06604



# Tribute Wall

RS

“ Sending our sincerest condolences and prayers to the entire Fountain family on the transitioning of your husband, father, grandfather, brother uncle and any other names you have known or called him in your life time. God has welcomed His servant home. We pray that God will continue to bless and comfort you now and in the days that lie ahead. Thank you for sharing your loved one with us. Rev. Dr. James R Cook Sr and Lady Marian A. Holmes-Cook & family

Rev.Dr James R Cook Sr - January 14, 2025 at 04:33 PM

GC

“ I remember the days of the Fountain of Youth Bibleway Church...how we all sang in the choir and gave all the glory to God! Bishop Venoal was right there giving God the praise...He did not like a dead service!!! He would sing the songs of praise until the Glory of God came down....Bishop Venoal will be missed...I am praying for the Fountain Family that God will give them peace in their hearts and seek the joy of the Lord. Much Love to you all.

Min. Gloria Wagner Cummings and family

Gloria Cummings - January 07, 2025 at 12:05 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bishop Venoal M. Fountain Sr., D.D..



January 06, 2025 at 07:21 PM



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January 05, 2025 at 01:15 PM



“ *Sorry to know of Bishop Venol passing. We all grew up together in the Fountain of Youth Church. I have fond memories of him, speaking powerful messages from God. My deepest Condolences to the Fountain family, My family. Much love* 💜🌟

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**Leelota Wagner** - January 04, 2025 at 08:51 PM



“ *To my closest friends family, I'll offer my sincere condolences. Dr. Venol Fountain will never forget you and Sandy and the children was without family and friends and he undergirded me with his wife and children. Valerie and I moved to Connecticut 40 something years ago and didn't have no family or friends and met. Met Mrs. Sandra Fountain riding the train to New York City to Tetley tea inc. and she introduced me to Mr. Dr. Bishop Venol Fountain yes he was all those different titles because he took Valerie and I .under his wings, when I didn't know anybody in Connecticut they've reached out to us and even my family will never forget you you remain in our hearts we are lookout for the fountain until God call us and you know I'm not good in English so please forgive me I'm coming from my heart*

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**Gerald Canada** - January 04, 2025 at 05:50 PM

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“ My heartfelt condolences and prayers for my Sister Sandra and family. Venoal has a smile that will not be forgotten and I love every time we had a moment to speak it was always about the Word of God and how good the Lord is. Rest in Perfect Peace Brother-in-law. My prayers of Comfort and Peace Sandra, with much love!

River (Theresa) - January 03, 2025 at 11:23 AM

PB

“ Blessings to the family of Bishop Venoal Fountain sorry for the lost of our love one Praying for the strength of the family AMEN!!! Love you Patricia Broadnax and Family



Patricia J Broadnax - January 03, 2025 at 10:36 AM

CP

“ To the family my heart goes out to you and my prayers words can not soothe the sorrow at this time. I certainly the remember the days that your dad open his home to me many years ago. Great memories that not enough of space to write them all. Know that I'm here and a call away although time has escaped us please that you have a friend. God bless on the behalf of the Crews Family

Colby Crews Pastor - January 02, 2025 at 05:48 AM

LE

“ My sincerest condolences to Bishop Fountain's family. I knew him more as a child, teenager and young adult. My family would go to his house, and hang with his children while him and my dad spoke. You were always good to my family and for that you will be missed.



Latasha Elliott-Gale - December 29, 2024 at 11:21 PM

QH

“ Quinella Humphrey-Hardison lit a candle in memory of Venoal Fountain



Quinella Humphrey-Hardison - December 29, 2024 at 05:17 PM

QH

“ Venoal, (BISHOP) brother-in-law, Thinking of our conversations for the last 10 (ten) years, on August 19th. I met every word, your teachings will ALWAYS BE WITH ME! I THANK YOU FOR BAPTISING ME IN "JESUS NAME!", THANK YOU FOR THE RELATIONSHIP WE HAVE WITH THE FOUNTAINS (MY FAMILY), THANK YOU FOR HELPING US WITH THE BURIAL OF (MA), THANK YOU FOR BEING THERE FOR ME FOR DADDY. YOU JUST ALWAYS KNEW WHAT TO SAY AND DO. ALL THE FUN CHOIR TIMES, CHRISTMAS' IN SHELTON, BABY SITTING ME WHEN MA WAS HOSPITALIZED. THE LIST IS ENDLESS... I PRAY TO BE THERE FOR YOUR MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND TO PRAISE "GOD" FOR YOU!!! FINALLY, AS I ALWAYS ENDED OUR CONVERSATIONS, "I LOVE YOU!" PRAISES BE UNTO GOD OUR FATHER!!! UNTIL OUR SOULS MEET AGAIN. - Quinella Humphrey-Hardison aka Bun.

Quinella Humphrey-Hardison - December 29, 2024 at 05:14 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bishop Venoal M. Fountain Sr., D.D..

December 28, 2024 at 08:22 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bishop Venoal M. Fountain Sr., D.D..



December 28, 2024 at 08:22 PM



“ Amy Albright RN BSN planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bishop Venoal M. Fountain Sr., D.D..

Amy Albright RN BSN - December 28, 2024 at 03:51 PM



“ Amy Albright RN BSN purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Bishop Venoal M. Fountain Sr., D.D..



Amy Albright RN BSN - December 28, 2024 at 03:51 PM



“ Dianne Baker lit a candle in memory of Venoal Fountain



Dianne Baker - December 27, 2024 at 10:26 PM

SG

“ So very sorry to hear this. May God bless the family and friends of this wonderful man. My sincerest condolences...



Sharyn L. Grant - December 27, 2024 at 09:26 AM

RC

“ Bishop as I call you, you know I love you and I'm gonna miss you so much not going to attain your home service because I want to remember you as the last time I seen you holding my head after Shayla's wedding as you was leaving to go back to Connecticut. I love you. I'm going to miss you, but I'll see you again and you can tell me all about it. Tell Family in Heaven I Said Hello and I send my Love. 💔 Amen 🙏 😔



Regina Crawford - December 26, 2024 at 07:06 PM