



Cornelius Emanuel Yancey, III

July 20, 1950 - May 3, 2022

“When you’re in trouble don’t cry.” You can hear Cornelius E Yancey’s melodic tenor voice ringing out as he sang the words to that song. With the Kind David’s Harp he would take center stage singing the “Lord’s Prayer”. He had a voice that would make all take notice. His voice first rang out in this world on July 20, 1950 in Portsmouth, Virginia when he was born to Evangelist Cornelius Emanuel Yancey Jr. and Mother Sarah Dorothy Marie Yancey.

Cornelius attended Southwestern Elementary School and later graduated from Crestwood High School 1969. He was drafted into the United States Army in 1971 during the Vietnam War. He served 8 years during which time he became a medical specialist. June 7th, 1971 he married the love of his life Glenda Joyce Cummings in Portsmouth, Virginia. They resided in Chesapeake, Virginia and raised their family. Cornelius held various jobs including assembly line worker at General Electric and eventually retired from Civil Service at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard.

Through his life Cornelius loved singing. He was an active member of the Church of God and Saints of Christ under the leadership of his father Evangelist Cornelius E. Yancey Jr. He sang in the choir and served as Sabbath School Superintendent. He was ordained Deacon on April 20th, 1990 and later served under his brother Elder David Leon Yancey Sr. Not only did he love to sing but he loved to hear good singing. He traveled near and far

singing with the King David's Harp, a group consisting of his brother and cousins. He also organized groups with his children, nieces, nephews and cousins: The Harmonizing Trio, AJ & the 3 M's, Four of a Kind and the Four Trumpets to name a few.

Cornelius Yancey was a family man. He loved family and would give his last dollar to help anyone in need. He would also give of his time to listen to anyone that was despondent and needed a word of encouragement. You could always find him smiling and anytime you asked how he was doing the response would be a resounding, "MARVELOUS". You could count on being blessed when you left his presence because he would always say "May God bless you and go with you". He was lovingly called "Cornie" by those closest to him. He filled many roles in the lives he touched. He was counselor, brother, disciplinarian, father figure, teacher, philosopher.

Cornelius Yancey peacefully slept May 3rd, 2022. He was predeceased by his father, Evangelist Cornelius Emanuel Yancey Jr.; his mother, Mother Sarah Dorothy Marie Yancey; his wife, Glenda Joyce Cummings-Yancey; 2 sisters, Joyce Angela Yancey & Pamela Yancey-Bell. He leaves to cherish his memory: 4 children, Monica Brown (William), Anitra Yancey, Cornelius E. Yancey IV, and Nikia Tull (Sean); 2 godsons, Chris Ward and Joshua Yancey; 6 grandchildren, Denitria Hayes, Demetrious Hayes, Lavelle Tull, Chyna Tull, Keyniya Yancey and Angela Brown; 5 brothers, David Yancey Sr, Gregory Yancey (Cheryl), Calvin Yancey (Yolanda), Lester Yancey, and William Yancey; 3 sisters, Brenda Huff (Henry), Velma Yancey-Scarbor (Earl), Gwendolyn Benita Murrell (Kimbrew) and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

For religious organizations there is no required attire.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 15. 1:00 PM (ET)

J. T. Fisher Funeral Services Chapel
1248 N. George Washington Hwy
Chesapeake, VA

Tribute Wall

DS

“ I am sorry to hear about the passing of Deacon Cornelius Emanuel Yancey, III, of the Church of God and Saints of Christ (Pughsville). I knew him when he was a kid growing up in the Pughsville subdivision of Suffolk, Virginia, the same subdivision that James Avery, one of the stars of "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air", was born. We used to attend Deacon Yancey's church, Church of God and Saints of Christ (Pughsville), from time to time, when we were kids. When our church (Union Baptist Missionary Church, Suffolk, Virginia) burned down, in the 1960s, his church opened its doors to us, so we could continue to have our church meetings and worship services.

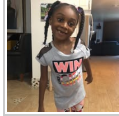
During the 1960s or 1970s, I asked him and "Van Jones and King David's Harp" to come and sing for us on our Youth and Adult Night program, at our newly rebuilt church, Union Baptist Missionary Church, Suffolk, Virginia. They came. Their performance was stellar. We were all gloriously blessed by the songs they sang.

A few years ago, I discovered that some of their gospel music videos were available on YouTube. Needless to say, I viewed them all. All of the gospel recordings and videos, on YouTube, were so uplifting and inspirational.

He's gone on to Glory, but the gospel music and gospel videos of him and "Van Jones and King David's Harp" will live on, to inspire men, women, boys, and girls, today and tomorrow. May God continue to bless and strengthen his entire family, during this time of loss. Attached is a picture of the 1960s/1970s performance. (Archie W. Earl, Sr.)



Dr Archie W Earl Sr - July 10, 2022 at 11:27 AM



Thank you so much for sharing the picture and bit of history. This is truly meaningful and much appreciated.

Monica Brown - November 22, 2022 at 05:37 PM

MB

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



monica brown - May 19, 2022 at 09:24 PM

LH

“ *Sending my hugs, prayers and my sincere condolences to the family. may his precious soul continue to Rest In Paradise.*



Laverne Howard - May 18, 2022 at 02:52 PM

LA

“ *Lois A. Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Cornelius Emanuel Yancey, III*



Lois A. Mitchell - May 17, 2022 at 07:50 AM

SW

“ *Sylvia E Mitchell Williams lit a candle in memory of Cornelius Emanuel Yancey, III*



Sylvia E Mitchell Williams - May 17, 2022 at 05:32 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Life Celebration Video*



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - May 15, 2022 at 05:28 PM

LA

So very saddened at the passing of my dear cousin Cornelius (Corny), R I P, (We will see you in the morning), You are/will be so missed...my condolences to my family..I love you all so much... Praying for all of us.. This hurts..❤️🙏🕊️

Lois A.Mitchell - May 17, 2022 at 07:54 AM

KJ

“ *My condolences to the Yancey family. May God comfort each of you.*



Kjelene - May 15, 2022 at 02:16 AM

VL

My deepest condolences to the Yancey family. You're in my thoughts and prayers... sincerely Verlean Lassiter and family. The sister of First Lady Cheryl Yancey. Sister in law of Rev. Gregory Yancey. Auntie of Brandon & Joshua Yancey. May God comfort and keep you is my prayer. God bless 🙏🙏🙏❤️

Verlean Lassiter - May 15, 2022 at 03:12 PM

CJ

“ *My condolences to the Yancey family for the loss of Cornelius. Cornelius was a good brother, who will be missed by both his immediate and Crestwood families. Rejoice in the heavenly choir.*

*Clyde Jones
Crestwood class of 1969*

Clyde Jones - May 14, 2022 at 02:08 PM

CD

“ *I would like to offer sincere condolences to the family and friends of Mr Cornelious Yancey
He was known by many whose lives he had an impact on
no doubt he will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him
it can be very overwhelming when we lose our dear loved ones
to death
" the God of all comfort " (2 Corinthians 1: 3;4) will help you cope
with your loss
(2 Thessalonians 2: 16) " Moreover may our Lord Jesus Christ
himself and God our Father who loved us and gave everlasting
comfort and good hope by means of undeserved kindness
comfort your hearts and make you firm in every good deed and
word
Jehovah God will comfort you and make you firm so that you
can get through this difficult time*

Cee David - May 14, 2022 at 08:55 AM

MV

“ *Rest in peace cousin. May the Most High spread over our family the canopy of comfort during the time. With Deepest Sympathy, Rabbi Asher E. Volkens, S.E. T. Chantelle Volkens and Family*



Mrs. T. Chantelle Volkens - May 13, 2022 at 03:41 PM

AB

“ I rejoice in the fact that I knew Cornelius and the Yancey family because of my parents, Mr. Jasper & Mrs. Lillian Brabson, who had a special rapport with those stalwart soldiers and Saints of Pughsville many, many years ago. The Yancey's have a great legacy, as well as many other family members, originally, from Pughsville, who remain on these mundane shores. (Suffolk, VA)

It was a blessing that Cornelius and many other family members and friends continued to carry the torch of what was bequeathed to them in the church and community.

We will miss Corneilus' cool, suave, debonair and majestic demeanor.

I enjoyed King David's Harp performances and Cornelius' tenor voice. Be inspired that the God-given talent shared, but not limited to music, remain etched in our memories and we can still relish King David's Harp on Youtube.

Family, Cornelius' spirit will always be with you.

God will guide, strengthen and shed light on this dark path that you are, temporarily, travelling on. Just hold on because God has you in the hollow of His unchanging Hands.

*Humbly submitted,
Anita E. Brabson
Pughsville (Suffolk, VA)*

Anita E. Brabson - May 12, 2022 at 05:42 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cornelius Emanuel Yancey, III.*



May 12, 2022 at 05:52 AM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



Monica Brown - May 11, 2022 at 09:39 PM



My deepest condolences to the family. Signed Ellwood Collins

ELLWOOD COLLINS - May 12, 2022 at 08:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Cornelius Emanuel Yancey, III.*



May 11, 2022 at 08:53 PM

GS

“ PASTOR GREGORY E. YANCEY, SR &
CHERYL
*You will be greatly missed, but never
forgotten!*



Gregory Ellis Yancey, Sr. - May 10, 2022 at 07:48 PM

AS

“ *Andrienne Scarbrough sent a virtual gift in
memory of Cornelius Emanuel Yancey, III*



Andrienne Scarbrough - May 09, 2022 at 11:00 PM

AS

“ *Andrienne Scarbrough lit a candle in memory
of Cornelius Emanuel Yancey, III*



Andrienne Scarbrough - May 09, 2022 at 10:57 PM

BH

“ *Brenda Huff lit a candle in memory of
Cornelius Emanuel Yancey, III*



Brenda huff - May 09, 2022 at 08:08 PM

AS

Please accept our condolences for your loss. We wish you and yours God's peace and comfort in the days to come. Sincerely, Deacon Charlie & Adelpia Speight & family

Adelpia Speight - May 10, 2022 at 04:37 PM

PT

My prayers are with you all ❤️

Pam Traylor - May 11, 2022 at 09:42 AM

MB

“ *Monica Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Cornelius Emanuel Yancey, III*



Monica Brown - May 09, 2022 at 04:37 PM

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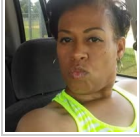
Monica Brown - May 09, 2022 at 04:33 PM



“ *Sheila Scott lit a candle in memory of Cornelius Emanuel Yancey, III*



Sheila Scott - May 09, 2022 at 01:53 PM



“ *Cousin, your voice will be missed. My Deepest Sympathy and Condolences to the family.*



Tonja Jones - May 09, 2022 at 01:12 PM



“ *It hard to know what to say at a time like this but know I care and that you are in my thoughts I will be praying for you and the family . Inda Reynolds*



Inda Reynolds - May 07, 2022 at 07:28 PM



“ *Barbara Cross lit a candle in memory of Cornelius Emanuel Yancey, III*



Barbara Cross - May 07, 2022 at 03:54 PM



“ *Velma Yancey-Scarbor lit a candle in memory of Cornelius Emanuel Yancey, III*



Velma Yancey-Scarbor - May 07, 2022 at 06:12 AM

RW

“ *Rev James Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Cornelius Emanuel Yancey, III*



Rev James Williams - May 06, 2022 at 07:52 PM

MW

“ *Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal. My prayers go out to the family*

M Williams

Michelle Williams - May 06, 2022 at 01:26 PM

IR

Praying for the family that God will give you strength. But know I care and that you're in my thoughts. Inda Reynolds

Inda Reynolds - May 07, 2022 at 07:25 PM