



## Bishop John Wayne Hairston

December 24, 1951 - September 16, 2022

BISHOP JOHN WAYNE HAIRSTON was born in Ararat, Virginia on December 24, 1951. He was born to the late James Edward Hairston and Mary Anna Vera “Agnes” Hairston. He received his education through William Penn High School and OIC. His additional studies included Early Childhood Education at HACC, Biblical Studies at Christ For the Nations Institute and Carpentry and Electrical courses.

Bishop John was employed at the Maverick Steakhouse and Best Western for many years as a cook. He managed the Solid Rock Café in Newark, Missouri and retired from Stroehmann’s Bakery and Bass Pro in Harrisburg. John was known for being an expert at whatever he put his hand to do; doing it as unto the Lord. He had numerous landscaping jobs around the city and was studious in his work.

John, involved in many ministries during his life, served as a Deacon in Lancaster, Texas at his brother Bishop/Mayor Clyde Hairston’s church, Miracle Temple Fellowship. At Christ for the Nations in Dallas, Texas he planted and ministered at a neighborhood Children’s Church, utilizing his painting and renovating skills. In Harrisburg as a member of the St Paul Missionary Baptist Church under Pastor Earl Harris, Reverend John re-established their food pantry and birthed “Operation Rescue”; an outreach to the Harrisburg homeless community. John was the Chaplain and a member of the Society of

Volunteer Women Ministries under the leadership of Mother Thelma O. Wright. He ministered at Cumberland County Prison and worked with the Angel Tree outreach; giving gifts to under-served children at Christmas time. While living in Missouri John ministered at an at-risk youth ministry (Heartland) teaching bible study to male teens. Bishop John and his wife Leatha (Penny) Corbin-Hairston birthed “Rivers of Restoration Ministries” in Harrisburg.

He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend. He was lovingly called “Pop-Pop”, “Pops” and “Popio” by grandchildren and others who adopted him as their Dad. He was faithful, dependable, a hard worker and had a great sense of humor.

John spent his leisure time writing poetry, swimming and watching several television shows including old cowboy re-runs, Three Stooges, and Action/Sci Fi movies. He also loved cooking and was known for his original recipe “Taco Bake” and his great fried chicken.

John’s life is celebrated by his wife of 25 years Pastor Penny Corbin-Hairston, his son Keiron Moore (Shibela) of Virginia Beach, Virginia, stepson Noel Corbin (Janee’), sister Joanne Green (James), brothers Wade D. Hairston, Bishop/Mayor Clyde C. Hairston (Carlotta) of Lancaster, Texas, Woodrow Wilson Hairston (Melissa) and his grandchildren Kerion Moore, Jr., Adrien Hailey, Janah Hughes, KySier Moore, KhahLeak Moore, BlesSyn Moore, Ashai Moore, Jhaila Concepcion, god children Andre and Giannah Robinson, special nephews Quinell Daniels and Christopher Hairston and a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his oldest brother Garnett Lee Hairston and his maternal grandparents Joseph and Ella Hatcher.

Bishop John was a fervent witness for the Lord, having a passion to win

others to Christ. The greatness of God shined through his servant heart and his hands were anointed to do many different tasks. He was also a diligent Bible scholar and man of prayer. His presence in a room always brought joy because of his great sense of humor. His wife, whom he called Leatha, says “he was a great husband, faithful, kind and understanding”. The transformation Power of God through faith in Jesus Christ was truly demonstrated in his life. His favorite scripture was: “they that call on the Name of the Lord shall be saved” Romans 10:13.

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# Cemetery Details

## William Howard Day Cemetery

Lincoln and Carlisle Streets  
Steelton, PA 17113

# Previous Events

## Flower Delivery

SEP 24. 8:00 AM (ET)

Rock Church  
1501 Market Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17103

## Viewing

SEP 24. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Rock Church  
1501 Market Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17103

## Service

SEP 24. 10:30 AM (ET)

Rock Church  
1501 Market Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17103



# Tribute Wall

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“ *Carol Warren lit a candle in memory of Bishop John Wayne Hairston*



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**Carol Warren** - September 25, 2022 at 11:32 AM

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*Thank you Carol*

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**Penny Hairston** - September 29, 2022 at 09:11 PM

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“ *Shanta (Wright) Green lit a candle in memory of Bishop John Wayne Hairston*



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**Shanta (Wright) Green** - September 22, 2022 at 08:51 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bishop John Wayne Hairston.*



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September 21, 2022 at 02:26 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Bishop John Wayne Hairston.



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September 21, 2022 at 11:46 AM