



# Elder Sherman Earl Best

AUG 14, 1936 - DEC 18, 2023



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**G**oldsboro- Elder Sherman Earl Best, 87, completed his earthly assignment and transitioned from labor to reward, Monday, December 18, 2023 at home surrounded by his loving family, after having lived a very rewarding life as a son, husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, uncle and friend.

Sherman was born August 14, 1936 in Goldsboro, North Carolina to Mr. John William Best and Mrs. Clara Fields Best. He attended Wayne County Schools and was a 1956 graduate of Dillard High School. He joined Greenleaf Christian Church Disciples of Christ at young age.

Sherman met and married the love of his life, Dorothy Burden Best and to this union three children were born. Sherman was a licensed contractor and built hundreds of homes. He had a love and passion for carpentry and construction. Because of the passion, love and commitment to his work, he provided a good lifestyle for his family. Sherman was also the first black elected commissioner for Wayne County. He broadcasted "The Way, the Truth and Life Ministry", until his health began to decline. Sherman was a faithful member at Greenleaf Christian Church Disciples of Christ, St Joseph and Best Grove Missionary Baptist Church.

Sherman was the youngest of his siblings and was preceded in death by his parents all of his siblings: Marie Best, John Thomas Best, Auretha Best Harper, Elbert Best, Junious Best, Thaddeus Best, James Rudolph Best, Frances Best and Andrew Best.

Sherman is survived by and leaves to cherish his precious legacy, his wife Mrs. Dorothy Burden Best, his sons John Sherman Best (of the home), Danny Ray Best (Valerie of Wilson, NC), daughter, Cassandra Best (of Fayetteville, NC), grandchildren, Kayla Best, Dantrell Best, Christopher Little, D'onna Best, Javon Wooten and Joel Silver, 11 great grand children, nieces, nephews, in-laws and host of other relatives and friends



# Events

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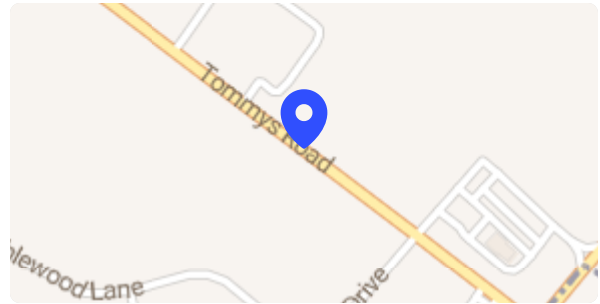
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## Visitation

**Saturday**, December 23, 2023

11:00 AM ET

**Best Grove Missionary Baptist Church**  
1065 Tommy's Road, Goldsboro NC 27532

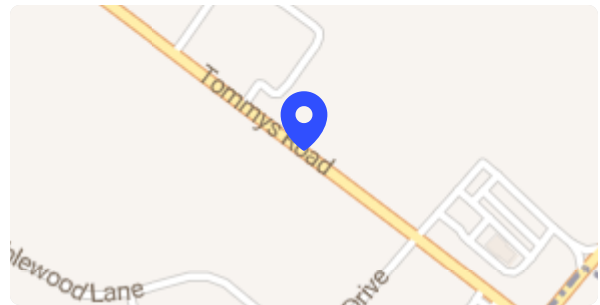


## Service

**Saturday**, December 23, 2023

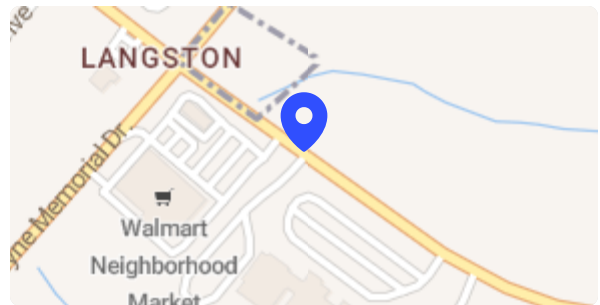
12:00 PM ET

**Best Grove Missionary Baptist Church**  
1065 Tommy's Road, Goldsboro NC 27532



## Cemetery Details

**Best Family Cemetery**  
Tommy's Road, Goldsboro NC





## Tribute Wall

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TB

**Travis Barden** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

April 18 at 7:41 AM



JT

**Jamie Tyler** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

March 10 at 3:55 AM



HF

**Hugh Batts, Houston Best And Families** posted:

We just heard about Sherman Best passing. Sending our Sincere Sympathy to the family of Sherman Best. May our Lord continue to Comfort you, give you Peace and give you Precious Memories during this time of bereavement.

January 18 at 9:02 AM

CB

**Claudia Luckey-Brown** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

December 29 at 2:27 PM



JW

**Jo Ann White** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

December 29 at 8:31 AM



LS

**Lula Bryant-Sturdivant** sent a virtual gift in honor of Sherman.

December 27 at 6:29 PM





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PT

**Patrick & Teresa Turner** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

December 25 at 5:16 PM



MB

**Mary Bryant** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

My prayers and condolences to his family and friends

December 23 at 12:35 PM



LB

**Lorraine Bynum** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

December 23 at 8:39 AM



GF

**George E. Fields, Jr.** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

I pray that God's peace rule your hearts and minds today now that Sherman is present with our Lord. When I was a very young child he visited and stayed with us often in New Bern. He always displayed a very humble and loving personality.

December 23 at 6:21 AM



CJ

**Comatha B. Johnson** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

To Sherman Jr. & Family, Remembering you in prayer and heartfelt commiseration,.  
Comatha Boyette Johnson

December 23 at 4:02 AM



BK

**Betty S Kennedy** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

To Dot and family,I share your grief in the loss of your loved one Betty S Kennedy

December 23 at 3:04 AM





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DS

**Dexter Simms** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

Our prayers and thoughts go out to the Best Family! Dexter Simms and Family!

December 23 at 2:52 AM



KI

**King** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

Our prayers are with the Best family. Doris Sykes King , Teresa King Felicia King Smith. May God Bless You

December 23 at 12:16 AM



EJ

**Esther I Johnson** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

Prayers and condolences to the Best Family;

December 22 at 4:50 PM



CS

**Clarence Smith** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

December 22 at 4:41 PM



CS

**Charles Spruill** posted:

So sorry for your loss. You're in my prayers 🙏

December 22 at 12:24 PM

RH

**Ramon S Holloway** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

December 22 at 10:16 AM



**RH** **Ramon S Holloway** December 22 at 10:23 AM

Since my childhood continuing into adulthood, cousin Sherman was always encouraging me and did so every time we spoke. All of the family members are in my prayers!



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**Rev. Dr. Johnni Blackwell** posted:

Condolences to the family and friends that loved Mr Sherman. May God continue to be with you at this time. We love you Rochelle and Larsene. Rev. Dr. Johnni Blackwell, Greenleaf Christian Church, DOC.

December 22 at 9:03 AM



**Elder And Mrs. Carnell Greenfield** posted:

I will always remember his inspiration and guidance. To the Family we extend our prayers and condolences.

December 22 at 6:47 AM



**Hope Best** December 22 at 11:39 AM

The family of the late Milford Best sends our condolences for the loss of Cousin Sherman Best. We will be praying for the strength of the family. May God continue to watch over you!



**Billy Williams** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

Mr. Sherman was always so kind to me when I was a young man. Prayers for peace and comfort to the family.

December 22 at 6:27 AM



**Michelle Craig** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

December 22 at 4:27 AM



**Wanda H Kirk** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

December 22 at 4:17 AM





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RE

**Rosalind Edge** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

December 21 at 6:08 PM



Anonymous

**Anonymous** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Best family.

December 21 at 5:52 PM



GB

**Gilbert Bell** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.  
My Condolences to the Best Family, from the Bell Family

December 21 at 2:56 PM



GT

**Gloria Thomas** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

December 21 at 12:36 PM



KP

**Keith Peten** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

December 21 at 11:12 AM



OF

**Outback Steakhouse Family** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Best family.

December 21 at 10:36 AM





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VH

**Vera J Harmon** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

Sleep well Mr Sherman

December 21 at 6:08 AM



JB

**Jerry Broadhurst** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

December 21 at 5:09 AM



PR

**Polly Roberts** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

December 21 at 4:39 AM



SC

**Sandra Cox** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

December 20 at 10:21 PM



CC

**Cassandra Barnes-Chisolm** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

December 20 at 6:12 PM



HF

**Harold And Shirley Fields** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

December 20 at 4:50 PM





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**Sharon, Lawrence, Cynthia And Maurice Ge** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.



December 20 at 4:42 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Best family.



December 20 at 4:37 PM



**Melissa Capers** posted:

To Mrs. Dorothy and children you are in my prayers. I thought about Elder Best a few days ago but had no idea he was transitioning from earth to glory. I have always had respect for Elder Best because he had a lifetime of memories and wisdom and he didn't mine sharing with others. I will always remember him as we attended St. Joseph and during communion services on each month I would start a song off be he knew he was supposed to take over the song because I told him that he could sing not me and he just laughed. Mrs. Dorothy and children and grandchildren know that you was blessed to have a husband, father and grandfather that touched so many lives in the Goldsboro community and surrounding communities also. May my friend RIP!!

December 20 at 4:37 PM



**Edna Gooding** sent a virtual gift in honor of Sherman.



December 20 at 4:29 PM



**The Dillard Hs Class Of 1955** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

On the behalf of the Dillard High School Class of 1955, we send our deepest sympathies and love to your family during this sad time. Please know you are in our prayers.



December 20 at 4:27 PM



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ES

**Esther M. Smith** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

December 20 at 3:50 PM



CK

**Cecelia King** posted:

Sending our sincere condolences and prayers for the Best Family. Continue to trust God. The Isler-King Family

December 20 at 3:14 PM

WF

**Weeks Family** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

Our sincere condolences to the family

December 20 at 2:10 PM



AB

**Artis Burney** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

Artis and Callie Burney

December 20 at 12:49 PM



AB

**Artis Burney** posted:

Sorry to hear about the loss of cousin Sherman. My condolences 🙏 to family and friends Artis and Callie Burney

December 20 at 12:47 PM

GJ

**Garry & Angela Jones** sent a virtual gift in honor of Sherman.

December 20 at 11:59 AM





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SF

**Sanders Family** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

December 20 at 10:53 AM



EM

**Evon M.** sent a virtual gift in honor of Sherman.

December 20 at 10:52 AM



WS

**Walter Sanders** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

December 20 at 10:52 AM



AT

**Ann Tyner** posted:

Elder Best was a striver for the citizens of Wayne County. May he be remembered for his tireless efforts to make it a better place for all its citizens. RIP ❤️

December 20 at 9:46 AM

AJ

**Ada Jones** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

December 20 at 9:19 AM



CT

**Christina Tucker** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

Sorry for your loss

December 20 at 6:31 AM





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EC

**Ellen Cannon** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

December 19 at 11:06 PM



MS

**Mattie Suggs** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

December 19 at 4:40 PM



DR

**Darrell Reid** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

December 19 at 4:36 PM



TB

**Tammy Bell** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

December 19 at 4:07 PM



RD

**Rhonda C Delcour** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

December 19 at 2:27 PM



**RD Rhonda C Delcour** December 19 at 2:28 PM  
So sorry for your loss. I will continue to pray for you during your transition period.

AB

**Augusta & Joyce Best** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

December 19 at 1:45 PM





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**Cherie** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.



December 19 at 12:40 PM



**Cherie** December 19 at 12:41 PM

We send our deepest condolences to our Extended family, you are in our Thoughts and PrayersEarl and Linda LewisJudy and John Bullock



**William And Hilda Farmer** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.



December 19 at 12:24 PM



**Clarissa Coley Jacobs** sent a virtual gift in honor of Sherman.



December 19 at 10:42 AM



**Deacon Harold Barnes** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

EARTH HAS NO SORROW THAT HEAVEN CAN'T HEAL. GOD IS TO WISE TO MAKE A MISTAKE. HE WILL ALWAYS BE A COMFORT TO THOSE WHO ARE GOING THROUGH THEIR TIME OF BEREAVEMENT. TO THE BEST FAMILY, WE THE BARNES, HATTEN, LEWIS AND MARTIN FAMILY SHARE IN YOUR LOST. EARTH LOST IS HEAVEN'S GAIN.



December 19 at 10:11 AM



**Leneniece Chambers** sent a virtual gift in honor of Sherman.



December 19 at 10:09 AM



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KS

**Keith Smith** posted:

Expressing my condolences to the family. As a teenager, Sherman was one of my first employer (I was one of his "carpenter helpers). RIP.

December 19 at 8:40 AM

BS

**Betty Smith** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

December 19 at 7:47 AM



MD

**Mae Gloria & Marney Dillehay** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

December 19 at 7:25 AM



MM

**Milford And Vickey Mitchell** sent a virtual gift in honor of Sherman.

December 19 at 5:59 AM



ER

**Elaine Royal** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

December 19 at 5:29 AM



HC

**Helen Cogdell** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

December 19 at 4:50 AM





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**Chudney And Jaylah Cogdell** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

December 19 at 4:49 AM



**Yvonne Houpe Elliott-Bagley** sent a virtual gift in honor of Sherman.

December 19 at 3:45 AM



**Yvonne H. Elliott-Bagley** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

December 19 at 3:27 AM



**Sharon Richardson** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

December 19 at 12:46 AM



**HR** **Howard D Rodgers** December 19 at 8:26 AM  
Howard and Ella Rodgers, Fayetteville NC



**Gena Gardner** posted:

Sorry for your loss. You're in my prayers 🙏

December 19 at 12:33 AM



**Thea Williams** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

December 18 at 9:43 PM





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CH

**Cassandra Hammonds** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

Our condolences to the Best family. Thinking of you with sympathy & with love. May God bless you & keep you in his care. Cassandra D. Hammonds & family

December 18 at 6:51 PM



Jl

**Janice Isler** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

December 18 at 6:03 PM



BB

**Beverly Best** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

December 18 at 5:03 PM



BB

**Beverly Best** sent a virtual gift in honor of Sherman.

So sorry for your loss

December 18 at 5:02 PM



EH

**Eula Holden** posted:

So sorry to hear of the loss of Mr. Sherman Best, thoughts and prayers are with the family.

December 18 at 4:41 PM

H1

**Helen Gerald Classmate Dhs Class Of 1955** sent a virtual gift in honor of Sherman.

December 18 at 3:29 PM





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**Deaunna George-Rodriguez** posted:

Prayers to the Best Family

December 18 at 3:26 PM



**Apostle Daniel And Deborah Uzzell** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.



December 18 at 3:25 PM



**Thomas Dortch** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.



December 18 at 3:12 PM



**Regina Dawkins** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.



December 18 at 2:45 PM

**RD Regina Dawkins** December 18 at 2:47 PM  
Sorry to hear about the passing of Mr. Sherman my condolences to the family.



**Steve And Monica Lewis** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

Our prayers are with the family. May God continue to comfort you today and the days ahead. Steve and Monica Lewis



December 18 at 2:28 PM



**Shirel C Shepard** sent a virtual gift in honor of Sherman.



December 18 at 1:50 PM



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**Larry Bell** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.



December 18 at 1:13 PM



**Larry Bell** December 18 at 1:14 PM

So sorry to see the passing of Mr. Sherman. My prayers and condolences to the Best and connected families.



**Gilbert Bell** posted:

my deepest condolences

December 18 at 1:03 PM



**Teresa** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.



December 18 at 12:44 PM



**Karen Cole-Atkinson** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

Deepest sympathy to The Best Family during this time sorrow may God bless you and comfort you during this time and afterwards



December 18 at 12:27 PM



**Deborah Hobbs** sent a virtual gift in honor of Sherman.



December 18 at 12:18 PM



**Tonya Barrett** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

So sorry for your loss praying for you and the family



December 18 at 11:46 AM



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LN

**Larry&Olivia Walls ,Raeford,Nc** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

December 18 at 11:04 AM



JN

**Joyal Newkirk** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

December 18 at 9:19 AM



JB

**Joyce S Best** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

Uncle Sherman will be missed. Prayers for Best FamilyLove Joyce, Toya &, Quetta Best

December 18 at 9:18 AM



SJ

**Shiril Jackson** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

December 18 at 9:10 AM



CW

**Classic Monument Co.Llc Terry Wynn** lit a candle in honor of Sherman.

December 18 at 9:04 AM





# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Sherman by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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