



## Minister Earnest James Humber III

June 26, 1943 - December 25, 2019

Minister Earnest James Humber III, 76, was called home on December 25, 2019. Born June 26, 1943, in Tyler, Texas, he was the son of the late Earnest and Lucinda Ford Humber.

Minister Humber was raised in a Christian community that would be his lifelong support. He accepted Christ at a young age. In Tyler, Texas, he belonged to Greater St. Mary Baptist Church and later, Harvestime International Church where he was ordained as a minister on May 21, 2006. Growing up, he attended Tyler schools and graduated from Emmett Scott High School in 1961. That same year, Minister Humber joined the armed forces and was assigned to the Walker Air Force base camp in Roswell, New Mexico. After graduating from training, he was assigned to the 3973rd Combat Defense Squadron, Strategic Air Command, and deployed to Morón Air Base near Seville, Spain.

He went on to achieve the rank of Sargent and receive the National Defense Service Medal, the Air Force Longevity Service Award, two Air Force Good Conduct Medals, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, and a HQ 3973d Strategic Wing Campaign Ribbon. Minister Humber retired from the armed forces after 20 years of service.

He would also go on to attend Texas College (Tyler, Texas) and Midwestern State University (Wichita Falls, Texas), and to retire from a career at the United States Postal Service. Moreover, he was a driven entrepreneur. He started his first company at an early age – selling papers for the Saturday

Post in Tyler, Texas. Later, he went on to work as an Independent Contractor for various corporations before founding his own media company Big Break Records. Under the Big Break Records umbrella, he developed gospel television and radio series, produced albums, and managed several artists including the Proctor Singers, Barbara Cox, Dewotta Gossett, and Tammy Arterberry. A small part of his legacy, numerous recordings remain.

Left to cherish his memory are his children Lucinda, Manolita, Earnest, and Earnesa; stepchildren Kimberly and Stephen; grandchildren Anthony, Christopher, Monet, Angel, Reina, Chad, Morgan, Kendrick, Cameron, Jeremiah, and Camille; great grandchildren Dy'Shala and Amerie; sister Mary Humber Franklin (Roger); brother Anthony Whitmill; aunt Acressia Conners; and a host of other relatives and friends.

He is now reunited with his parents Earnest and Lucinda Humber, his brother Lovie Humber, and his aunt Mabel Baxter Tucker.

Celebration of Life: Thursday January 2, 2020

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Emmanuel Fellowship Baptist Church

400 North Prairie Creed Road

Dallas, Texas 75217

Burial: Thursday January 2, 2020

2:30p

DFW National Cemetery

Dallas, Texas

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# Cemetery Details

## **Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery**

2000 Mountain Creek Pkwy  
Dallas, TX 75211  
(214) 467-3374

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Kathy Bend lit a candle in memory of Minister Earnest James Humber III*



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**Kathy Bend** - January 01, 2020 at 04:17 PM

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*I enjoyed working with Minister Humber for years at the Post Office. He had a good attitude and was a good employee. Praying for his family.*

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**Kathy Bend** - January 01, 2020 at 04:24 PM