

Biography of Linda Deane Griffin (ElderG)



Linda Deane Griffin, known as ElderG, was born in Petersburg, Virginia, and raised in Washington, D.C. Currently residing in District Heights, Maryland, her journey has been marked by faith, community, and a deep commitment to spiritual growth.

In 2006, Linda received a divine revelation about her future home, which set her on a path of searching that culminated in her relocation to District Heights in 2008. This move was a significant fulfillment of the promise she had received.

Linda's spiritual awakening began during an evangelistic outreach led by Pastor Veronica Watson and Crispen Campbell, which aimed to minister and pray with government employees in Washington, D.C. This experience ignited her desire to deepen her relationship with God.

In her quest for a church community that would allow her to engage actively and grow spiritually, she prayed for guidance.

Her prayers were answered when her sister, Minister Edna Luckett, invited her to a Sunday service.

To Linda's surprise, the pastor leading the service was the same Pastor Watson who had been ministering at her workplace. Moved by the presence of the Lord and the fellowship of the congregation, she joined then United Fellowship Church (now Bethesda International Church of the Lord Jesus) in the fall of 1985.

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Eager to serve, Linda offered her assistance to Pastor Watson, who took her commitment to prayer. Following divine guidance, Pastor Watson welcomed her involvement, and Linda began to serve in various capacities within the church. Over the years, she has held numerous roles, including Minister, Intercessor, choir member, baptism class teacher, Cup Bearer, President of the Women's Department, Sunday School Teacher and Class Superintendent, as well as overseeing the Deacons and serving as the Church Accountant.

In 1989, Linda made history by becoming the first female Deaconess at Bethesda and the first female Deaconess under the United Fellowship Church of Jesus Christ (Apostolic) umbrella. Her dedication and service led to her appointment as a Licensed Elder in 1996. In October 2022, she was honored to be appointed Chief Administrator of Bethesda by Bishop Watson. Linda would become a friend and confidant to Bishop Watson until she transitioned to heaven.

Currently, Elder G continues to serve with joy and commitment under the leadership of Pastor John Oluyole, who was appointed as the new pastor following Bishop Watson's transition. Linda's unwavering faith and dedication to ministry reflect her profound love for the Lord and her community, making her a respected and cherished leader within her church and beyond.