

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICES ANNOUNCED FOR REVEREND DR. JOHN A. REED, JR.
SERVICES SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 AND 7, 2024**

Oklahoma City – August 31, 2024

The family of Reverend Dr. John A. Reed, Jr., affectionately known by many as “Pops” or “Pop Reed”, announced that Celebration of Life Services will be held next weekend, Friday night, September 6, and Saturday morning, September 7, at his beloved church, Fairview Missionary Baptist Church, 1700 N. E. 7th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, where he served as lead Pastor for over 61 years. Reverend Reed, born March 25, 1938, died suddenly on Monday, August 26, 2024, following a brief illness.

Funeral Services are under the direction Rolfe Funeral Home, 2936 NE 36th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73111 (405)424-4136.

THE SCHEDULE OF SERVICES IS AS FOLLOWS:

- **Thursday, September 5:** The body will lie in state at Rolfe Funeral Home for public viewing from 10am - 7pm.
- **Friday, September 6:** A **Community and Civil Celebration** will be held at Fairview Baptist Church. The body will lie in state from 6 - 7pm at the church. The Celebratory Service will begin at 7pm. This service is for the public and provides an opportunity for all to come and pay tribute to this great leader.
- **Saturday, September 7:** The **Homegoing Celebration** will be held at Fairview Baptist Church. The body will lie in state from 9 – 10am and the Celebration will begin promptly at 10am. There will be no viewing following the service. **Saturday’s service is for the following only:**
 - The Family of Reverend Reed
 - The Fairview Missionary Baptist Church Family
 - Central Baptist Church, Chandler, Reverend James E. Reed, Sr., Pastor
 - Galilee Baptist Church, Shawnee, Reverend Anthony Rhone, Pastor
 - Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Muskogee, Reverend Gary Hall, Pastor (formerly pastored by the late Reverend Dr. John A. Reed, Sr.)
 - Pastors and Ministers and their wives

All others should plan to attend Friday night’s Service or watch Saturday’s service by livestream.

In anticipation of an over capacity crowd at Fairview, **Frederick Douglass High School Auditorium, 900 N. Martin Luther King Avenue, Oklahoma City**, will be used for overflow seating on Friday night and Saturday, and the service can be viewed through streaming.

Friday night and Saturday services will be livestreamed nationwide through Fairview's social media streams, Facebook and YouTube (Fairview Missionary Baptist Church of OKC).

SPECIAL NOTICES:

Parking: Due to limited parking at the church, the **church parking lot for Saturday's service** is reserved for the family and designated dignitaries only. ALL OTHERS should park at Douglass High School (900 N. Martin Luther King Blvd). Shuttles will begin running, beginning at 8:30am to transport attendees to and from the church.

Condolences & Expressions: Resolutions and Expressions of Comfort should be emailed to communication@fairviewokc.com or mailed to Fairview Missionary Baptist Church, P. O. Box 36188, Oklahoma City, OK 73136. Mailed communications **must be received by Thursday, September 5**, to be acknowledged at the service.

Donations / Flowers: In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to the **John A. and Patricia F. Reed Scholarship Fund**. Donations may be made by check or online through www.givelify.com (select Fairview Baptist Church of Oklahoma City). Checks should be made payable to Fairview Baptist Church (indicate J. A. Reed, Jr. & Patricia F. Reed Scholarship in the Memo section).

Those desiring to send flowers should have them delivered to the church at 1700 N. E. 7th Street or to the home at 2816 Woodcreek Road, Midwest City, OK 73110.

OTHER NOTES: All mail (cards, notes, etc.) should be mailed to Fairview Missionary Baptist Church, P. O. Box 36188, Oklahoma City, OK 73136.

Electronic sentiments to the family can be left on Rolfe Funeral Home's website, www.rolfefuneralhome.com.

The Reed Family, as well as the Fairview Church Family, invite the nation to be a part of this celebration as we say "so long" to this servant of God. In his words, we bid him a final adieu, "Goodnight, dear Servant! We'll see you in the morning!"

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