



## Reverend Richard Lamar Breazeale

July 6, 1940 - January 22, 2024

Reverend Richard Lamar Breazeale, of Taylors, SC, was taken home to be with his Lord and Savior on January 22, 2024.

Lamar was born on July 6, 1940, to Joseph Ashley and Maggie Christopher Breazeale. He accepted Christ in his heart at a young age and surrendered to the Ministry at the early age of 15. After graduating from Taylors High School, he received his Theology degree from Holmes Bible College and then going on to Bob Jones University for a BA degree. He continued his education at Converse College where he received his Masters degree. He taught History at Blue Ridge High School from 1967 to 1970. He was an Associate Pastor at Faith Temple Church in Taylors, SC, and was Senior Pastor at Life Tabernacle Church in Greenville. It was there that he met and fell in love with his bride, Sybil Maddox. They pastored Dry Oak Assembly of God in Belton from 1970 to 1975.

Lamar moved his family to Haverhill, MA in 1976 to Pastor New Life Christian Assembly. While there, he founded a school – New Life Christian Academy and served as Senior Pastor until 1986 when he moved his family back to SC.

Returning to Greer, he pastored a small church & began teaching at Blue Ridge Middle School. After retiring, he continued to substitute teach at Mountain View Elementary, Skyland Elementary, Tigerville Elementary,

Northwest Middle School, Blue Ridge Middle School and Blue Ridge High School. He loved to take his guitar to all family gatherings/reunions/schools/churches/nursing homes to play, sing and witness for the Lord. He became very popular for his storytelling and cracking jokes. Most importantly, he had a great faith in God, made sure his family and friends knew the Lord, and he prayed for everyone he came in contact with. He always told us how much he loved us.

He was revered as the Patriarch of the Breazeale family.

Lamar is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Sybil Maddox Breazeale. Three children – daughter Kimberly Allen (Doug) - granddaughters Rachael & Leah; son Jeff (Beth)- grandsons Zack & David; son Todd -grandsons- Christopher(Melanie)-great grandchildren Ryleigh & Grayson, Justin (Alexis), and Cayden. Sisters – Becky Breazeale Bagwell, & Sherry Breazeale Outlaw (Frank). And many nieces and nephews.

He is predeceased by his parents, brothers-Chris Breazeale & Joel Slaton, and sister-Mary Jo Breazeale Thrasher (Bill). Lamar would always end his prayers with the following Scripture: “The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His Face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you PEACE” (Numbers 6: 24-26)

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, January 27th, 2024 at Praise Cathedral Church of God, 3390 Brushy Creek Road, Greer, SC. Visitation to begin 1:00pm – and services immediately following at 3:00pm.

In lieu of flowers, please donate in honor of Rev. Richard Lamar Breazeale to Miracle Hill Ministries, PO Box 2546, Greenville, SC 29602

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

Praise Cathedral Church of God  
3390 Brushy Creek Road  
Greer, SC

## Celebration of Life

JAN 27. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

HR

“ I am so sorry for you loss. Had a great relationship with Lamar playing with him at the nursing homes, churches, and at Skyland Elementary in the music room when he subbed . He will be missed. Had a lot of respect for Lamar.

Harold Rogers - January 29, 2024 at 09:06 AM

JG

“ This wonderful man was a huge part of my childhood starting at Skyland elementary, into blue ridge high. I remember he would come into class with his guitar in tow, and we would sing those silly songs the entire day, and he would do his impression of donald duck, always saying “his voice sounds like that because he eats too many coco puffs.” It didn't matter what age we were, we all wholeheartedly adored his visits. Mr. B had a beautiful, kindhearted soul that touched anyone and everyone he interacted with. While it's sad to have lost a wonderful individual such as him, He lives on through our memories. He'll be remembered in fond memory.

Jamie Good - January 27, 2024 at 02:46 PM

TM

“ The McLeods purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Reverend Richard Lamar Breazeale.



The McLeods - January 26, 2024 at 09:28 AM

AJ

“ I was the SRO at Northwest Middle School. I always loved it when he was at Northwest! My favorite song that he sang was “I’m My Own Grandpa”. We had lots of laughs!! I will miss him.

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**Allan Johnson** - January 25, 2024 at 02:23 PM

TL

“ As a former student of Skyland Elementary, I remember him coming to the school and subbing while bringing his guitar. He’s the only man that could get a class of third graders to sing “You Are My Sunshine” to their teacher. Prayers to his family.

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**TJ Lee** - January 24, 2024 at 07:23 PM