



## Bishop Dr. William L. Link

January 13, 1933 - May 19, 2019

Bishop Dr. William Leon Link, a son of the late Hugh R. Link, Sr. and Margaret Wickware Link, was born January 13, 1933 in Warren County, Kentucky. He was a graduate of State Street High School's Class of 1951, and he attended St. Augustine's University in Raleigh, North Carolina. He received his X-ray training from the University of Louisville and gained employment with the Medical Center of Bowling Green where he became the first black x-ray technician in town; he continued to work there for forty-one years in the Radiology Department where he became the Assistant Director.

On August 1, 1959, Bishop Link married the love of his life, Doris Jean Ford, at State Street Baptist Church. This union was blessed with three sons and fifty-nine years of joy and happiness.

Bishop Link was an evangelist from 1976-1980. Then, God called him to do more. He was the founding pastor of Christ Assembly Church from 1980-2014. He served as overseer of the church from 2014 to when God called him home. He loved teaching and ministering to God's people all while working at the Medical Center full-time and fulfilling his duties as a husband and father. He received his Doctorate of Theology (1997), Doctorate of Philosophy in Theology (2000), Bachelor's in Bible (2006), and Master's in Theology (2006) from the Great Commission Theological Seminary. He was also a founding

member of the South Central Kentucky Radiological Technology Society.

Bishop Link was an avid golfer in his spare time. He was well-known for hitting a hole-in-one at Covington Woods Park. He loved watching “westerns” on TV. He played basketball on a City League team and later coached the first integrated fast pitch softball team in town that later won a championship. Along with his parents, Bishop Link was preceded in death by son William Russell Link; brothers, Thurmon Link, Hugh “Bug” Link, Harold “Scouchie” Link, Larry Sweatt; sister, Alberta Link and Gloria Campbell; special friend, Ralph Gatewood, who he worked with for many years at the Medical Center of Bowling Green.

Bishop Link leaves many memories to cherish and honor with his wife, Minister Dr. Doris Ford Link; children, Bradley Link and Dr. Leon (Angie) Link; one grandchild, Breona Link; special nieces and nephew, those dear to his heart, Connie Campbell and Lloyd Campbell, both of Columbus, OH, Margaret “Sissy” Link of Bowling Green, KY; sister-in-law, Annie Grainger Link; brother-in-laws, Donald Ford and David Ford, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Sincerely,

-Your friends at Burnam and Son

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **22**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc.  
201 Center Street  
Bowling Green, KY 42101  
(270) 843-2336  
burnamson@mw.twcbc.com

## Visitation

MAY **23**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Christ Assembly Church  
506 Glen Lily Road  
Bowling Green, KY 42101

## Funeral Service

MAY **23**. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Christ Assembly Church  
506 Glen Lily Road  
Bowling Green, KY 42101

# Tribute Wall



“ *Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Bishop Dr. William L. Link*



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**Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc.** - May 22, 2019 at 05:17 PM



“ *I never was blessed enough to meet him however I pray he is watching us and helping guide ok ur way you didn't know me sir but you attempted to bless me. Even though I never received your gift I did receive faith from the gesture that there are truly good people in our world. Thank you for trying to see that goid in me.*

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**January Elshawa** - June 09, 2019 at 12:42 PM



“ *Antoinette Taylor lit a candle in memory of Bishop Dr. William L. Link*



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**Antoinette Taylor** - May 23, 2019 at 11:54 PM



“ *Shamekia Butts lit a candle in memory of Bishop Dr. William L. Link*



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**Shamekia Butts** - May 23, 2019 at 06:10 PM

RH

“ *From: Rev. Tay & Michelle Hutchins*

*I am thankful to have shared memories with Bishop Link. I will miss him and his impact on our family and anyone fortunate to have met him. Our family will not be the same without Big Cuz. I hope we can find comfort together during this difficult time. No words will ever do justice to the impact Bishop has left on our family. The legacy Bishop Link has left on our family is unmatched by any words that can be written. I will miss Bishop and will carry our memories together for the rest of my life. Bishop Billy Link made a difference in so many lives. I am thankful and proud to have been a member of his family, learning and growing from him. Where lives pass, memories carry on forever. Our father said this day would come; but I'm renewed in my beliefs that our savior welcomed him home and if we live with such pure love in our heart, we will see him again*

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**Rev. Hargitay Hutchins** - May 23, 2019 at 10:10 AM



“ *Mary Wafford lit a candle in memory of Bishop Dr. William L. Link*



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**Mary Wafford** - May 23, 2019 at 12:46 AM

LB

“ Leonard&Judith Boards lit a candle in memory of Bishop Dr. William L. Link



Leonard&Judith Boards - May 22, 2019 at 10:50 PM

KC

“ Kenny. And Crisandra Coleman lit a candle in memory of Bishop Dr. William L. Link



Kenny. and Crisandra Coleman - May 22, 2019 at 07:06 PM

AG

“ Alfred L Gordon purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Bishop Dr. William L. Link.



Alfred L Gordon - May 22, 2019 at 01:53 PM

HS

“ Henry & Mirt Shelton sent a virtual gift in memory of Bishop Dr. William L. Link



Henry & Mirt Shelton - May 22, 2019 at 01:14 PM

TS

“ *The Gamble Family (Scott, Kristina, Pam, & Scotty) purchased the My Soul Lives On Blanket for the family of Bishop Dr. William L. Link.*



**The Gamble Family (Scott, Kristina, Pam, & Scotty)** - May 22, 2019 at 11:01 AM

WF

“ *Whitney Family lit a candle in memory of Bishop Dr. William L. Link*



**Whitney Family** - May 22, 2019 at 08:51 AM

KB

“ *Kenneth Henry Bunton lit a candle in memory of Bishop Dr. William L. Link*



**Kenneth Henry Bunton** - May 22, 2019 at 01:10 AM

SJ

“ *Stella & JOE JEWELL lit a candle in memory of Bishop Dr. William L. Link*



**Stella & JOE JEWELL** - May 21, 2019 at 11:49 PM

LI

“ *LIVELY-CLARK lit a candle in memory of Bishop Dr. William L. Link*



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**LIVELY-CLARK** - May 21, 2019 at 10:45 PM

BG

“ *My Pastor, Bishop Link. Oh Lord, I thank you for Him and know that he is resting with you. To my family in Bowling Green, Mother Link, Pastor Link, Brother Brad and all of my Christ Assembly family, I love you and trust God to comfort and take care of you. I know that Bishop Link's transition home will be felt for a while. Jesus, comfort like only you know how. We love you all!*

*Deacon and Evangelist Gordon*

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**Barbara Gordon** - May 21, 2019 at 10:13 PM

DL

“ *DeAnna Lewis lit a candle in memory of Bishop Dr. William L. Link*



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**DeAnna Lewis** - May 21, 2019 at 08:20 PM

JS

“ *Jakki Snowden sent a virtual gift in memory of Bishop Dr. William L. Link*



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**Jakki Snowden** - May 21, 2019 at 08:12 PM

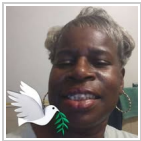
DB

“ *Dallas & Paula Butts lit a candle in memory of Bishop Dr. William L. Link*



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**Dallas & Paula Butts** - May 21, 2019 at 06:40 PM



“ *Shelia Beck lit a candle in memory of Bishop Dr. William L. Link*



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**Shelia Beck** - May 21, 2019 at 06:18 PM

LW

“ *Loretha Withrow lit a candle in memory of Bishop Dr. William L. Link*



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**Loretha Withrow** - May 21, 2019 at 03:38 PM

BR

“ *My condolences to the family during your time of bereavement.*



Beverly Ray - May 21, 2019 at 02:55 PM

GB

“ *Gladys Beason lit a candle in memory of Bishop Dr. William L. Link*



Gladys Beason - May 21, 2019 at 01:29 PM

BP

“ *Barb Page lit a candle in memory of Bishop Dr. William L. Link*



Barb Page - May 21, 2019 at 01:27 PM

DB

“ *Dewanda Byrd lit a candle in memory of Bishop Dr. William L. Link*



Dewanda Byrd - May 21, 2019 at 12:25 PM

BW

“ *Brenda Williams lit a candle in memory of  
Bishop Dr. William L. Link*



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**Brenda Williams** - May 21, 2019 at 11:55 AM

JP

“ Growing up in the ShakeRag community was specially pleasant due in part to our unofficial secondary recreation center, the side yards of the homes of the Link brothers, one on Chestnut Street and the other on 2nd Street. There we played sockball, checkers and horseshoes. Sockball was a version of basketball played using a sock stuffed with rags, an iron ring from who knows where and a piece of scrap plywood as a backboard. The sock was tossed in order to dribble and accomplish an offensive move. When the Links lived on 2nd Street the side yard was not spacious enough for sockball but perfect for pitching horseshoes. The boys Hugh. William and Harold or Bug, Billy and Scouchie, respectively were well-liked by just about everyone. Bug was a comedic genius. Billy was serious and was constantly teased by Bug because of his gentlemanlyness toward his girlfriends. It came as no surprise to me when he became a minister. Scouchie also had a bent for humour and was a good conversationalist. These were a good fit for his chosen profession. All three were athletically talented. One summer during my visit to BG, Bishop and I spent more than six hours in his office discussing Bible-based topics, primarily stemming from verses of Scripture which are variously interpreted and stand as bases for denominationalism or sectarianism. Many years following that meeting I thought about the joy that time being both qualitative and quantitative afforded the two of us. At that time we were both in our 60s. Now he has departed this life and now my emotional state is ambivalent, holding for myself as one vessel joyful memories along with the task of expressing my deepest and most sincere sympathy to his family, friends and church members. Joe L. Padgett , Ph.D.

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**Joe L. Padgett** - May 21, 2019 at 11:17 AM

TJ

“ I grew up with Bishop Link and his family. I am very thankful for the time we shared, Bishop will truly be missed. He is rejoicing in heaven with Jesus.

Tyffanee Lewis- Johnson - May 21, 2019 at 11:07 AM

HF

“ Hannah & Family lit a candle in memory of Bishop Dr. William L. Link



Hannah & Family - May 21, 2019 at 10:21 AM

BM

“ Bernard & Karon Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Bishop Dr. William L. Link



Bernard & Karon Mitchell - May 21, 2019 at 10:07 AM

BF

“ Praise The Good Lord! We love you Bishop, you mean so much to my family, and so many others. Thank you for being A Wonderful Pastor to my Family through all of these years.



Bernie Fugate - May 21, 2019 at 07:19 AM

SH

“ Shirley Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Bishop Dr. William L. Link



Shirley Hawkins - May 21, 2019 at 05:47 AM



“ Traci Mathews lit a candle in memory of Bishop Dr. William L. Link



Traci Mathews - May 21, 2019 at 01:12 AM

MH

“ Michelle & Mrs. Altar Ree Heater lit a candle in memory of Bishop Dr. William L. Link



Michelle & Mrs. Altar Ree Heater - May 20, 2019 at 11:03 PM

MB

“ Myrtle Bransford lit a candle in memory of Bishop Dr. William L. Link



Myrtle Bransford - May 20, 2019 at 09:56 PM

GS

“ Georgia Shobe lit a candle in memory of  
Bishop Dr. William L. Link



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**Georgia Shobe** - May 20, 2019 at 09:53 PM

CW

“ Chucky Whitney lit a candle in memory of  
Bishop Dr. William L. Link



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**Chucky Whitney** - May 20, 2019 at 09:19 PM

PW

“ Peggy Whitney lit a candle in memory of  
Bishop Dr. William L. Link



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**Peggy Whitney** - May 20, 2019 at 09:18 PM

CW

“ Chucky Whitney lit a candle in memory of  
Bishop Dr. William L. Link



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**Chucky Whitney** - May 20, 2019 at 09:17 PM

SL

“ Sabrina Loving lit a candle in memory of Bishop Dr. William L. Link



Sabrina Loving - May 20, 2019 at 08:56 PM

SL

“ Sabrina Loving sent a virtual gift in memory of Bishop Dr. William L. Link



Sabrina Loving - May 20, 2019 at 08:56 PM

Regina  
Caulfield

“ Regina Caulfield sent a virtual gift in memory of Bishop Dr. William L. Link



Regina Caulfield - May 20, 2019 at 07:27 PM

TF

“ Tina Fant lit a candle in memory of Bishop Dr. William L. Link



Tina Fant - May 20, 2019 at 07:06 PM

YW

“ I am truly mourning the death of Bishop Dr. Link. I will ALWAYS remember and celebrate his unique gifts that he brought in the ministry. There will NEVER be another HIM. FAMILY : Please know that my heart goes out to you all in your time of sorrow. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.



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**Yvonne W. Williams** - May 20, 2019 at 06:51 PM

SS

“ Sue Sweatt lit a candle in memory of Bishop Dr. William L. Link



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**Sue Sweatt** - May 20, 2019 at 06:48 PM

WW

“ Watheta Wynn lit a candle in memory of Bishop Dr. William L. Link



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**Watheta Wynn** - May 20, 2019 at 06:48 PM

DJ

“ Debra Jewell lit a candle in memory of Bishop Dr. William L. Link



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**Debra Jewell** - May 20, 2019 at 06:48 PM



“ *Dora Conyers lit a candle in memory of Bishop Dr. William L. Link*



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**Dora Conyers** - May 20, 2019 at 06:39 PM

TC

“ *Twana Claypool Cornett lit a candle in memory of Bishop Dr. William L. Link*



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**Twana Claypool Cornett** - May 20, 2019 at 05:57 PM

JS

“ *Jakki Snowden sent a virtual gift in memory of Bishop Dr. William L. Link*



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**Jakki Snowden** - May 20, 2019 at 05:30 PM

SC

“ *Suzie Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Bishop Dr. William L. Link*



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**Suzie Carpenter** - May 20, 2019 at 05:21 PM

NF

“ *Nell Ruth Hill & Family lit a candle in memory of Bishop Dr. William L. Link*



Nell Ruth Hill & Family - May 20, 2019 at 05:20 PM

LC

“ *Lisa Cook lit a candle in memory of Bishop Dr. William L. Link*



Lisa Cook - May 20, 2019 at 05:06 PM

GR

“ *Gail Rasmussen lit a candle in memory of Bishop Dr. William L. Link*



Gail Rasmussen - May 20, 2019 at 04:48 PM

NM

“ *Nathaniel & Bernadine Martin sent a virtual gift in memory of Bishop Dr. William L. Link*



Nathaniel & Bernadine Martin - May 20, 2019 at 04:27 PM

CH

“ Cheryl Hewitt lit a candle in memory of Bishop Dr. William L. Link



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cheryl hewitt - May 20, 2019 at 01:50 PM

HS

“ Bishop you are a Mighty Mighty man of God!Gone to Heaven to take up your Golden crown!Job well done!Brother & Sister Shelton



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Henry & Mirt Shelton - May 20, 2019 at 01:35 PM



“ R.I.P. Bishop Link. God bless you Mrs.Link and your family



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Richard Baker - May 20, 2019 at 01:25 PM

LO

“ Lolitamartin sent a virtual gift in memory of Bishop Dr. William L. Link



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Lolitamartin - May 20, 2019 at 01:22 PM

BM

“ *Berona Massey lit a candle in memory of Bishop Dr. William L. Link*



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**Berona Massey** - May 20, 2019 at 12:59 PM



“ *Marian Benton lit a candle in memory of Bishop Dr. William L. Link*



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**Marian Benton** - May 20, 2019 at 11:54 AM

TB

“ *Teresa Beason lit a candle in memory of Bishop Dr. William L. Link*



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**Teresa Beason** - May 20, 2019 at 10:24 AM



“ *Frank Alexander lit a candle in memory of Bishop Dr. William L. Link*



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**Frank Alexander** - May 20, 2019 at 10:16 AM

RM

“ Rachel Murrell lit a candle in memory of  
Bishop Dr. William L. Link



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**Rachel Murrell** - May 20, 2019 at 09:34 AM

MC

“ Mary Cole lit a candle in memory of Bishop  
Dr. William L. Link



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**Mary Cole** - May 20, 2019 at 09:30 AM

WA

“ Wanda Anthony lit a candle in memory of  
Bishop Dr. William L. Link



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**Wanda Anthony** - May 20, 2019 at 12:59 AM



“ Dear Link Family,

*There are few things more difficult than dealing with the loss of a loved one. We, along with our staff, are honored and humbled that you have chosen our family to care for your family during this time. It is our hope that we have been able, in some small way, to lighten your burden and give proper reverence to a life lived. Please let us know if we can be of further service.*



*Respectfully,*

*Carmen, Cedric, Claudia and Kelly  
2nd Generation Owners*

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**Cedric Burnam** - May 19, 2019 at 11:16 PM