

The Honorable Suffragan Bishop Art Ladd - Bio



Suffragan Bishop Art Ladd was born to Deacon F. A. Ladd and Missionary Annie H. Ladd in Burnt Corn, Alabama May 17, 1934 and was the 2nd of 15 children. During his earthly pilgrimage, he proved faithful to the Lord in serving and pastoring churches in Alabama, Mississippi, and Oklahoma; faithful to his wife, Marva of 62½ years, and faithful to his family, church family, and friends being a true man of God with unparalleled integrity. He entered eternal rest June 26, 2018.

Suffragan Bishop Art Ladd accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior and was saved as a teenager and taught Sunday School in his church. As a young man, he developed a deeper walk with the Lord and answered the Lord's call in ministry upon graduating high school. He met and fell in love with Marva Williams and quickly forsook "all others" as they eloped getting married in the neighboring state of Mississippi and then drove back to Alabama as husband and wife. In 1953, he accepted the Lord's call to pastor and was the first pastor of The Apostolic Church of God in Mobile, AL holding their first services in the living room of one the saint's home. This work grew and continues today as what is now the Apostolic Church of God Rapture Preparation Center in Mobile, AL.

In 1966, he moved his family of eight to Oklahoma City, OK. To the natural eye, the move was due to an Air Force base closing as Elder Art Ladd worked full time at the base as an aircraft mechanic as well as full time as pastor.

Upon arriving in Oklahoma City, it was revealed that the Lord had sent him alongside the late Elder B. L. Pitts at Apostolic Faith Church. For quite some time, the church had been fervently praying for the Lord to “send help from far and near.” The Lord answered those prayers and a few years later, he became pastor of the Apostolic Faith Church where he continued as pastor for over 45 years. He also pastored the Apostolic Faith Church in Stillwater, OK. In 1988, he received an honorary Doctors Degree from Pentecostal Bible College in Tuskegee, AL conferred by Bishop G. F. Austin. After an extended illness, the pastoral baton was passed to his son, Bobby Ladd in 2016.

Suffragan Bishop Art Ladd showed a genuine love for God’s people down through the years and particularly the Oklahoma State Council of the P.A.W. where he faithfully served in several positions including most recently, the State Sunday School Director. Suffragan Bishop Art Ladd was an enabler and encourager of many who crossed his path aspiring to the ministry of the Gospel. Today, several pastors in the state of Oklahoma and across the country at one time or another were pastored by Suffragan Bishop Art Ladd.

Suffragan Bishop Ladd's legacy lives on through the Oke City Community Church ministry under the pastorage of his son, Elder Bobby Ladd.