



Reverend A.C. Rhymes

June 8, 1931 - May 19, 2025

Reverend A.C. Rhymes, 93, was born on June 8, 1931 to Cuen and Eva (Chandler) Rhymes in Titus County of MT. Pleasant, Texas.

He departed from his earthly home for his Heavenly home on Monday, May 19, 2025

Rev. Rhymes was a faithful Christian servant. He really loved God and people. Rev. Rhymes took a special interest in working with young people and teaching them to live by the basic rules of the Bible. He was a good listener and tried to make everyone feel loved and respected. After he retired from teaching and counseling in School District 150 in Peoria, Illinois, he volunteered for over 20+ years to be with the Manual High School with students at least once a week to encourage them and their family. He also worked with Peoria Area Youth for Christ in encouraging students to go to youth for Christ summer camp a few years.

Rev. Rhymes was a member of Rising Sun Christian Missionary Church for many years. He was instrumental in helping them to build a new facility that included classrooms for their school.

Rev. Rhymes graduated from Moody Bible School in Chicago where he

studied Missionary work. He also graduated from Prairie View A&M College in Prairie, Texas, receiving his Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. He graduated from Illinois State University, Normal, IL with a Master's degree in counseling.

Rev. Rhymes first teaching job was to Navajo children on the Navajo Reservation near Cuba and New Mexico.

In 1955 Rev. Rhymes attended the World Baptist Alliance in London, England while serving in the U.S.A. Military in Hanau, Germany.

Rev. Rhymes' life motto was "Only one Life, and it will soon pass and only what is done for Christ will last".

Two of his famous Bible verses are Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not to your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct your path".

Rev. Rhymes leaves to cherish his precious memories: One adopted son, Theodore (Teawana) D. Johnson; one sister: Zenobia Russell; one brother: Bobby Jack (Marvella) Rhymes; four grandchildren: Dniko Johnson, Jamal Johnson, Tyjuan Brown, and Latoya Hightower; five great -grandchildren: Avaia Johnson, Kensley Ellis, Kendal Patterson, Keon Patterson, and Kaiden Hightower; several goddaughters; Elishira Roddy (Nene), Vernise Marshall, Paula Rhymes, Shalonda Bradley, Mary Cartledge Moore, Ophelia Lomack; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and brothers and sisters in Christ.

Rev. Rhymes was preceded in death by both of his parents and all his grandparents; six brothers: Raphel Rhymes, Castel Rhymes, Loyd D, Rhymes, Clayton Rhymes, Army Rhymes, J.T. (John Thomas) Rhymes; five sisters: Willie Lee, Miller Qualls, Reola Hardge, Madie Johnson, Rosie Lee Johnson.

Oh, what a day when we all meet with Jesus in heaven never to depart again from his joy and peace. Amen

A Celebration of Rev. Rhymes Life will be held on Friday, May 30, 2025, at Rising Sun Christian Church at 11:00 a.m. with visitation commencing one hour prior at the 10:00 a.m. Pastor John Gibson & First Lady Gigi Gibson will host and present the eulogy. Rev. Rhymes memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

Rev. A.C. Rhymes will be laid to rest in Parkview Cemetery.

Arrangements were made especially for the "Rhymes" family and professionally directed by T.W. Parks Colonial Chapel. Live streaming can be viewed by clicking the link for TW Parks Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/twparkscolonialchapel>. To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of "Rev. A.C. Rhymes" please visit our Sympathy Store.

Cemetery Details

Parkview Cemetery

2001 N. University
Peoria, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Rising Sun Christian Church
4310 W Charter Oak Rd
Peoria, IL 61615-3213
(309) 692-2786

Celebration of Life

MAY 30. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Rising Sun Christian Church
4310 W Charter Oak Rd
Peoria, IL 61615-3213
(309) 692-2786

Tribute Wall

VK

“ Vickie King lit a candle in memory of Reverend A.C. Rhymes



Vickie King - June 11, 2025 at 03:56 PM

LS

“ Loretta A Simpson lit a candle in memory of Reverend A.C. Rhymes



Loretta A Simpson - June 04, 2025 at 06:22 PM

CG

“ Cheryll Gordon lit a candle in memory of Reverend A.C. Rhymes



Cheryll Gordon - May 30, 2025 at 07:12 PM

SS

“ Great man he was and very inspirational meet Rev. Rhymes in Highschool at Manual he was such a sweet loving person and easy to talk to im glad I got the honor to keep up with him at my grandmother's church Rising Sun where I would see him on many occasions and listen to him spread the word. May his family be at peace and comfort at this hard time. May Rev.Rhymes spirit live on.
-Shatyra Shelton



Shatyra Shelton - May 30, 2025 at 08:52 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Reverend A.C. Rhymes.



May 29, 2025 at 08:47 PM

VM

“ Uncle A.C. you will be forever remembered and loved We love you and miss you Uncle A.C. May the Lord be with you !

Vernise Marshall - May 25, 2025 at 11:56 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Reverend A.C. Rhymes.

May 25, 2025 at 10:33 AM

JT

“ *Janette Terrell lit a candle in memory of Reverend A.C. Rhymes*



Janette Terrell - May 25, 2025 at 10:05 AM

MA

“ *Marshall Family, El Mirage Arizona planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Reverend A.C. Rhymes.*

Marshall Family, El Mirage Arizona - May 25, 2025 at 12:23 AM

MA

“ *Marshall Family, El Mirage Arizona purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Reverend A.C. Rhymes.*



Marshall Family, El Mirage Arizona - May 25, 2025 at 12:23 AM

TR

“ Sending our heartfelt prayers and condolences to the Rhymes family.

With love from Tifphanie and Stephanie Rhymes – twin daughters of the late Victoria Rhymes and granddaughters of the late Clayton Rhymes of Phoenix, Arizona.

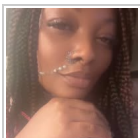
We are grateful for the life of our great uncle, Rev. A.C. Rhymes. He was deeply loved by our grandfather Clayton, my mother Victoria, and all our family. His joyful spirit, beautiful smile, and strong faith left a lasting mark on our lives. We remember his warm presence at family reunions, his visits to Arizona, and the meaningful conversations he shared with our grandfather.

As the first minister I knew in our family, Uncle A.C. inspired me to see ministry as a calling filled with honor and purpose.

We thank God for his legacy. May his memory continue to bless and inspire us all.

Tifphanie & Stephanie Rhymes

Tifphanie Rhymes - May 24, 2025 at 05:21 PM



“ My condolences to the family, M Rhymes was a great man of God. Our family met him at his church I believe back in the 90s with Reverend Sumner. I always liked talking to him when I needed advice. He will be truly missed

Barbie Jean - May 23, 2025 at 03:31 PM

PT

“ *Phyllis Thomas lit a candle in memory of Reverend A.C. Rhymes*



Phyllis Thomas - May 23, 2025 at 08:15 AM

AW

“ *You would come into Manual, Peoria High, Trewyn, and Roosevelt always bringing g the fresh of Joy everywhere you went. Thank you for all the prayers over me and mine. Sharing all your health remedies and having a love for the very easential need in our life. Alkaline Water. We all loved you and thank you for servicing our students with hope and perseverance. You will most definitely be missed.*

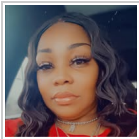
April Woodard - May 23, 2025 at 06:17 AM

DB

“ *Dorothea Banks-Burse sent a virtual gift in memory of Reverend A.C. Rhymes*



Dorothea Banks-Burse - May 23, 2025 at 03:29 AM



“ *We love you and will miss you Uncle A.C. May God bless your beautiful soul. I know you are amongst the angles.*

Renee Lind - May 22, 2025 at 07:32 PM

VG

“ RIP

Vicky L Gagliardi - May 22, 2025 at 06:22 PM

MH

“ Rest in Jesus teacher u will be missed



Mendy Hughes - May 22, 2025 at 04:33 PM

RH

“ Rena Webster Horton lit a candle in memory of Reverend A.C. Rhymes



Rena Webster Horton - May 22, 2025 at 08:18 AM

KS

“ Sending condolences to the famILY of Rev. Rhymes.
I first met him in Jr High at Trewyn many many years ago and later at the South Side Mission. He was an amazing man of God. He will truly be missed by so many that he has touched throughout his lifetime.

Kathleen Spearman - May 21, 2025 at 10:42 AM

TM

“ Rev. Rhymes was such a awesome Man of God. He minister to everyone and anyone. He loved all. May he continue to rest with the Lord.

Theresa McAfee - May 21, 2025 at 10:21 AM

PH

“ Glory to God, Minister Rhymes has made it home, It was always apart of his testimony that he was ready whenever The LORD was ready for him... He I believe has finished the race set before him... We the ministry of ST. PAUL PEORIA Nursing Home Team Ministry salute this homegoing celebration ... He ministered to & with us as we visited , Well Done Sir. Well Done, You will be missed.... but remembered ! Once Again Glory To God ...



Phillip E. Hickman - May 21, 2025 at 09:45 AM

KC

“ Kathy Collins lit a candle in memory of Reverend A.C. Rhymes



Kathy Collins - May 21, 2025 at 05:15 AM