



Pastor Neives A. "Big Kountry" Oglesby

July 29, 1971 - November 2, 2025

It has pleased the Almighty God to open Heaven's gate for Neives Avalon Oglesby, age 54, as we humbly submit to His divine will. Neives was born to the late Joel Oglesby and the late Birdie Mae Jones on July 29, 1971, in Potts Camp, Mississippi. He made his honorable transition on November 2, 2025.

From birth, Neives was nurtured in the Christian faith by his mother and grandmothers. He received Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age and became a devoted member of Reid's Gift M.B. Church in Potts Camp. Throughout his life, his faith remained a guiding force, and he later joined Love Praise Tabernacle in New Albany, MS, where he accepted his ministerial calling, and eventually Victory Temple in Tupelo, MS.

In early adulthood, he married Gala Mosley, and together they welcomed and raised two cherished children. In God's perfect timing, he entered a new chapter of life when he was united in holy matrimony to Asia Parks. Through this blessed union, their families were beautifully blended, two additional children were lovingly embraced, and God gifted them with a miraculous "miracle child," making them blessed parents of five.

After moving to Arkansas, Neives returned to school and earned his degree in Education, fulfilling a personal goal and preparing to serve his community and youth more effectively.

Throughout the years, Neives faithfully served God as a Pastor, shepherding the congregations of three churches: Shiloh M.B. Church in Earle, AR; Macedonia M.B. Church in Malden, MO; and Bethlehem M.B. Church in Helena, AR. Through his ministry, he touched countless lives, preaching, mentoring, and leading with love, wisdom, and unwavering faith.

Professionally, Neives' adventurous and outgoing spirit as a radio announcer earned him the nickname "Big Kountry." He was known throughout the furniture industry as the best frame builder, including at Barclay Furniture. He was the driver for the world-renowned Evelyn Turnetinne-Agee for over 10 years and was widely recognized as an exceptional M.C./Host for more than 25 years. Traveling across the United States, he earned the affectionate nickname "the Walking GPS" for his unmatched ability to give turn-by-turn directions from memory, down to the mile, the stoplight, or even the top of a hill — a true testament to his attention to detail and genuine desire to help others.

Neives was the drummer and manager for The Holy Voices and founder of the musical group Set Apart in 2013. His heart for youth extended into athletics, where he worked at the Boys & Girls Club over the Teen Department and formed the KMN AAU basketball teams. After relocating to Arkansas, he served as assistant basketball coach for the Earle Bulldogs, helping lead them to three consecutive State Championships, and later served as assistant coach for the Cross County Thunderbirds. His final place of employment was Langston Bags in West Memphis, AR.

Neives leaves a legacy of faith, love, and service. He is survived by one son, Neives O'Brian Oglesby of New Albany, MS; four daughters: Paula Marie Carter of Earle, AR; Malaysia An'Gel Parks, Malyhia Shuntel Parks, and Melanni-Grace Joyce Oglesby, all of West Memphis, AR; two sisters, Joyce

Howell-Bailey of Holly Springs, MS and Candace Sheridan of San Antonio, TX; and one brother, Clifton Darrell Oglesby of Detroit, MI. He also leaves three precious grandchildren: Sophie Marie Oglesby, Zyon Grace Carter, and Zharia Reign Carter; along with a host of nieces, nephews, and godchildren.

He is also remembered by his very special friends Harold T., Chante' Thornton, and Lorenzo, and a special goddaughter, Trina Johnson, each of whom held a meaningful place in his heart.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joel Oglesby and Birdie M. Jones; his grandparents, Ed and Pauline Oglesby and L.C. and Bernice Jones; and his beloved son, Neives Avolon Oglesby II, who lovingly welcomed him into eternal rest.

Neives A. Oglesby will be remembered as a devoted father, loving husband, faithful servant of God, Pastor, mentor, exceptional M.C., and a man whose life touched all who knew him.

Previous Events

Visitation (Final Viewing)

NOV **23**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Forrest City Civic Center
1335 North Washington Street
Forrest City, AR 72335

Service

NOV **23**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

IM

“ Irene Moore lit a candle in memory of Pastor Neives A. "Big Kountry" Oglesby



Irene moore - November 22, 2025 at 09:09 AM

ST

“ Ogelsby family and friends, Deepest Sympathy to your family and friends. Praying for comfort strength and peace today and the days ahead 🙏

Shirley Williams Thorn - November 21, 2025 at 07:14 PM

LW

“ Sending prayers of comfort & strength to the family 🕊️💔🙏 May you rest in the Lord, Big Country!! Linda Cook Walker

Linda Walker - November 15, 2025 at 11:54 PM

AS

“ Big Kountry you smiled even during your storm, you encouraged everybody around you...you had all the directions all the way around 20 down to 75...nobody I mean nobody could MC a program like you...your presence will be missed amongst the ppl that loved you dearly...take your rest I'm sure you will know which route to take when God says go...



April Stephens - November 15, 2025 at 05:17 PM

Margaret Collier

“ Margaret Collier lit a candle in memory of Pastor Neives A. "Big Kountry" Oglesby



Margaret Collier - November 15, 2025 at 03:48 PM

KY

“ Thank you for making me feel comfortable in your home for encouraging me to keep going and to not accept less than you was a pretty cool dude love you ❤️ 100 Asia I pray for you and them girls I pray God covering over you don't allow the enemy to come keep praying and keep pushing you got this and you WILL make it Love you REAL big sis you was an AWESOME wife and don't you never forget that 100 🌹 🌸

Kyra - November 14, 2025 at 11:10 AM

LC

“ Leslie Curry lit a candle in memory of Pastor Neives A. "Big Kountry" Oglesby



Leslie Curry - November 13, 2025 at 09:13 PM

LC

My condolences to his family. We went to high school at Potts Camp.

Leslie Curry - November 13, 2025 at 09:15 PM

AR

Our condolences to the family! You're in our prayers!

Alberta Rutherford-Gibbs - November 13, 2025 at 09:24 PM

DT

Neives is more than a friend to me he is my brother. We grew up less than a mile from each other. My condolences and prayers to the family. God bless.

David Turnage - November 13, 2025 at 11:47 PM

LJ

“ *You will be deeply missed..*

Lashundria Johnson - November 13, 2025 at 07:42 PM

NW

“ *Nakia Wilson lit a candle in memory of Pastor Neives A. "Big Kountry" Oglesby*



Nakia Wilson - November 13, 2025 at 07:42 PM

AJ

“ *This was a great friend ! We meet back in the day @ Rust NYSP. He & his brother where from the New Albany area & we became great friends !!*

Miss u PASTOR, Rest well sir

Anthony Jones - November 13, 2025 at 06:46 PM



“ *Sending my deepest sympathy and condolences to all family and friends may God be a comfort and strength during your time of bereavement 🙏🕊️🙏*

Angie Rutherford - November 13, 2025 at 04:50 PM

DS

“ Our hearts are with the family of this remarkable man of God, and our prayers rise on their behalf. He was truly a legend in his time, whose life and testimony boldly reflected his unwavering faith in God and in Christ. We will deeply miss his vibrant spirit and the passion with which he inspired us to join in the work of God. Rest peacefully in His embrace, my friend.

Dr. Brian Schaeffer - November 13, 2025 at 03:45 PM

PS

“ I remember the times when my parents were living and my father was the Pastor at Wilson Chapel in New Albany, Ms how whenever we had programs there Big Kountry knew just how to MC a program and had the church up on their feet! We always had a good time. Pastor Nieves rest in Paradise!



Peggie Starks - November 13, 2025 at 11:54 AM

JW

“ Condolences to all his family and friends.

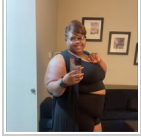


Jennifer Smith Whitelow - November 13, 2025 at 09:51 AM

MK

Sorry for your lost Mattie king Banks

Mattie King - November 13, 2025 at 10:49 AM



“Gone but never ever will you be forgotten my friend....quarter world personal GPS ☐☐😭😭😭

Julie Brown - November 13, 2025 at 08:03 AM

JS

Bishop jeffie And first Lady Patricia smith and Love Praise Tabernacle church send there Love and condolence prov:3:5-6 Trustees in the Lord he will see you all throu

Jeffie smith - November 13, 2025 at 01:04 PM

TM

“He loved his Victory Temple family and the kids loved him so much! He helped orchestrate a benefit program for my daughter when she had cancer. For that I'll be forever grateful!

Tamara Macon - November 13, 2025 at 07:59 AM

TW

“We shared god-parents so when he wasn't on stage he always had jokes and I thought he was one crazy dude... But WHEN he got on stage to MC a program BOY he made me proud. I forgot about what crazy thing he said prior. My condolences to the family ☐🙏☐ Take Your Rest Little BIG Brother

Trinise Westbrook - November 13, 2025 at 07:21 AM

MK

“Prayers and condolences to the family of Mr. Nieves. I met him at the New Albany Boys & Girls Club. He was always willing to work with and for the youth.

Melanie Keys - November 13, 2025 at 04:15 AM

MB

“ I want to send my Condolences to Neives family and friends □ HE was a great Man of God. We go a long way back at LOVE Praise Tabernacle in New Albany. I Pray that Gid you all Strength.

Malisa Baldwin - November 13, 2025 at 01:21 AM

DG

“ My prayers and condolences to the family.



Dorothy Gibson - November 13, 2025 at 12:46 AM

CR

“ Cornetha Rose lit a candle in memory of Pastor Neives A. "Big Kountry" Oglesby



Cornetha Rose - November 12, 2025 at 11:40 PM

TO

“ Tonisha lit a candle in memory of Pastor Neives A. "Big Kountry" Oglesby



tonisha - November 12, 2025 at 11:20 PM

PT

May God bless you and your family. This is a purpose for all things. Thru this, I pray God gets the Glory.

Paulette Turner - November 12, 2025 at 11:33 PM

LM

So sorry for your loss, I will miss Neives he would help anyone

Larry Turner 1048c.r.68 myrtle ms - November 12, 2025 at 11:34 PM

CR

Neives "Big Kuntry" Oglesby you will be terribly missed my many. May you rest in the Lord Preacher My former Pastor 🥰🙏

Cornetha Rose - November 12, 2025 at 11:39 PM

JS

Bishop Jeffie First Lady Patricia Smith And Love Praise Tabernacle Church Family Send our Love and Prayers

jeffie smith - November 13, 2025 at 09:24 AM