

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Bishop Eddie L. Long

PERSON

Long, Eddie

Alternative Names: Bishop Eddie L. Long;

Life Dates: May 12, 1953-January 15, 2017

Place of Birth: Charlotte, North Carolina, USA

Work: Lithonia, GA

Occupations: Pastor

Biographical Note

Pastor Bishop Eddie Lee Long was born on May 12, 1953 in Huntersville, North Carolina, to Floyd and Hattie Long. Long graduated from North Mecklenburg High School in Huntersville, North Carolina in 1972. In 1976, he earned his B.A. degree in business administration from North Carolina Central University in Durham, North Carolina where he became a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated.

From 1979 until 1981, Long worked for the Ford

Motor Company as a zone manager in parts and services. He then was hired at HoneyWell where he worked in the energy management division from 1981 until 1987. In 1986, Long received his M.A. degree in divinity from the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia, and in 1987, he became the senior pastor of the New Birth Missionary Baptist Church in Lithonia, Georgia. Since his installation, New Birth's membership has multiplied to well over 30,000 members. In 2001, Long began serving as co-chair for the "Hosea Feed the Hungry" Project, and in 2004, he established a mentorship program known as the Longfellows Summer Academy in order to assist in the mental, physical and spiritual development of young men between the ages of twelve and sixteen. In 2006, Long earned his Ph.D. in pastoral ministry from the International College of Excellence in Tampa, Florida.

Long served as a member on several boards including the Morehouse School of Religion Board of Directors (Vice President); Board of Trustees for North Carolina Central University; Board of Trustees for Young Life; Board of Directors for Safehouse Outreach Ministries; and 100 Black Men Of America. Long authored numerous books, including I Don't Want Delilah, I Need You; Power of a Wise Woman; What a Man Wants, What a Woman Needs; Called to Conquer; Taking Over; It's Your Time!; Gladiator: The Strength of a Man; The Blessing in Giving and Deliver Me From Adam.

Long married Vanessa Griffin Long, a native of Columbus, Georgia on March 10, 1990. They were married at Central United Methodist Church. Long had two adult children, Eric and Edward, and two teenage children, Jared and Taylor.

Bishop Eddie Lee Long was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on February 28, 2008.

Long passed away on January 15, 2017.

Related Entries

North Mecklenburg High School [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

Diploma

Rand Elementary School [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

Robert Lacy Ranson Junior High School [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

Northwest Junior High School [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

North Carolina Central University [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

Bachelors

Ford Motor Company [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1979 to 1981]

Zone Manager

Honeywell, Inc. [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1981 to 1987]

Management

New Birth Missionary Baptist Church [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1987 to ?]

Bishop

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated [MEMBEROF]

[from 2002 to 2003]

Member

100 Black Men [MEMBEROF]

[from 2007 to 2015]

Business Leader

North Carolina Central University [MEMBEROF]
[from 2005 to 2011]

Board of Trustees

Beulah Heights [MEMBEROF]
[from 1992 to ?]

Board of Directors