

# Supervisor Romaine Dedicates a Portion of Brookhaven Avenue in Bellport to Honor Bishop Ralph L. Jefferson

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*Pictured left to right are Bishop Jefferson's daughter Theresa Partlo, granddaughter Monique, Bishop Ralph L. Jefferson, Supervisor Ed Romaine, Victoria Castor, son Joseph Jefferson, Bishop Hobson and Bishop Jefferson's sister Dorothy. Seated is the Bishop's wife Mother Ada Jefferson.*

**Farmingville, NY** - On Saturday, August 10, Supervisor Ed Romaine joined with civic and religious leaders, residents, family and friends to celebrate the Town's renaming of a portion of Brookhaven Avenue in Bellport in honor of Bishop Ralph L. Jefferson, founder of the Jefferson Temple Church of God in Christ.

"Bishop Jefferson has been a driving force in the Bellport community for many years," said Supervisor Romaine. "His work touches the lives of so many people and what better way to recognize his contributions than to name a street in his honor,"

Bishop Jefferson, who recently celebrated his 80th birthday, is a decorated veteran who was wounded in action during the Korean War. In 1964, he started his church in a twelve seat taxi stand and later established four churches in Port Jefferson, Selden, Centereach and Bellport. In 1988, he was voted "Man of the Year" by the Long Island Advance. Bishop Jefferson is held in high regard and respected by residents of the Bellport area for his many years of service to the community.

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