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Cooper, Joyce Branham
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Freeman, Aaron Loman
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Gamer, Carolyn (2019)

Gilmore, Hazel Juanita
Harrison (2007)

Glover, Charles Edward II
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Donald (2013)

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(2019)

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Outlaw, Doris Beverly (2013)

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(2017)

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(2018)

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A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Susie Mae Powers Akins

SUNRISE - MAY 13, 1943 - SUNSET - AUGUST 14, 2019

ST. JOHN AME CHURCH

*229 Church Street
Huntsville, Alabama 35801*

THE REV. MAURICE WRIGHT, II
Servant Pastor

PSALMS 121:1-8

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

*The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth,
and even for evermore.*

2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord,

the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only,

but unto all them also that love his appearing.



- Obituary -

Mrs. Susie Mae Powers Akins transitioned this life quietly on the morning of Wednesday, August 14, 2019. She was the youngest daughter of the late Mr. Monroe Powers and Mrs. Dicie Powers. Mrs. Akins was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Mr. George Powers and Mr. Alfred Powers and four sisters, Mrs. Viola Ward, Mrs. Ailean Wilkins, Mrs. Norma Powers-Jenkins and Mrs. Mary Alice Johnson. And her late husband, Mr. John Thomas Akins.

Mrs. Akins was a graduate of William Hooper Councill High School in 1964. While at Councill High, she was a member of the Councill High Marching Tigers. After graduation, she enrolled at historic Tennessee State University in Nashville, Tennessee. There she met and married Mr. John T. Akins.

Her employment began in Nashville at R. L. Polk Publishing Company as a copy editor. After returning to Huntsville, she was employed at Hundley Batts and Associates as an insurance agent. As an agent she rose in the ranks to hold membership in several insurance organizations, such as the Insurance Women of Huntsville where she served as secretary. She was also the committee chair for the 2000 Alabama State Insurance Women's Conference which was held in Huntsville. She was a member of the National Association of Insurance Women-Region III. She enjoyed traveling to conferences with her co-workers, Mrs. Patricia Hughes, Mrs. Barbara McCrary, Hundley Batts, Jr. and Mr. Michael Vance. She retired after thirty-one years with Hundley Batts and Associates. Mrs. Akins was known affectionately as Aunt Susie, Sue Mae, Mrs. Akins, but for most she was the "Insurance Lady." And she was all our insurance Lady. Her family was her clients.

She was a life-long member of St. John AME Church having committed her life to Christ at an early age under the pastoral leadership of Rev. Foxx. Her joy was singing in the choir.

Mrs. Akins leaves to cherish her memory a loving and devoted daughter, Mrs. Yolanda Akins-Madry (Eural) of Huntsville. A loving and truly devoted son, who was committed to "not letting her walk this journey alone," Mr. Ilerya Akins of Huntsville. She had three loving brothers, Mr. Monroe Powers (Lorraine) of South Pittsburg, TN., Mr. Donald Powers (Carolyn) of Huntsville, and Mr. Charles Edward Powers (Annie) of Huntsville. Her most cherished relationships were those with her grandchildren, Brianna Madry and the twins, Noah and Christian Akins. Three special nieces, Mrs. Veronica Curtis-Richie, Ms. Barbara Johnson and Mrs. Gloria Batts, who kept her laughing, attempted to control the remote and enjoyed watching MSNBC with her 24/7. Many other nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, cousins and friends will remember her fondly.



- Order of Service -

Processional..... Soft Music

Selection..... St. John Choir
Blessed Assurance

Scripture

Old Testament.....Psalms 121:1-8 Rev. Charles Glover

New Testament2 Timothy 4:6-8 Rev. Meriam Garrett

Prayer..... Rev. Dr. James Johnson

Selection..... St. John Choir

Reflection..... Mrs. Patricia Hughes, Co-worker & Friend
Hundley Batts and Associates

Resolution..... Dr. Jeanette Jones

Selection..... St. John Choir

Eulogy..... Rev. Maurice Wright, II
Servant Pastor
St. John AME Church

Mortician..... Royal Funeral Home

Recessional



I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free. I'm following the path that God laid for me.

*I took his hand when I heard him call, I turned back and left it all. I could not
 stay another day. To laugh, to love, to work, or play.*

Tasks left undone must stay that way.

I found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void, fill it with remembered joy.

*A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss. Oh yes, these things, I too
 will miss.*

*Be not bothered with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My
 life's been full; I savored much, good friends.*

Good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief.

Don't lengthen now with undo grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me;

God wanted me now, He set me free.

Our Family



Our Family

*The Powers Sisters
Mary Alice Johnson, Susie Akins,
Ailean Wilkins, Norma Jenkins*



*Grandchildren
Noah Akins, Christian Akins,
Brianna Madry*



*The Son & Daughter
Ilerya & Yolanda*



*Aunt Susie at her 70th Birthday Party with
Nephew Ron.*



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Interment

*Valhalla Memory Gardens
698 Winchester Road
Huntsville, Alabama 35811*

Repast

*St. John AME Church
S.S. Hereford Fellowship Hall
229 Church Street
Huntsville, AL 35801*

Immediately following the Interment Service

Acknowledgements

The family of Mrs. Susie Mae Powers Akins wishes to express sincere thanks to our many friends, neighbors, and church family for their many acts of kindness. Your prayers, visits, phone calls, cards, floral tributes and many acts of sympathy are sincerely appreciated. May God continue to abundantly bless you is our prayer.



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ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude
Processional
Opening Hymn.....Congregation
"BLESSED ASSURANCE"
Prayer.....Reverend Charles Glover
Scriptural Reading.....Reverend Claudwell Campbell
II Corinthians 12:1-10
Romans 8:28
Musical Selection.....St. John A.M.E. Church Mass Choir
Reflections (2-3 minutes)
Community.....Dr. Dorothy Huston
Business.....Attorney Kevin Crenshaw, J.D.
Education.....Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr.
PRESIDENT OF ALABAMA A&M UNIVERSITY
Musical Selection.....Kimberly Wright Thomas
"FOR EVERY MOUNTAIN"
Eulogy.....Reverend Patrick D. Clayborn, Ph.D.
Closing Prayer
Recessional....."When We All Get to Heaven"

I'm Free

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I'm following the path God has chosen for me.
I took His hand when I heard him call; I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day. To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way;
I've found peace at the end of the day.
If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss; oh yes, these things, I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow, look for the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much;
good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.
Perhaps my time seems all too brief;
don't lengthen your pain with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and peace to thee, God wanted me now- He set me free.

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HOMEGOING
CELEBRATION OF

**BRIAN
JEROME
BALDWIN**

SUNRISE
FEBRUARY 7, 1979

SUNSET
OCTOBER 29, 2015

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2015 AT 12:30PM

MADKINS CHAPEL
CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
2403 OAKWOOD ROAD - HUNTSVILLE, AL 35810

REVEREND ENDIA J. SCRUGGS, PASTOR
REVEREND PATRICK CLAYBORN, Ph.D., OFFICIATING

BRIAN JEROME BALDWIN



Brian Jerome Baldwin had a zest for life, a special quality derived from his extraordinary leadership, scientific and creative skill sets and his kind demeanor. From the day of his birth, February 7, 1979 - to the day of his death, October 29, 2015, his zest was a blessing to his parents, Jerry and Gwendolyn Baldwin. From this day of his marriage, May 17, 2008—it was also a blessing to his wife, Latosha Tajalle Baldwin.

Early in life, Brian demonstrated exceptional leadership skills. In quest of an internship, the 13-year-old Brian described himself as having “a great deal of drive” and “a desire to generate new ideas.” He was president of the Student Government Association at the Academy for Science and Foreign Language in 1993. Later, he served as president of his Johnson High School senior class. Then, in 1997, he won an Alabama A. and M. University Presidential Leadership Scholarship.



Brian was destined to earn a bachelor's degree in physics and mathematics long before he enrolled at Alabama A. and M. University. His aptitude for the STEM disciplines was transparent as he won first place awards in science fair competitions through his elementary and middle school studies. He won the Lionel Hampton U.S. Space Camp Scholarship and completed Science Summer Training Programs at Alabama A. and M. University from 1989 through



1992. His scientific achievements continued as he consistently completed summer internships at the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command's Research Development, and Engineering Center at Redstone Arsenal. Mentored by senior engineers, he gained a wealth of technical experience and networking skills.



Coupled with his technical and scientific development was a growing love for music and the arts. Brian won medals for his performance on the tuba and trombone and sang in the junior choir at St. John A.M.E. Church. As an adult, he continued to exhibit a profound appreciation for music. He also enjoyed looking at model homes and apartments, watching the history channel, working on computer designs, and spending time with his family. His parents remember him as a kind, caring, and loving son. His wife remembers him as a loving and loyal husband who protected her and embraced her family.

His character was strengthened by doting parents who provided him the best possible opportunities and modeled sound Christian Values.



Those values were nurtured through his membership in St. John A.M.E. Church where he served with persons of like minds on the junior usher board. There he was also an acolyte and treasurer of the Youth Department. There he comprehended the values of the Boy Scouts motto, a feat which helped him earn the rank of Eagle Scout. Believing in leadership by example, Brian thought that the church and scouting equipped him “to glorify the name of God.” He held them in high regard. Thus the impact of his achievements span beyond the boundaries of family.



In 2009, Brian started his own company, Chief Entertainment, at the age of 34. He took a leap of faith and became a full-time entrepreneur. He provided entertainment services for local, national and international entertainers and events.

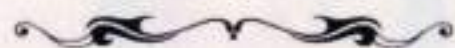


He employed many people and through that touched many loves.

Those who celebrate his achievements include his wife: Latosha Baldwin; his parents: Jerry and Gwendolyn Baldwin of Huntsville; his uncle: Foster (Regina) Davis, Jr.; his cousins: Jasmine and Brandon Davis, all of Selma, AL; two great-aunts: Annette Brooks and Lucy B. Smith of Selma, AL; his mother-in-law: Deborah Tajalle of Huntsville, AL; his brother-in-law: Fernando (Sonya) Tajalle of Huntsville, AL and Jeremiah Tajalle of Huntsville, AL; other relatives and friends.



ORDER OF SERVICE



Processional

Opening Hymn.....Congregation
"450 BLESSED ASSURANCE"

Prayer.....Reverend Charles Glover

Scripture Reading.....Reverend James Johnson
Old Testament.....Psalm 23
New Testament.....John 14:1-5

Reflections (3 minutes)

Co-worker.....Mr. Thad Henry
Neighbor.....Mr. James Hatchett
Church Member.....Colonel James Heyward

Musical Tribute.....Alpha Ensemble

Resolution & Acknowledgements.....Dr. Jeanette Jones

Selection.....St. John Mass Choir

Eulogy.....*Sleeping w/ Anticipation*
John 14:1-3 Let Not Your Heart
Be Troubled.
1 Corinthians Behold I show you a mystery
Pastor Maurice Wright II

Mortician.....Royal Funeral Home, Inc.

Recessional....."When We All Get to Heaven"

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Homegoing Celebration



JERRY JEROME BALDWIN

SUNRISE
January 7, 1945

SUNSET
February 23, 2017

TWELVE NOON
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2017

St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church
229 CHURCH STREET • HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA 35801

PASTOR MAURICE WRIGHT II, OFFICIATING

JERRY JEROME BALDWIN



Jerry Jerome Baldwin was born to Jerry and Aurelia Harris Baldwin in Montgomery, Alabama on January 7, 1945. He transitioned on February 23, 2017. "What mattered most... was the dash between those dates." (Linda Ellis) Jerry made a difference by acquiring an excellent education, doing valuable work, developing a wholesome family life, and giving worthwhile community service.

He filled the dash between the dates with an excellent education. After graduating from Alabama State Laboratory High School, he earned a bachelor's degree in electronics from Tuskegee University and a master's degree in personnel administration from Alabama A&M University. From the National Defense Industrial Association, he earned certification as a configuration and data manager. From the Institute of Configuration Management and Arizona State University's College of Engineering and Applied Sciences he earned Management II certification. Equipped with excellent technical skills and knowledge, he made profound contributions to the Marshall Space Flight Center.

After serving as a configuration management supervisor with the United Space Boosters, Incorporated, he joined the configuration Management branch of the Marshall Space Flight Shuttle Projects Office. There he held a series of challenging positions, including Configuration and Data Management Team Lead, Deputy HH Group Lead and Senior Lead Configuration and Data Management Auditor for the Product Assurance Office of the Marshall Space Flight Engineering Directorate. In each position, he exhibited superior leadership skills and provided technical directions to teams of professional engineers and specialists assigned to major programs and projects. He also assisted with the supervision and management of civil servants, monitored contracts and served as contracting officer.

Jerry's wholesome family life was equally as successful as his productive career. On August 5, 1972, he married Miss

Gwendolyn Davis whom he met at Alabama A&M University. Their 44-year marriage fostered a supportive and enriching bond of love, friendship, and family life. He enjoyed spending time with their son Brian and volunteering with his band and Boy Scout activities. Together, the family worshipped at St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church where Jerry was a longtime steward.

Filling his dash with worthwhile community service, he chose activities closely aligned with his family and career. Just as he served through supporting Brian's activities, he also volunteered for science-related community service. For many years, he judged science fairs in local school competitions and served as facilitator to a NASA employee team which completed several improvement projects. As a member of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, he developed guidelines and criteria for the organization's Annual Career Enhancement Award. Moreover, he was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated.

Jerry's character, work ethics and excellent skills caused others to fill his dash with honors and commendations. In 1977, the Jaycees named him "Outstanding Young Man of the Year." Marshall Space Flight Center awarded him numerous honors, including recognition for contributions to Space Shuttle, 100 Missions and recognition as 41-D Launch Honors. He also received the Silver Snoopy Award for outstanding contributions to flight safety and mission success. In 2006, he received a letter of appreciation for his "exceptional work" and his "ability to handle tough questions with tact and grace." The dash between his entry and departure from this world is filled with achievement. His was a life well lived. Jerry Baldwin made a difference.

Jerry was predeceased by his parents and his son. His survivors include his dedicated wife: Gwendolyn Davis Baldwin of Huntsville, AL; three aunts: Rebecca Harris, Bernice Phillips and Mae Askew all of Cleveland, OH; one uncle: James Harris of Cleveland, OH; his daughter-in-law: Latosha Baldwin of Huntsville, AL; his brother-in-law: Foster (Regina) Davis of Selma, AL; his nephew: Brandon (Kimberly) Davis of Selma, AL; nieces: Jasmine Davis and Kurmura Davis of Selma, AL; several godchildren; and special driver and caretaker, Jerome Everson.



I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.
I'm following the path God has chosen for me.
I took His hand when I heard him call;
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day.
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way;
I've found peace at the end of the day.
If my parting has left a void,
then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;
oh yes, these things, I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
look for the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much;
good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.
Perhaps my time seems all too brief;
don't lengthen your pain with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and peace to thee,
God wanted me now— He set me free.*



In Loving Memory



HERMAN BALLARD

SUNRISE
November 8, 1931

SUNSET
August 27, 2020

11:00 A.M.
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2020

*Saint John African
Methodist Episcopal Church*
229 Church Street • Huntsville, Alabama 35801

PASTOR MAURICE WRIGHT, OFFICIATING

OBITUARY



Herman Ballard was born November 8, 1931 to the late Myrtha and Lee Ballard in Mayaline, Alabama.

Herman accepted Christ as his personal Savior at an early age and joined Rock Missionary Baptist Church. On February 13, 1968, he joined St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church in Huntsville, Alabama, where the late Reverend Samuel S. Hereford was the pastor. Under the late Reverend Dr. Homer McCall, he served as a Steward and member of the Men's Choir.

On June 18, 1959, Herman married the love of his life Margaret Stewart. As the result of their 54-year union, they were blessed with two daughters.

Herman joined the U.S Marine Corps on December 14, 1951. He graduated from Wenonah Trade School in Birmingham, Alabama with a certificate in Commercial Cooking. Herman continued to follow his passion for the culinary arts. As a newlywed, he accepted a position as a Chef at Michael's Restaurant and relocated to Huntsville, Alabama. During his culinary career, he worked for Valley Hill Country Club, Clocktower and took a leap of faith and opened his own restaurant in Decatur, Alabama.

Herman left to be with the Lord on August 27, 2020 and is preceded in death by his brothers: Lee Ballard Jr., Charles Ballard and his loving and devoted wife, Margaret Ballard.

Herman is survived by his sister, Minnie (William) French; brothers: Hayward Ballard and Fred Ballard; two daughters: Reverend Vicki (Donald) Mayberry and Reverend Debra Ballard; one son, Fred (Lakisha) Holman; five grandchildren: Bobby Rice Jr., Christina (Nathan) Sanders-Hankins, Janelle Woods, Sabrina Holman and Rihanna Holman; two great-grandchildren: Braelyn Rice and Zoë Hankins; and a host of nieces and nephews.



The Broken Chain

We little knew that morning
that God was going to call your name,
In life we loved you dearly;
in death we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
you did not go alone;
For part of us went with you,
the day God called you home.
You left us peaceful memories,
your love is still our guide;
And though we cannot see you,
you are always at our side.
Our family chain is broken,
and nothing seems the same,
But as God call us one by one,
the chain will link again.

-Anonymous



ORDER OF SERVICE



Prelude.....Musician

Processional....."I Shall Wear a Crown"

Opening Hymn.....Congregation
#513 TIME IS FILLED WITH SWIFT TRANSITION"

Prayer.....Reverend Dwight E. Dillard
PRESIDING ELDER
BIRMINGHAM-FLORENCE-TUSCALOOSA DISTRICT

Scripture Readings.....Reverend Bruce Hunter
PRESIDING ELDER
SOUTH BIRMINGHAM-HUNTSVILLE-BESSEMER DISTRICT

Selection.....Brother Reggie Pearson

Reflection.....Reverend Vicki Mayberry

Selection.....Brother Reggie Pearson

Eulogy.....Reverend Maurice Wright

Mortician.....Royal Funeral Home, Inc.

Recessional....."I Can Only Imagine"

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*Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair;
Perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console the heart,
We thank you so much whatever the part.*

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In Loving Memory



HERMAN BALLARD

SUNRISE
November 8, 1931

SUNSET
August 27, 2020

11:00 A.M.
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2020

*Saint John African
Methodist Episcopal Church*
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PASTOR MAURICE WRIGHT, OFFICIATING

Order of Service



Eleven o'clock a.m.
Saturday, January 18, 2014

Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church

229 Church Street • Huntsville, Alabama 35801

Reverend Patrick D. Clayborn, PhD
Pastor and Officiating Minister



Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn.....Congregation
513—Time is Filled with Swift Transition

Prayer.....Reverend Dwight E. Dillard
Presiding Elder,
Birmingham, Florence Tuscaloosa District

Scriptural Readings.....Reverend Oliver Allen, Jr.
Presiding Elder,
South Birmingham, Huntsville, Bessemer District

Selection.....St. John A.M.E. Church Mass Choir

Reflections (2-3 minutes).....Mr. Bobby Rice, Jr.
Mr. Rufus Gilmore, III
Reverend Vicki Mayberry

Solo....."It is Well".....Reverend Dennis Deloach
Pastor,
Matthew's Chapel A.M.E. Church

Eulogy.....Reverend Patrick D. Clayborn, PhD

Closing Prayer.....Reverend Homer McCall, D. Min.

Mortician.....Royal Funeral Home, Inc.

Recessional

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A CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE
for

Margaret Ree Ballard

June 21, 1938 - January 13, 2014



Margaret Ree Ballard

Margaret Ree Ballard was born June 21, 1938 to the late Reverend Memphis T. Stewart and Mary Jane Stewart in Boothton, Alabama.

She accepted Christ as her personal Savior and joined Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church at the tender age of eleven where the late Reverend Carswell was the pastor. After moving to Bessemer in 1950, Margaret joined Ward Chapel A.M.E. Church under the late Reverend Dennis.

Margaret eagerly obtained her education in Boothton and Bessemer. She graduated from Dunbar High School in 1956 and received a certificate in Practical Nursing in 1971 from J.F. Drake Technical College.

On June 18, 1959, Margaret married Herman Ballard and relocated to Huntsville, Alabama. As a result of their 54-year union, Herman and Margaret were blessed with two daughters.

On October 2, 1966, Margaret joined St. John A.M.E. Church in Huntsville where the late Reverend Samuel S. Hereford pastored. A faithful and active member of St. John, she served as a Stewardess, Women's Missionary, and fervently participated in the Sanctuary and Gospel choirs. She enthusiastically attended many of the A.M.E. conferences, faithfully supporting her daughters' ministry and thoroughly encouraging her grandchildren to participate in church organizations and activities.

Margaret left to be with the Lord on January 13, 2014 and is preceded in death by her siblings: Alfreda Coates, Memphis Stewart, Jr., Frank Stewart, Mary Ross, Louis Isaac Stewart, and Lois Rebecca Jackson.

Margaret is survived by her loving and devoted husband Herman Ballard; sisters, Ruth York and Bessie Stevens, two daughters she cherished, Reverend Vicki (Donald) Mayberry and Reverend Debra Ballard; three loving and caring grandchildren, Bobby Rice, Jr., Christina LaShay Sanders, and Janelle Ree Woods; one great-grandchild, Braelyn Amir Rice; and a host of nieces and nephews.



Celebrate My Life

*Weep not for me though I am gone into that gentle night;
Grieve if you will, but not for long upon my soul's sweet flight.*

*I am at peace, my soul's at rest. There is no need for tears,
For with your love I was so blessed. For all those many years.*

*There is no pain, I suffer not, The fear now all is gone.
Put now these things out of your thoughts, in your memory I live on.*

*Remember not my fight for breath, remember not the strife,
Please do not dwell upon my death, but celebrate my life...*



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St. John AME Church Stewardess

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Valhalla Memory Gardens

Refrail

St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church

229 Church Street—Huntsville, AL 35801

Immediately Following Interment Service



Acknowledgements

The family of Ira Bargon, Jr. would like to express their sincere and heartfelt gratitude and deep appreciation for the many acts of love and kindness shown during this difficult time. Your words of comfort, food, visits and prayers warmed our hearts.



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Celebration of Life

For

MR. IRA MELTON BARGON, JR.



April 3, 1950—May 17, 2018

FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2018

St. John A.M.E. Church

229 Church Street

Huntsville, AL 35801

REVEREND MAURICE WRIGHT, II

PASTOR

- Obituary -

Ira Melton Bargon, Jr. was born on April 3, 1950, in River Rouge, Michigan to Ira M. Bargon, Sr., and Earline (P) Bargon. He was the second child of five. At an early age, Ira was baptized at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, where he also attended elementary and high school.

In 1969, while attending Eastern Michigan University as a first-year college student, Ira was drafted into the U.S. Army. He served with the U.S. Strategic Command for three years and was honorably discharged as a Sergeant. While in the Army, Ira received the National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and the Army Commendation Medal.

After his discharge from the Army, Ira was employed by National Steel, Great Lakes Division in Human Resources/Labor Relations for 35 years, retiring in 2003. He graduated from Detroit College of Business in 1981, with a Bachelor of Science in Management.

On August 18, 1972, he married his best friend and life partner, Paulette (Nixon) Bargon, at St. John A.M.E. Church in River Rouge, MI. Their wedding was the first double-ring ceremony in that city, having a Methodist Minister and a Catholic Priest officiating. To this union, two loving children were born. Ira and Paulette lived and raised their children in Canton, MI until Ira retired.

In 1994, Ira joined St. John AME Church in River Rouge, MI, where he served as an Usher and Trustee.

After retirement, Ira and his wife, Paulette, built and moved to their forever home in Huntsville, Alabama, where he continued his devotion to God. Soon after they moved to Huntsville, they joined St. John AME Church, where they were faithful members, and Ira was a member of the Usher Board. Even though no one ever heard him sing a note, Ira loved the Gospel and the Mass Choirs. He would faithfully take Paulette to choir rehearsal and to wherever the choir had to sing. One of Ira's most favorite hobbies was barbequing, and he was known for his delicious barbeque ribs. In his old neighborhood in Canton, MI, they would

have a few neighbors that would get together for a family barbeque. Over the years, that small family barbeque turned out to be a barbeque with over 200 people eating Ira's ribs. He also loved gardening. Ira and Paulette won several "Yard of the Month" awards. They are known in their subdivision as the people with the pretty yard. Ira enjoyed traveling with his wife, and often they would be on a road trip, or out of the country sitting on a beach or poolside.

On May 17, 2018, Ira took his last road trip, but this time the good Lord came to take him home. His wife and children were there to bid him a final farewell.

Ira was preceded in death by his father, Ira M. Bargon, Sr. Ira leaves to cherish in his memories: his beloved wife, Paulette; daughter, Nichole Bargon (Darryl Perkins, fiancé); son, Ira Bargon, III (Aneliya); mother, Earline Bargon; sister, Pamela Bargon; brother, Terence Bargon; brother, Kevin Bargon (Cheryl); sister, Jena Bargon; sister-in-law, Marsha Nixon (Johnnie Simpson, fiancé); nephew, Jenon Lipsey (Toni); niece, Mischa King (Jermaine); niece, Alice Bargon; and three great nephews, Judah, Jeremiah, and Jermaine King.



Order of Worship

Prelude

Processional We Are Often Tossed and Driven

Selection "Nearer My God To Thee" St. John AME Choir

Prayer Rev. Charles Glover

Scripture Readings

Old Testament—Psalm 91:9-12 Rev. Meriam Garrett

New Testament—John 3:16 Rev. Dr. James Johnson

Selection St. John AME Choir

Reflections

Family Jena Bargon (Sister)

Neighbor Mr. Dan Celeski

Church Member Sister Eleanor Burnett

Selection St. John AME Choir

Eulogy *Lead Timothy, 4 Ira's Final Rd Trip* Pastor Maurice Wright, II

Recessional *I've fought a good fight. 1 Make sure u have the right vehicle to get you there.*

I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free. I'm following the path God laid for me. *2 Be prepared 4 unexpected stops 3 Have Jesus in your heart. He had blessed assurance.*

I took his hand when I heard Him call, I turned back and left it all.

I could not stay another day, To laugh, to love, to work, or play.

Tasks left undone must stay that way.

I found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joy. *4 Keep your eyes on the star road. We'll understand it better by & by*

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,

Oh yes, these things, I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,

I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much, good friends,

Good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,

Don't lengthen now with undo grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me;

God wanted me now, He set me free.

*In Loving Memory
of*

EVERETT EMERSON BROOKS, SR.

JUNE 16, 1940 – DECEMBER 15, 2009



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2009
ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church

229 CHURCH STREET, NW
HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA 35801

REVEREND DR. HOMER L. MCALL, PASTOR
OFFICIATING MINISTER

IN LOVING MEMORY
of
EVERETT EMERSON BROOKS, SR.
(TONY)

*Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne
and to the Lamb, forever and ever. - REVELATION 5:13*

On Tuesday December 15, 2009 at 7:30pm, Christ the Lamb of God multiplied his angels when He called Tony to be with Him. Glory Be To God!

Everett was the third of four sons born to the union of Estol and Eula Brooks in scenic Pearisburg, Virginia. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

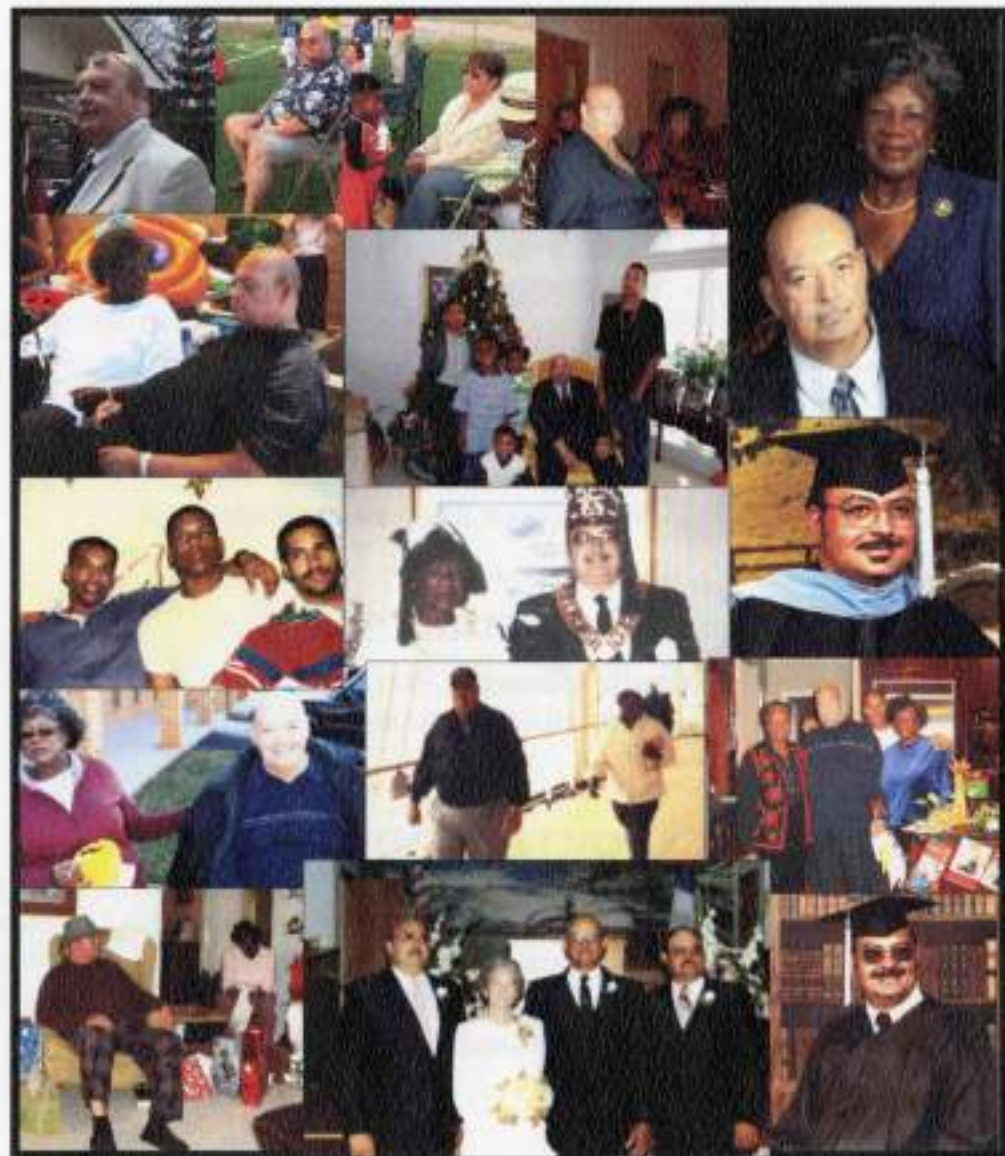
Tony was an enterprising and eager learner from first through eleventh grade. Because of his thirst for education, the Pearisburg Segregated School System provided an academic scholarship for him to attend twelfth grade in nearby Roanoke. He made friends easily and enjoyed his first extracurricular activities involving sports and music. He played in the school band and quickly mastered the trombone. In 1958, he graduated from Addison High School.

During the fundamental years, he joined 1st Baptist Church in Pearisburg with his family. His dad Estol, diligently served that church until his passing at age 93, in June of this year.

After graduation from high school, Everett began his Army career at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina. His service involved tours at Ft. Gordon, GA., where he met and married a young teacher, Charlsie Daniel. His other tours included France, Vietnam, Turkey, Alaska, and Redstone Arsenal, where he relocated with his wife and two sons, Everett Jr. and Elliott. He worked his way through the ranks, retiring from active duty as Sergeant Major in 1982 after receiving countless certificates and decorations.

While still pursuing his thirst for knowledge, Everett received a B.S. Degree from Athens State University in 1979 and a Master's Degree from Alabama A&M

Precious Memories...



HONORARY FLOWER BEARERS

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Valhalla Memory Gardens
HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

You, our dear friends, have shared many wonderful gifts of self. Those precious gifts extended over many years, but have been truly magnified since Tony's illness. We can't thank you enough! We praise God for each of you and continue to lift you up in prayer.

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;

I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. -PSALM 9:1

~The Brooks Family



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for



September 4, 1956—November 12, 2016

Brother Jason Brown

11:00 AM

Saturday, November 19, 2016

Saint John AME Church
229 Church Street NW
Huntsville, Alabama 35801

Reverend Maurice Wright, II

Jason Jeffery Brown

Jason Jeffery Brown was the third of five children born to the late Rosie Fletcher Strong. Jason was born in Indianola, Mississippi, on September 4, 1956. He departed this life on Saturday, November 12, 2016, at Huntsville Hospital in Huntsville, Alabama.

At twelve years of age, Jason joined Mt. Beulah Missionary Baptist Church and served as a junior usher and sang in the youth choir. For several years his monthly contribution to the Sunday School class has allowed the adult men to secure recognition for the largest collection. His love of Mt. Beulah led him to establish a scholarship in memory of his grandmother, the late Susie Jackson.

Jason was educated in the public schools of Indianola, Mississippi. While in high school, Jason spent his summers working as a life guard. After graduating from Gentry High School in 1974, he attended Mississippi Delta Community College (formerly Junior College). He then attended his beloved Mississippi Valley State University, graduating with a bachelor's degree in Electronics Engineering in 1980. In 1992, he received a master's in business administration from Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University.

Jason began his professional career at GTE phone company in Huntsville, Alabama. He also worked at SCI before going to work as a components engineer at Chrysler in 1982. In 2005, Jason was diagnosed with cerebellar ataxia and left Chrysler on disability.

Jason joined St. John AME Church where he was active in the male chorus and served as a trustee. He was among the first members of Grady-Madison AME in Madison. He was also active in the community. He was a member of the 100 Black Men of America, the National Society of Black Engineers, and C.A.R.E.S (Churches Assisting, Responding, Enabling, and Serving), built homes with Habitat for Humanity, and devoted himself to other service groups.

Jason was married to Dollis Reed. There were two children born to this union: Kimberly Cheri and Briona Roshelle. Later he married his high school sweetheart, Thalia Love. Two children, Geoffery and Michaela, were born to this union.

Jason leaves to cherish his memory his loving and devoted wife, Dr. Thalia Love-Brown, one son, Geoffery Morgan Brown of Madison, AL; three daughters, Kimberly Cheri Brown of Nashville, TN, Briona Brown Howell of Jacksonville, FL, and Michaela Janise Brown, currently residing in Porto Alegre, Brazil; three brothers, Eric Calvin (Linda) Brown of Baltimore, MD, Patrick Brown of Waterbury, CT, and Richardo Brown of Atlanta, GA; one granddaughter, Kayriona Howell; one uncle, Freddie Fletcher; one aunt, Barbara Fletcher Haymer; godparents, Mildred and Bernard Powers, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and best friend Frank Winters.





Thalia n Jason

Order of Service

Processional	"By and By"	Clergy & Family
Hymn of Comfort	"Blessed Assurance"	Congregation & Choir
Invocation		Presiding Elder Oliver Allen, Jr.
Scripture		
Old Testament	23 Psalm 1-6	Rev. Charles Glover
New Testament	John 14:1-6	Rev. Gloria Madison
Selection		Male Chorus
Reflections (3 Minutes)		Rev. Dr. James R. Johnson
		Bro. Bernard Powers
		Bro. Rufus Gilmore
		Mrs. Kathy Thompson
Selection		Male Chorus
Acknowledgements & Resolutions		
Reflections of a Friend		Mr. Frank Winters
Family Tribute		
Selection		Male Chorus
Eulogy	<i>Righteousness Will Be Upheld Isaiah 41</i>	Reverend Gregory Strong, Pastor New Jerusalem Baptist Church & Oak Grove Baptist Church, Mississippi
Recessional		Clergy and Family
	Repast	
	Rev. S.S. Hereford Fellowship Hall	

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~~Acknowledgment~~

Words cannot express how much we thank you for the expressions of sympathy,
and all the help you provided us during our moment of sorrow. We are truly grateful for your friendship and support.

~The Family of Brother Jason Brown~

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



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In Loving Memory
of
ALTONETTE TARVER BURKS

January 10, 1920 - May 11, 2015



Obituary



Altonette Tarver Burks was born January 10, 1920 to Carrie and Alto Tarver. She accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at St. Luke A.M.E. Church, Enon, AL. She attended school in the Bullock County School System in Midway, AL. After completing high school, she attended Alabama A&M University where she received her B.S. degree majoring in History. While at

Alabama A&M University, she met and married the love of her life, Arthur A. Burks, Sr. That union lasted seventy and one-half years.

After completing her college education, Mrs. Burks taught History and English at Bibb County Training School (now H.D. Davidson High School) in Centerville, AL from 1949 to 1968. During that time, she received her Master's degree in Political Science at Atlanta University (now Clark-Atlanta University). She was given a grant to study overseas in England. In 1968, she accepted a position at Alabama A&M University as a Professor of History. She held that position until her retirement in 1984.

Altonette was a faithful member of St. John A.M.E. Church where she served on the Stewardess Board and was a member of the choir. She was also a member of the Fifty Plus Club.

Her professional service membership include being a member of the "Society of Professional Women" where she served many years in an active status. After she became ill, she was honored with the title of Emeritus member.

She was a devoted wife, a loving mother, a doting grandmother and a loving great grandmother. She lovingly embraced her family, friends and church. She also loved to fish and spend time with family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, one sister and her loving husband. Left to mourn her passing is a loving son, Arthur A. Burks, Jr.; a faithful and dedicated daughter, Brenda Burks-Evans; five grandchildren, Erika (Jermaine) Hosley, Ashley Burks, Matthew Evans, Marques Evans and Brittanie Burks; eight great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.



Dear Mom and Dad in Heaven

*I sit here and ponder how very much
I'd like to talk with you today
There are so many things
That we didn't get to say.
I know how much you care for me
And how much I care for you,
And each time that I think of you
I know you'll miss me too.*

*An angel came and took you by the hand, and said
Your place was ready in Heaven far above...
And you had to leave behind all those you dearly loved
You had so much to live for, you had so much to do...
It still seems impossible that God was taking you.
And though your life on earth is past, in Heaven it starts anew
You'll live for all eternity, just as God has promised you.
And though you've walked through Heaven's gate
We are never far apart
For every time I think of you,
You're right here, deep within my heart.*

-Arthur, Jr. and Brenda



WHAT CAN YOU SAY

*What can you say to someone who always been one of
the most essential parts of your world;
Someone who took you by the hand
when you were little and helped to show the way.
What do you say to someone who stood by to help you grow,
providing love, strength and support
so you could become the person you are today?
What can you say to let her know
That she's the best there is, and that you hope you've inherited
some of her wisdom and her strength?
What words would you say if you ever got the chance?
Maybe you'd just say, I love you Grandmom,
And hope she understands...*

*-Lovingly Submitted by The Grandchildren
Erika, Matthew, Marques, Ashley & Brittanie*



Order of Service

Twelve o'clock noon
Friday, May 22, 2015

Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church
229 Church Street • Huntsville, Alabama 35801
Reverend Dr. Patrick Clayborn, Officiating

Processional.....Soft Music

Selection.....Choir
"Just A Closer Walk With Thee"

Prayer.....Deacon

Scripture
Old Testament.....Minister
New Testament.....Minister

Reflections.....William Bell, Friend
Patricia Johnson, Neighbor
Matthew L. Evans, Grandson

Selection.....Deaconess Ernestine Barnes Ivery
"Precious Lord Take My Hand"

Eulogy.....Reverend Dr. Patrick Clayborn

Closing Prayer.....Reverend Dr. Patrick Clayborn

Recessional.....Choir

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Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church

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Eric Burks • Jermaine Hosley • Angelo Agee

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Entombment

Valhalla Memory Gardens

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Repast

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Immediately Following Entombment Service

Acknowledgements

The family of the late Altonette T. Burks express our deepest appreciation to all who have stood with us during these sad moments. We indeed appreciate your personal visits, prayers, assistance and valuable advice. A special thanks to the nurses and aides of Gentiva Hospice, especially LaShawnda Lavender, Virginia Stone and Martina Holmes. Also a special thanks to the aides of Brooks Home Health Care, especially, Charlotte Vinson and LaToya Timmons. All these young ladies helped and cared for our mother with great love and care.

-The Burks Family



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Arthur Alonzo Burks, Sr.
1922 - 2014



Designed By: Arthur A. Burks, Sr.*

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THE CELEBRATED LIFE OF

Arthur Alonzo Burks, Sr.

Arthur Alonzo Burks, Sr. was born April 16, 1922 in Mt. Meigs, Alabama to the late Annie and Arthur Burks. He accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Murdock Chapel A.M.E. Church. He attended the People's Village School and the Montgomery County Training School. After completing high school he attended Alabama A&M University before being drafted into the Army, where he served his country in World War II.

After completing his military service, he returned to Alabama A&M University where he received his B. S. Degree in Education. During that time he met and married the love of his life, Altonette Tarver. That union lasted seventy and one-half years.

As a retired university administrator, he built his career in education. He was a high school teacher, basketball coach and principal at H. D. Davidson High School in Centerville, AL. During his position as principal, he was instrumental in having the name of the school changed from Bibb County Training School to H. D. Davidson High School, after the founder. In 1968, he became Director of Public Relations at Alabama A&M University. He later became Vice-President of University Relations. He held that position until his retirement in 1984.

He was a faithful and loyal member of St. John A.M.E. Church where he served many years on the Steward Board. After retiring from the Board, he was honored with the title Steward Emeritus. He was also a member of Fifty Plus Club at the church.

His professional service memberships include being a Charter member of the North Alabama Chapter of the Kiwanis Club. He was the first African American Lt. Governor of Kiwanis International, Division I. He also served on the Board of the Huntsville Chapter of The American Lung Association and the Children's Advocacy Center.

He was a devoted husband, wonderful father, proud grandfather and loving great-grandfather. He cherished his family, friends, church and Alabama A&M University. He was an avid fisherman and loved football and basketball.

He was preceded in death by his parents and twelve brothers and sisters. Left to mourn his passing is his devoted and loving wife: Altonette; a loving son: Arthur A. Burks Jr.; a dedicated and faithful daughter: Brenda Burks-Evans; five grandchildren: Erika (Jermaine) Hosley, Ashley Burks, Matthew Evans, Marques Evans and Brittanie Burks, eight great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.



A limb has fallen from the family tree.
 I keep hearing a voice that says, "Grieve not for me.
 Remember the best times, the laughter, the song.
 The good life I lived while I was strong.
 Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.
 Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.
 My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.
 Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.
 Continue traditions, no matter how small.
 Go on with your life, don't worry about falls
 I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin.
 Until the day comes we're together again...

ORDER OF SERVICE

Twelve o'clock noon

Friday, May 9, 2014

Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church

225 Church Street • Huntsville, Alabama 35801

Reverend Dr. Patrick Clayborn

Pastor and Officiating Minister

Processional.....Soft Music

Selection.....Choir

"Amazing Grace"

Prayer.....Reverend Dr. Homer McCall

Scripture.....Reverend Timothy M. Rainey, Pastor

Indian Creek P.B. Church Huntsville, Alabama

Old Testament.....Job 14:14

New Testament.....John 11:25-26

Reflections.....Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr., President

Alabama A&M University

Carol Drake-Harris, Former Secretary

William Bell, Friend

Col. James Heywood, Friend

Poem.....Dylan Hosley, Great-Grandchild

"God Save You Getting Tired"

Selection.....Choir

"Blessed Assurance"

Eulogy.....Reverend Dr. Patrick Clayborn

Recessional.....Choir

"Let The Church Say Amen"

Two Hearts

Two hearts we were one on Earth,
Two hearts that were entwined,
My love for you was ever strong
Now you live inside my mind.

Your lovely life just slipped away
A life so full of zest.
Your twinkling eyes got weary
Your beating heart took a rest.

I know you've gone to heaven
From earth you slipped away.
But my faith in our dear lord
Keeps me strong each day.

Two hearts once beat together
Now one beats all alone.
I know one day we'll meet again
The day The Lord and you call me home.

All My Love,
Toni

MY DAD, MY ANGEL

Your battle is now over, no more tears flowing down your cheek, no more pain, no more suffering, now you are no longer weak. I still do not understand why this had to happen to you, but I am proud to say you are my dad, the greatest man I ever knew. You were always there for me and never once did you make me cry, until the day you closed your eyes and had to say goodbye. Now that you are my angel, I need you to wrap your wings around me whenever you see me cry. Our time together was memorable and God took you away so fast, but the most precious thing to me was you being there for my first breath and me being there for you last.

REST IN PEACE MY SWEET ANGEL

Your Loving Daughter,
Brenda



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In Loving Memory of

MS. JIA CADE



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2022

11:00 A.M.

ST. JOHN AME CHURCH

*229 Church Street, NW
Huntsville, Alabama 35801*

REVEREND MAURICE WRIGHT, II - OFFICIATING

- Obituary -

Jia Caurle Cade was born October 4, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. in Chicago, Illinois. She is the second child of seven born to Jason and Jawanna Cade.

Jia graduated from Buckhorn High School in New Market, Alabama and later attended Calhoun Community College. She also took classes at Alabama A&M University. She loved to laugh and just enjoyed life. She was not afraid to try new things. She was very athletic and enjoyed soccer and cheerleading. Her love for music inspired her to take violin lessons for three years.

Jia was baptized and was a member of St. John AME Church. She departed this life peacefully surrounded by her loved ones and was full of life until the last moments.

She leaves to cherish her memories her parents, grandmothers-Honey Ida and Spanish Honey Carmen; one aunt, 6 uncles; siblings—Jason, Jania, Jina, Journey, Jacob, and Jeremiah; best friends, Kaya & Faith, along with a host of other relatives and friends.

Jia had a smile that was warm and genuine. Despite health challenges, Jia kept a positive attitude and was full of life until God called her home.

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Celebration of Remembrance

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Doxology

Opening Song of Praise

Every Praise Is To Our God

Prayer

Reverend Charles Glover

Scripture

John 14:1-6

Ms. Kaya Black

Reflections

Jia's Story

Mr. Jason Cade, *Father*

Musical Tribute

Jania, Jina, Journey, *Siblings*
Uncle Jamaal

Letter from Faith

Read by Ms. Kaya Black
Best Friend

Resolutions & Acknowledgements

Selection

Brother Reggie Pearson

Eulogy

Pastor Wright

Doxology & Closing Prayer



"They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."

— Isaiah 40: 28, 31



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In Loving Memory
of

Mr. Carlos Ramondo Clark

November 23, 1957 - March 11, 1999



*Monday, March 15, 1999
One O' Clock P. M.*

*St. John A.M.E. Church
229 Church Street
Huntsville, Alabama*

Dr. Homer L. McCall, Pastor and Officiating

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Invictus

*Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.*

*In the fell clutch of circumstance,
I have not winced nor cried aloud.
Under the bludgeonings of chance,
My head is bloody but unbowed.*



*Beyond this place of wrath and tears,
Looms but the horror of the shade,
And yet the menace of the years
Finds, and shall find me unafraid.*

*Matters not how straight the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate
I am the captain of my soul.*



Invictus
Obituary

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CARLOS RAMONDA CLARK was born November 23, 1957 in Troy, Alabama to Dr. W. Mingo and Lou Verlon Banks Clark. He departed this life Thursday, March 11, 1999 in Jackson, Mississippi. In addition to his parents, he leaves to cherish his memory: two sisters, Cassandra (Tommy) Thompson of Huntsville, Alabama and Beverly Hinckley of Cincinnati, Ohio; three aunts, Annie Stringer of Dayton, Ohio, Jimmie L. Banks and Vera Carter, both of Detroit, Michigan; two uncles, Willie Banks of Detroit, Michigan and Johnnie Banks of Miami, Florida; two nieces, Kristin and Jacquelyn Thompson of Huntsville, Alabama; a special friend, Ruby Moore of Jackson, Mississippi; a godmother, Mrs. Esther Fields; and a host of relatives, friends and his Huntsville Extended Family.

Carlos attended Oakwood Elementary School, Rolling Hills Elementary and Davis Hills Junior High and graduated from J.O. Johnson High School, where he dearly loved playing football. He later was awarded a scholarship to attend Tuskegee University.

After graduation, he was employed at Benedict College, Columbia, South Carolina and later at Fisk University as Assistant Financial Director. During his tenure at Benedict College, he joined the Alpha Psi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity in 1981. He moved to Jackson, Mississippi, where he was employed as a Sales Representative at Blackwell Dodge.

At an early age, he gave his life to Christ and joined the St. John A.M.E. Church, where he remained a faithful member until his death. Carlos served in the St. John A.M.E. Junior Choir. He was also affiliated with the Young Life Christian Association and the Boy Scouts of America.

Carlos was a loving, kind and thoughtful son, brother and friend to all those whom he met—for he never met a stranger—he loved people. He gave his time, talent and money to many of the students whom he served at Benedict College and Fisk University and where ever the need existed.

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PRELUDE.....Mr. Rufus Gilmore
Director of Music

PROCESSIONAL

HYMN....."Blessed Assurance" (450)St. John
Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER.....Dr. Henry Bradford, Jr.
Pastor, Church Street
Cumberland Presbyterian Church

SCRIPTURE.....Reverend Charles Huggins

SELECTION....."When Peace Like a River" (448).....St. John
Sanctuary Choir



TRIBUTES (2 Minutes Each)

College Roommate.....Mr. Elmer Sherman
Grade School Friend.....Mrs. Ann B. Huffman
Employee Associate.....Mr. Harrison DeShield

MUSICAL TRIBUTE.....The Alpha Ensemble
"Father I Stretch My Hand To Thee"
"Still Away"
"Cares All Pass"

EULOGY.....Reverend Dr. H.L. McCall

MORTICIAN.....Royal Funeral Home

RECESSIONAL....."Going Home"



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"IF TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME"

If tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not here to see,
If the sun should rise you find your eyes all filled with tears for me;
I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today,
While thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.
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And each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too. But
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That an angel came and called my name and took me by the hand.

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For all my life I'd always thought, I didn't want to die.

I had so much to live for, so much left yet to do.
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God looked down and smiled at me from his great golden throne

He said, "This is eternity and all I've promised you"

Today your life on earth has passed but here life starts anew.

I promise no tomorrow, but today will always last
And since each day is the same there's no longing for the past.

You have been so faithful so trusting and so true.

Though there were times you did some things you knew you
shouldn't do.

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So won't you come and take my hand and share my life with me?
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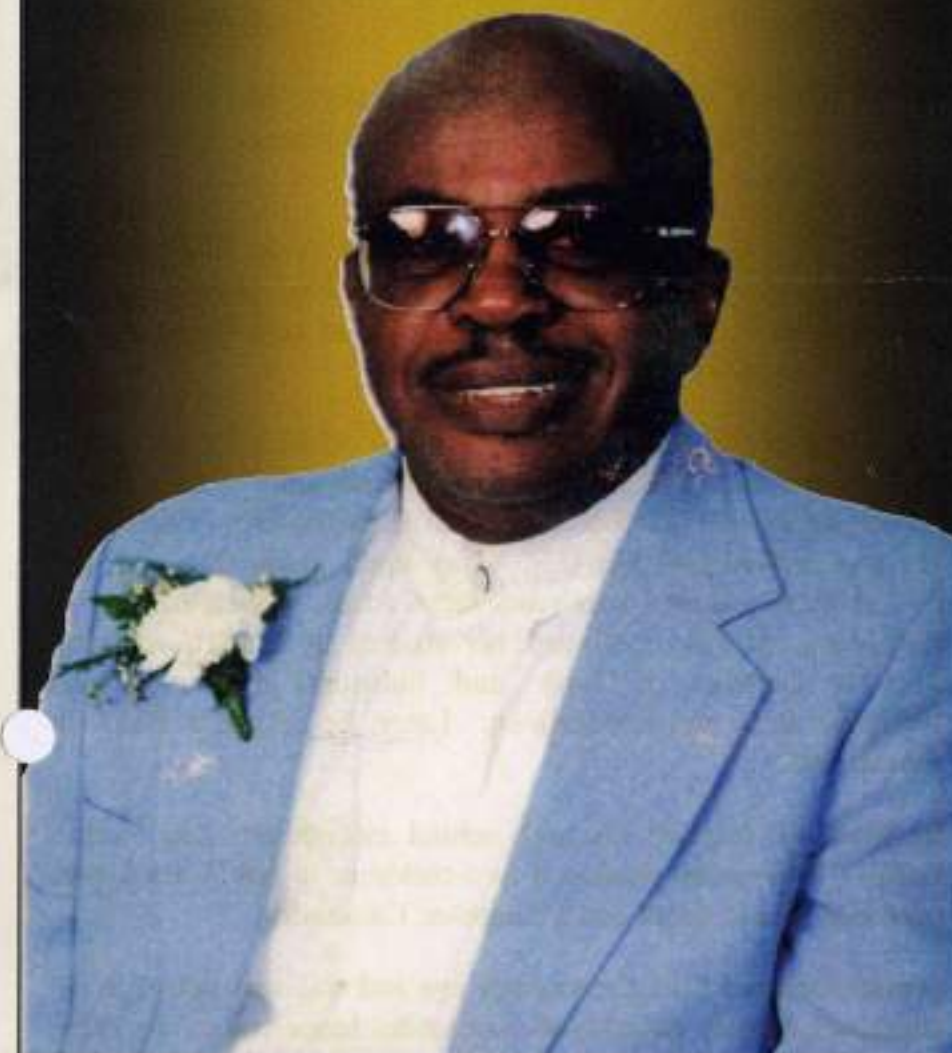
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John 14: 3-12 When The Dream Builder Leaves
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CLOSING PRAYER

MORTICIAN.....Royal Funeral Home, Inc.

RECESSIONAL.....Mass Choir

*Celebrating the Life
of
Mrs. Lou Verlon Banks Clark*



4/24/1933 - 6/10/2017

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2017
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229 CHURCH STREET, NW
HUNTSVILLE, AL 35801

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Obituary

"To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heavens."

-Ecclesiastes 3:1

Lou Verlon Banks Clark began her earthly journey April 24, 1933 in Troy, Alabama. She was the oldest of six children born to the late Moses and Lola M. Sanders Banks. Siblings, Willie (Jack) Banks and Jimmie Lois Banks preceded her in death. She finished her course on earth June 10, 2017 in Vanderbilt Medical Center, Nashville, Tennessee.

Lou was a hard-working Christian lady and dedicated her life to caring and providing for her family and helping others.

She was baptized in the St. Paul A.M.E. Church in Troy, Alabama in her early teens where she served diligently until she and her husband, the late Dr. Willie Mingo Clark, relocated to Huntsville in 1957. They united with St. John A.M.E. Church where she served faithfully until failing health deterred her. Over the years, she served as church secretary, treasurer, a member of the building committee, the Stewardess Board, the 50 Plus Auxiliary and numerous other committees. Mrs. Clark dearly loved St. John and looked forward to the activities and fellowship with the congregation.

She was also a charter member of The Progressive Homemakers Club and thoroughly enjoyed the comradery of this group.

Mrs. Clark was educated in the public schools of Troy, Alabama and graduated from Academy High School where she was involved in a number of extra-curricular activities, including the varsity women's basketball and track teams.

In 1958, she joined the Alabama A&M College Business Office Staff as the bookstore clerk and retired 31 years later as the Bursar in the Comptroller's Office.

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Lou was a devoted and supportive wife, a loving mother, a caring and proud grandmother and a kind and compassionate neighbor and friend who practiced the "Golden Rule" daily. She was an amicable humanitarian who loved people, met few strangers, and was especially fond of children and animals. She enjoyed gardening, cooking, reading, writing and music. Her family was the delight of her heart and her special love was her "grands."

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"Blessed Assurance"

PRAYER Rev. Gloria Madison

MUSICAL SELECTION Alpha Ensemble

SCRIPTURE

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & RESOLUTION Dr. Jeanette Jones

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TRIBUTES (2 min.)

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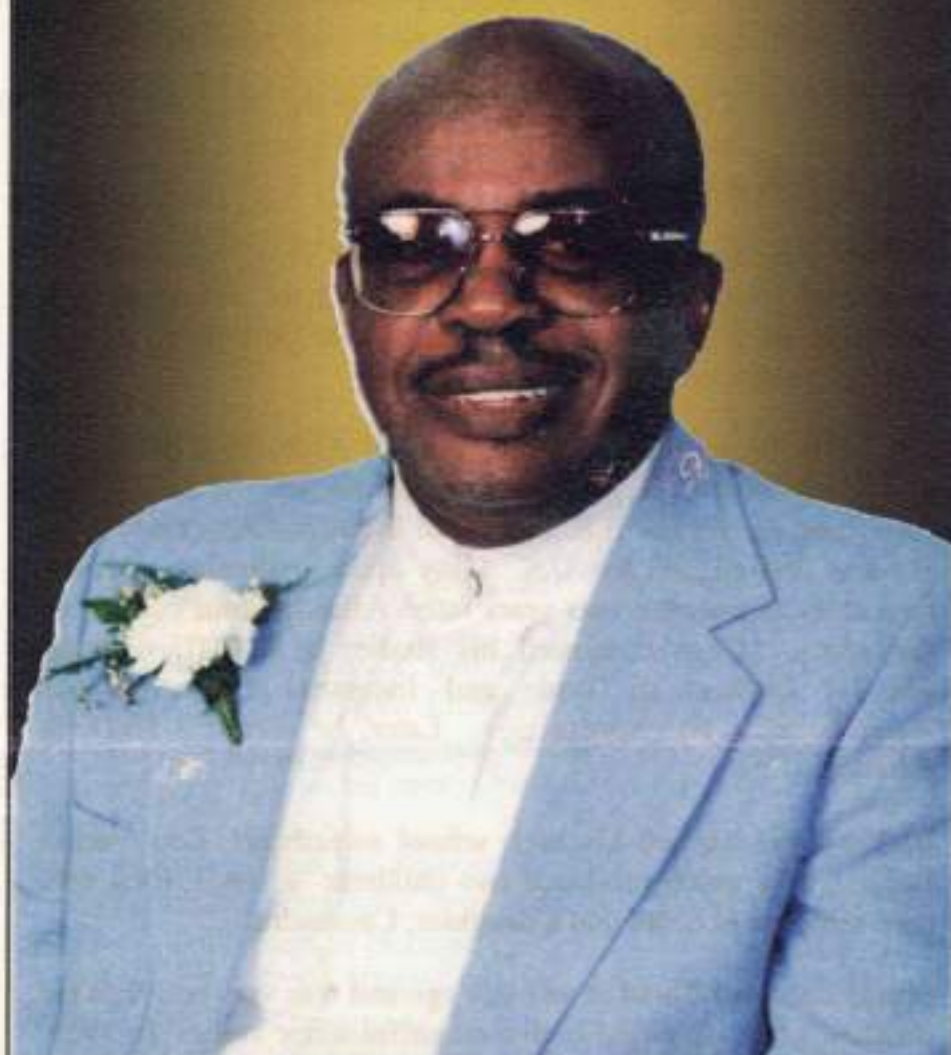


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John *I go to prepare a place for you...*
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Cora Hopson
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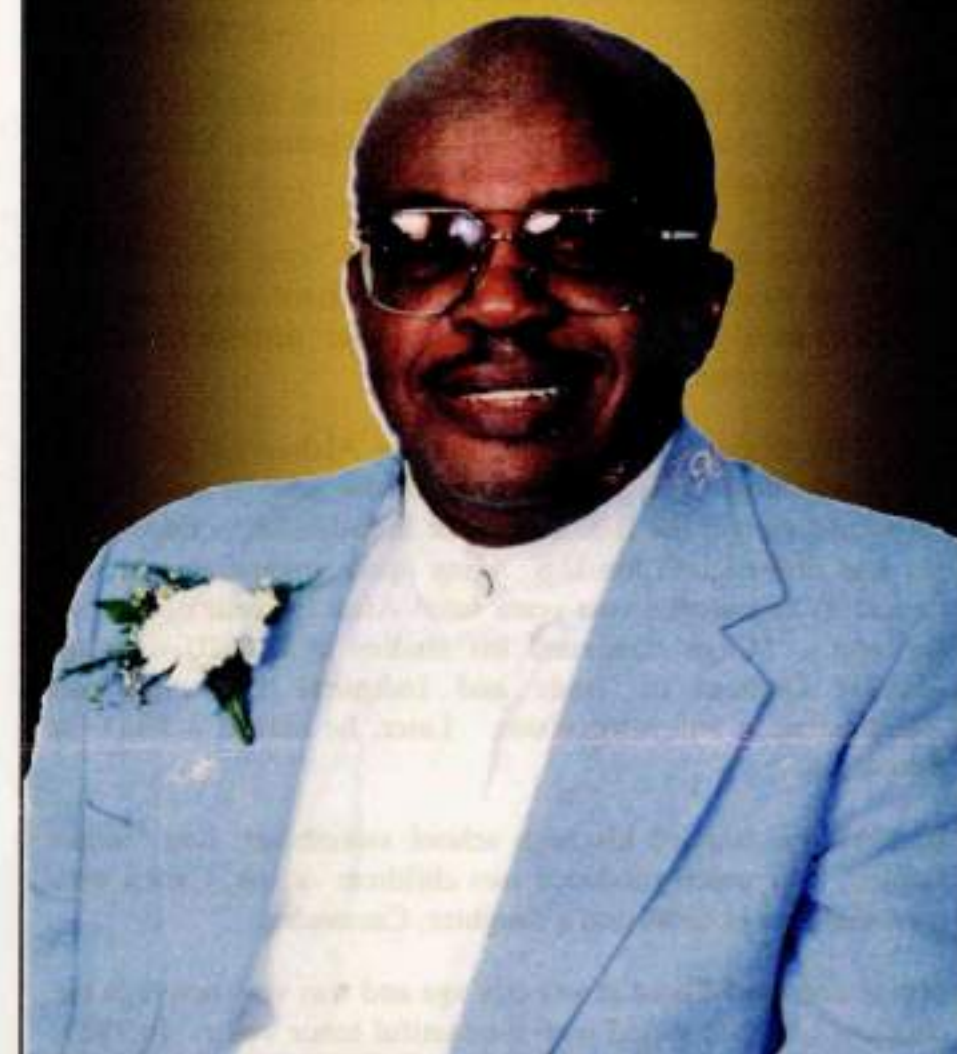
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229 Church Street—Huntsville, AL 35801
Immediately Following Interment Service

Acknowledgements

The family of Rev. Reginald Cook, Jr. would like to express their sincere and heartfelt gratitude and deep appreciation for the many acts of love and kindness shown during this difficult time. Your words of comfort, food, visits and prayers warmed our hearts.



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Celebration of Life

For

ELDER REGINALD LEON COOK, JR.



January 9, 1959 — October 1, 2018

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2018

St. John A.M.E Church

229 Church Street
Huntsville, AL 35801

REVEREND MAURICE WRIGHT, II
PASTOR

- Obituary -

Reginald Leon Cook, Jr., was born January 09, 1959, in Maryland, to the late Reginald L. Cook Sr. and Patricia L. Parker. Elder Cook passed away unexpected Monday morning, October 1, 2018 at his home of natural causes.

He was a graduate of the McKinley Technology High School, Class of 1977. Following graduation, Reginald would go on to achieve his Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering from Howard University, 1984-Washington, DC.

Determined he would then conquer higher education, in 1994 he earned his Masters Degree in Pastoral Counseling, and in 1997 he was awarded a Ph.D. in Theology, both from Covington Theological Seminary, Rossville, GA. After degree completion, Dr. Cook volunteered in the community for the Southern Poverty Law Center. As an engineer, with Nation's Defense, he developed the key component sensor system for the Theatre High Altitude Area Defense Missile at Lockheed Martin for the United States Military. Elder Cook did all of this while serving on both fronts promoting life eternal as both pastor and loyal member of Triumph Church and Kingdom Church of God in Christ where he mastered, overcame, subdued, and conquered everything not like God.

Elder Cook enjoyed guitar playing, listening to music, reading spiritual literature and engineering.

He is survived, by his loving wife of more than 27 years, Mrs. Annie L. Cook, his beloved mother, Mrs. Patricia Parker, children: Reginald L. Cook III, and his wife Pearl Cook, of Arizona; son Latoyous A. Kelley, and his fiancé Amanda Thomas, of Virginia; Anthony O. Brown, of Alabama; Daquan Steed, of New York; and daughter Kenyonna T. Kelley, of Alabama and her fiancé Marc Shephard. Also surviving are eight grandchildren: Reginald Cook IV, Reagan Cook, Lamar Shephard, Damion Kelley, Ashia Kelley, Alayah Kelley, Lathan Kelley, Cason Brown; his brother, Terrance Cook, and his wife Rochelle Cook; and a host of nieces and nephews and friends.

Order of Worship

Guide

Processional We Are Often Tossed and Driven

Hymn Of Comfort Time is Filled with Swift Transition

Prayer Rev. Charles Glover

Scripture Readings Rev. Christopher Ruffin, Sr.

Old Testament - Psalm 18:2

New Testament - Revelation 14:6-7

Words of Comfort Apostle Michael D. Pollard, Sr.

Selection St. John AME Choir

Reflections (3 minutes)

Family Tribute Brother Frank Brown

Selection St. John AME Choir

Eulogy *Lord, I'm funny trying make 100 - 99 1/2 aint do - sorry*
Revelation 25: 1, 24 Pastor Maurice Wright, II

Recessional

Bro's ShortCut - Sermon Topic
Enoch walked w/ Brod
Brod provided a short cut

BROKEN CHAIN

*We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name.
 In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone;
 for part of us went with you
 the day God called you Home.*

*You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide;
 and though we cannot see you,
 you are always at our side.*

*Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same;
 but as God calls us one by one,
 the chain will link again.*

A color portrait photograph of a woman with dark, wavy hair, wearing a white lace top and a pearl necklace. The photo is set within a dark, ornate frame. The background of the photo is a light blue sky with soft clouds.

Foyce Branham Cooper
March 14, 1952 - July 7, 2014



Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.
-Proverbs 31:10-13, 28, 31



THE CELEBRATED LIFE OF *Joyce Branham Cooper*

Joyce Yvonne Branham Cooper was born on March 14, 1952, in Valdosta, Georgia and leaves many who loved her when she went to be with Our Lord on July 7, 2014. Joyce grew up in the church where her mother was an Evangelist and she exhibited a passion for the Gospel at an early age. She was a faithful and loyal member of St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church for many years, where she served in the choir for some years. For a brief period she was a member of Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church, where she served on the prison ministry as well. She had an insatiable appetite for Gospel Music and Christian movies.

Joyce was the eldest daughter of the late Mint Branham and Reverend Marilyn Thomas. She graduated from Valdosta High School and Albany State College before moving to Huntsville in 1974. It was while working at Redstone Arsenal as a Quality Assurance Management Specialist that she met Carol Cooper (CC). Joyce and Carol were married in 1976, and remained lovingly and faithfully devoted to each other for 38 years. She retired from Redstone in 2009, after 35 years of dedicated service.

Joyce was a devoted family woman, spending much of her time assisting and counseling family members to achieve their personal and professional goals. God-fearing, loyal and trustworthy, she forged a special bond with her two sons, Donell and Jason, talking essentially daily with them while she was alive.

Joyce was a woman of quiet refinement, enormous generosity, and grace. She was an avid aficionado of collectibles and antiques. She loved to read the bible, laugh, and go out to eat at Rosie's Cantina, PF Chang's, and Steak Out, being her favorite places! Joyce was a woman of God and she blessed us with her kindness, generosity, courage, dignity, strength and loving heart.

Her precious memory will be cherished by her beloved husband, Carol, and her sons, Donell (Bianca Howell) and Jason. Joyce also leaves to cherish her precious memory, as a beloved sister, to Dr. Jerome Branham, William Branham, and Gail Shamburger; as a daughter to Marilyn Thomas-Rawls; as a daughter-in-law to Ruther M. Cooper; and as a stepmother to Rosalind (Rashad) Cylar. She also will be cherished by nine sisters-in-law, two brothers-in-law, and numerous other extended family, friends, and co-workers. Joyce especially loved being grandmother of Enzo Cooper and mother-in-law to Bianca Howell, and fulfilled her wish to forge a bond as step-grandmother to Isaiah and Isaac Cylar. Joyce will forever be missed by those who loved her.



How grateful I have been to have shared time in this world with each of you.

*Now that I'm gone, I know you're all hurting,
but rejoice knowing Our God will see you through.*

My life has been so good. What can I regret?

My soul has found peace and I know that my life was truly blessed.

*Hold on to one another. Remember how much I have loved you all,
especially my dear husband, my sons, my brothers, my sister and my mother.*

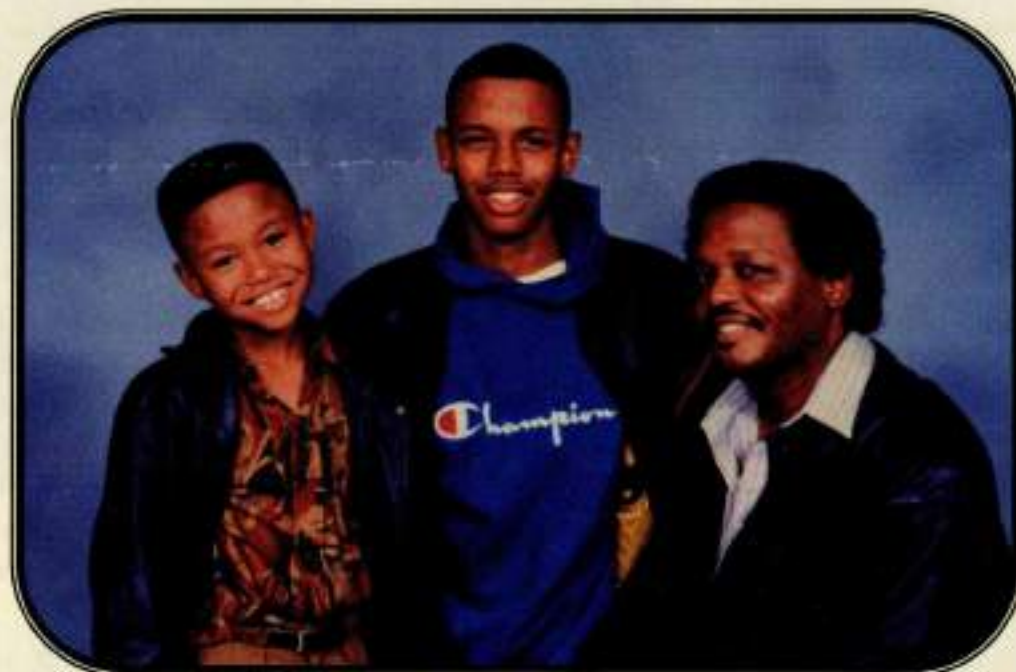
Thank you for celebrating my life today.

I have only one last request to ask of you this day.

Don't wait until it's too late and your loved one's are gone.

Take a moment now, take a moment today.

Tell them how much you love them with each and every remaining day.



Order of Service

One o'clock p.m.

Monday, July 14, 2014

Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church

225 Church Street • Huntsville, Alabama 35801

Reverend Dr. Patrick Clayborn

Pastor and Officiating Minister

Processional.....Soft Music

Selection.....Choir
"Life and Favor"

Prayer/Remarks.....Reverend Dr. Homer McCall

Scripture.....Reverend Sheri Clayborn

Old Testament.....Psalm 23:1-6

New Testament.....Peter 1:3-8

Selection.....Choir
"I'll Say Yes"

Reflections.....Mrs. Lois Caudle, *Friend*
Dr. Jacob Savage, *Friend*
Dr. Jerome Branham, DDS, *Brother*
Dr. Carroll Donell Cooper, MD, *Son*

Acknowledgements.....Reverend Sheri Clayborn

Solo.....Dr. Anne Savage
"Walk Around Heaven All Day"

Eulogy.....Reverend Dr. Patrick Clayborn

Mortician.....Royal Funeral Home, Inc.

Recessional.....Choir
"Let The Church Say Amen"

Two Hearts

*Two hearts we were one on Earth,
Two hearts that were entwined,
My love for you was ever strong
Now you live inside my mind.*

*Your lovely life just slipped away
A life so full of zest.
Your twinkling eyes got weary
Your beating heart took a rest.*

*I know you've gone to heaven
From earth you slipped away.
But my faith in our dear Lord
Keeps me strong each day.*

*Two hearts once beat together
Now one beats all alone.
I know one day we'll meet again
The day The Lord and you call me home.*

by Dawn Glenton



TO MOTHER,

We never imagined this day would come. Growing up, you were our nurturer, advocate, and friend. You were at every basketball game, symphony recital, and band event. You gave us money for good report cards, disciplined us when needed, and always lent an ear for discussion, and a shoulder to lean on. As we grew and matured, our relationship evolved, but you never changed, and we thank you for that. In the last few years of your life, after you retired and raised your children, you dedicated yourself to helping others find the Lord, starting with us. You have helped us grow, spiritually and emotionally, in ways that we never predicted, and we are most proud of you for that. We love you and will miss you, but we are comforted in the fact that you are in a better place.



*Sincerely,
Donell and Jason*



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Interment

Hampton Cove Cemetery

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Acknowledgement

We are never prepared to face the departure of a loved one to eternal rest. At this most difficult time, it is gratifying to know that relatives and friends share our sorrows and have shown in many ways that they care. Your prayers, calls, visits, cards, flowers, food, and other expressions of sympathy have been felt, your deeds have been recorded and we thank you. May God continue to bless each of you.

-The Cooper Family

*To My Dear and Loving Daughter,
I will miss you in this life, but we will surely rejoice together in heaven!*

Your Spiritual Matriarch,

Reverend Marilge Thomas

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Celebration of Life
for
Mae Jefferies Dawson



January 22, 1932 – January 17, 2009

Thursday, January 22, 2009
One O'clock

St. John African Methodist
Episcopal Church
229 Church Street NW
Huntsville, Alabama

Reverend Dr. Homer L. McCall
Pastor and Officiant

Obituary

"Walk in love, as Christ also loved us and given Himself for us . . ."
Ephesians 5:2

MAE JEFFRIES DAWSON was born to the late Earnest and Lizzie Parker Jeffries on January 22, 1932 in Orange County, North Carolina. She departed this life, January 17, 2009.

Mae as she was affectionately called, was educated in the public schools of Orange County, NC. Upon graduating from high school, she enrolled in North Carolina A&T College where she earned the Bachelor of Arts degree in Physical Education.

While in school at North Carolina A&T College, she met and married the love of her life, Thomas V. Dawson (former Band Director of Alabama A& M University). Thomas preceded her in death January 26, 2004. To this union was born one daughter, Melody.

She taught Physical Education for 31 years in the Huntsville City School System (Cavalry Hill and Montview Elementary Schools). While teaching at Cavalry Hill, her volleyball teams won a number of city championship awards. Mae was truly a sports enthusiast.

Mrs. Dawson received "Teacher of the Year" and Physical Education Awards from both Cavalry Hill and Montview Elementary Schools. She organized a second grade drill team which was selected to perform on the nationally televised program, "Kids World."

Her affiliations included NEA, AEA, HEA, National P.E. Association, and NAACP. She was a member of St. John A.M.E. Church. There she was a member of the Fifty Plus Auxiliary Club and served as treasurer before failing health prevented her continued service.

Mae had a magnetic personality that made people feel welcome and comfortable in her presence. She was loyal to her friends and a go-to person when a friend needed a friend. While slow to advise, she was generous with her time to listen.

She leaves to cherish her memory a loving daughter, Melody of Huntsville, AL; a step-son, Darryl Dawson of Chicago, IL; two grandsons: Marcus Dawson of Atlanta, GA and Malcolm Dawson of Charlotte, NC; two great grandsons: DaShon and Bralon Dawson of Charlotte, NC; a sister, Ada Breeze of Greensboro, NC; a sister-in-law, Eris Wooten of Philadelphia, PA; two goddaughters, Barbara L. Gordon of Huntsville, AL and Carla M. Knox of Strockbridge, GA; two godsons: Thomas J. Gordon of Atlanta, GA and Carlos Matthews (Kenyetta) of Huntsville, AL; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members and friends.

Order of Service

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

MUSIC..... Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER..... Reverend Dr. Henry Bradford, Jr.

SCRIPTURE..... Reverend Dr. James R. Johnson
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

SOLO..... Sister Effie Gaines

TRIBUTES

Mrs. Ruth Matthews Willie Mays
Thomas (Bird) Gordon

MUSIC..... SANCTUARY CHOIR

EULOGY..... Reverend Dr. Homer L. McCall

MORTICIAN..... Nelms Memorial Funeral Home

RECESSIONAL Sanctuary Choir
"When We All Get to Heaven"



When I Die

It's all right to shed a few tears for me
But, just a few,
That's all the need should be.

Then think of all the happiness
You brought my way,
And remember how I felt,
On that particular day.

Remember how you touched my life.
Oh, remember the good things you do,
And how my life was made happier
Just because of you.

Then you will know there will be
No need for tears,
But only joy
As you think back over the years.

As you look ahead,
Look forward with joy for me,
Because I will have entered a part of life
Where I long to be.

Because I know God,
And he is a dear friend to me,
I look forward with joy,
To being with Him – in eternity.
Author Unknown





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of
St. John A.M.E. Church



Pallbearers
Stewards
and
Trustees
of
St. John A.M.E. Church



Ushers

St. John A. M. E. Church
Senior Ushers

Interment

Valhalla Memory Gardens
698 Winchester Road
Huntsville, Alabama 35811

Acknowledgement

The family of the late Mae Jeffries Dawson
acknowledges with deep appreciation all the
kind expressions of sympathy extended to us
during our time of bereavement.
We will always remember your love,
kindness and support.



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to
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"We cannot erase the sting of death, but we can make it easier."

Celebration of Life

for

Mae Jeffries Dawson



January 22, 1932 – January 17, 2009

Thursday, January 22, 2009
One O'clock

St. John African Methodist
Episcopal Church
229 Church Street NW
Huntsville, Alabama

Reverend Dr. Homer L. McCall
Pastor and Officiant

In Loving Memory

OF

Mrs. Dorris Jean Evans

February 2, 1934—August 19, 2018



Sunday, September 2, 2018

St. John ADE Church

*229 Church Street
Huntsville, Alabama 35801*

REVEREND MAURICE WRIGHT, II
Servant Pastor

Dorris Jean Evans was born on February 6, 1934 in Marion, Illinois to John and Leovia Yarbro.

On Sunday, August 19, 2018, God called her home. Dorris was preceded in death by her husband, James H. Evans; her parents, John and Leovia Yarbo; three sisters, and two sisters-in-law.

When she was around 18 years old, she moved to Racine, Wisconsin, and joined Wayman AME Church. She began working at Chrysler in 1955 and retired in 1988 after 33 years. She married her soul-mate in 1963 and stayed married until he passed away in 1990. In 2011, she moved to Harvest, Alabama, where she joined the St. John AME Church and that was her church home until she passed.

Dorris enjoyed singing and playing the piano and the organ. And most of all, she enjoyed church and shopping. She also enjoyed when others called her "Momma" and "Grandma".

In departing this life, she leaves to cherish her memories one loving sister, Bernstein Smith of Southfield Michigan; her loving children, son, Anthony Waldrop, Sr. of Wisconsin; daughter, Monica (Rine) Taylor of Alabama; stepdaughter, Lavern Gunn of Illinois; six grandchildren, Shawn Gunn of Connecticut, Anthony Waldrop, Jr., Michelle Waldrop, Nicholas Evans, Kye Sims, and Keon'e Sims all of Wisconsin; sixteen great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins, and two special nieces, Connie and Fatima.

~For My Mother~

To the most beautiful woman on this earth. You are the sweetest, you are the strongest and the most giving person I know.

Momma, you have taught me everything I needed to know on how to take care of me and my children.

You carried me for seven months and then you carried me in your arms. I appreciate everything you have ever done for me and my children.

I made a promise to you a long time ago...I told you that I would keep my promise that you would not have to worry about anything. Because I am here and I am not going anywhere without you by my side.

I love you from my heart and my soul. I am so grateful to God that I had a mother like you and that He chose you to be my mom.

And even though through this journey of life we have had our ups and downs but you know in your heart in my heart that we loved each other until the end of time.

-I Love you, Monica



Order of Worship

Selection	St. John AME Church Choir
Prayer	Rev. Joretha Wright
Scripture	Bro. Guy Ginn
Reflections	Sis. Pamela Whitehead, Sis. Barbara Johnson
Reading of Obituary & Acknowledgments	Dr. Thalia Love
Selection	
Words of Comfort	Reverend Maurice Wright, II Pastor
Benediction & Dismissal	



Cherished



Order of Worship

Dorris Jean Evans was born on February 3, 1914 in Macon, Georgia.

She

was a member of the

On Sunday, August 18, 2014, God called her home. Dorris was preceded in death by her husband, John H. Evans, her parents, John and Louise Yates, her brother, John H. Evans, and her sister, Louise Evans.

Dorris was a member of the First Baptist Church in Macon, Georgia, where she began working as a chorister in 1937 and served as a member of the church until her death. She was also a member of the United Methodist Church in Macon, Georgia, where she served as a member of the church until her death. In 1961, she moved to Harvard, Alabama, where she lived until her death. She was a devoted mother and grandmother and is survived by her son, John H. Evans, and her daughter, Louise Evans.

Dorris enjoyed singing and playing on the piano in her home. She also enjoyed church and shopping. She was a devoted mother and grandmother and is survived by her son, John H. Evans, and her daughter, Louise Evans.

In departing this life, she leaves no children or grandchildren. She is survived by her son, John H. Evans, and her daughter, Louise Evans. She was a devoted mother and grandmother and is survived by her son, John H. Evans, and her daughter, Louise Evans.



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THE FAMILY OF DORRIS J. EVANS WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU
ALL FOR YOUR PRAYERS, YOUR KINDNESS, YOUR LOVE
SUPPORT SHOWN DURING THE ILLNESS AND PASSING
OF OUR LOVED ONE.

SPECIAL THANKS TO ROYAL FUNERAL HOME AND THE
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ALABAMA (UAB) HOSPITAL

Homegoing Celebration
For
Reverend Horace J. Fitchard, Jr.
March 01, 1955—September 26, 2020



Saturday, October 10, 2020
12:00 Noon

Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church
229 Church Street NW
Huntsville, AL 35801

Pastor Maurice Wright Officiating

Obituary

"Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations. Jeremiah" 1:5

Rev. Horace J. Fitchard, Jr pastored seven churches with numerous members who went out into the nations exemplifying the principles that were instilled into them by the teachings of the prophet. He was gifted and ordained by the hands of God, to make positive changes in the lives of young people who came in contact with him on a daily basis.

Rev. Horace J. Fitchard, Jr was born on March 1, 1955 to Mr. Horace Fitchard, Sr and Mrs. Sally Mae Pride- Fitchard. He transitioned from labor to reward on September 26, 2020 at 12:10 p.m. in Huntsville Hospital.

Rev. Horace confessed hope in Christ at an early age and joined St. John A.M.E. Church. Where he was a member of the youth choir, a doorkeeper for the youth and senior usher board, a Sunday School teacher as well as the President of YPD (Young People Department) before accepting his call to the ministry under Pastor Dr. Homer McCall's leadership.

He attended Calvary Hill elementary and middle school. He matriculated from Lee High School in 1974. Horace was one of the founders of Beta Theta Chi better known as "BOX". Also, he attended Alabama A&M University majoring in Social Work. While working at the Boys Club, Horace created the Toastmasters which were an organization to speak eloquently in public. He mentored a plethora of young men who have successfully gone out into the nations making a difference. Horace had impacted numerous young people's lives from coaching freshmen basketball at Lee High School, and numerous sports at the Boys Club of Huntsville. He was an active member of the Pride of Lincoln #817 Masonic Temple.

Horace was preceded in death by his parents, Horace Fitchard, Sr and Sally Mae Fitchard; his wife, Millie Fitchard and brothers, Harry, Larry, Jimmy and Ray Anthony Fitchard of Huntsville, Alabama.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his daughter Metha Michelle Petty and grandsons Delano Petty and Horace J. Fitchard, III of Huntsville, Alabama. His great granddaughter, Cavani Deanae Fletcher of Huntsville, Alabama.; His sons, Santana and Travis Petty also of Huntsville, Alabama; siblings: sister Dorothy Fitchard-O'Quinn, Huntsville, Alabama; and Doris Espy of Chattanooga, Tennessee; brothers Ervin (Courtney) Fitchard, Earl (Deetra) Fitchard, Tony (Sarina) Fitchard, Jonathan Fitchard all of Huntsville, Alabama; Horace (Annette) of Rossville, Georgia; uncles Irvin Pride of Huntsville, Alabama, Thomas Pride Sr (Doris) of Little Rock, Arkansas, and Melvin Pride of Cullman, Alabama; aunts, Barbara Pride of Huntsville, Alabama, Juanita Henson (Benny) of Columbus, Ohio; god-brother Marlin Wilder (Janette) of Huntsville, Alabama, godsons, Joseph Masley Briggs of Huntsville, Alabama; Kyle Gibson of Birmingham, Alabama and host of other godchildren, niece, nephews, other relatives and friends.



Order of Service

Processional

Hymn of Comfort I Surrender All

PrayerRev. Charles Glover

Scripture- Old Testament.....Rev. Al Holden

New Testament.....Rev. Karnie Smith

Reflections (3 minutes)..... Mr. Earl Fitchard

Mr. Joseph Mosley Briggs

Dr. Brian Barnes

Resolutions and Acknowledge.....St. John A.M.E.

Selection....Mr. Ervin and Mrs. Courtney Fitchard

Eulogy.....Pastor Maurice K. Wright

Committal.....Pastor Maurice K. Wright

Closing Prayer.....Ms. Sharon Fitchard-Daniels

Recessional.....Royal Funeral Home



You Never Said Goodbye

You never said I'm leaving
You never said goodbye
You were gone before I knew it,
And only God knew why

A million times I needed you,
A million times I cried
If Love alone could have saved you,
You never would have died

In Life I loved you dearly
In death I love you still
In my heart you hold a place,
That no one could ever fill

It broke my heart to lose you,
But you didn't go alone
For part of me went with you,
The day God took you home.

-Unknown

Flower Bearers

Keisha Fitchard
Sierra Fitchard
Tonya Clark
Thelma Wells
Angela Briggs-Brooks

Appreciation

*The family of the late Rev. Horace J. Fitchard, Jr
wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation for
the comforting messages , visits, prayers, food, St.
John A.M.E. and staff at Millenium nursing home
during our time of bereavement.*

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Homegoing Celebration

For

Reverend Horace J. Fitchard, Jr.

March 01,1955—September 26, 2020



Saturday, October 10, 2020

12:00 Noon

Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church
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Huntsville, AL 35801

Pastor Maurice Wright Officiating

Sally Mae Pride Fitchard



*"I have fought a good fight,
I have finished my course,
I have kept the faith."*

II Timothy 4:7



MOTHER
1935 - 2012

**Farewell to Our Mother, Grandmother and Great
Grandmother**

**You have acted as an umbrella and a pillar of
strength to all of us.**

**You have been shelter, nourishment and a
structure.**

**Your memory and your teachings will be passed
down from generation to generation.**

**We shall never forget the legacy of Unity in Love
that you have instilled in us.**

LOVE YOU FOREVER

Celebrating
The *Life* of



Sally Mae Pride Fitchard

October 23, 1935 - April 4, 2012

Wednesday, April 11, 2012

12 o'clock in the Afternoon

Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church
Huntsville, Alabama

Reverend Patrick Clayborn, Officiating

Obituary

Sally Mae Pride Fitchard was born on October 23, 1935 in Huntsville, Alabama to the late Reverend Walter Pride, Sr. and Louise Watts. She confessed hope in Christ in her early thirties during Revival at Saint Bartley Primitive Baptist Church on a Friday night. She joined Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church under Pastor S. S. Hereford. She was a member of the Senior Choir, Missionary Society, Fifty Plus Auxiliary, Music Committee and the Sunday School department. She worked at United Deluxe Cab Company for over twenty-five years, Gray Electric and at Wal-Mart for fifteen years. At 4:00 p.m. on April 4, 2012, Sally went home to be with her Lord and Savior at Huntsville Hospital.

Sally leaves to cherish her memory: **her beloved children:** Horace Fitchard, Jr., Ervin L. (Courtney), Dorothy J. O'Quin, Earl (Deetra), Toney M. (Sorina), Jonathan, Doris Bradley and Horace Bradley; **grandchildren:** Anthony, Sharon, Adolphus, Lanette, Stephanie, Tanya, Kenny, Metha, Travis, Santana, Druscilla, Lakesha, Tony, Jr., Lamar, Sierra, Tacorey, Tynecia, Tracey; **great grandchildren:** Monique, Dominique, Christopher, Christian, Tristian, Caden, Jordin, Horace, III, Jaylen, Jaden, Delano, Chris and Landhn; **brothers:** Irvin R. Pride, Samuel Pride, Melvin Pride and Thomas Pride; **sisters:** Barbara Pride, Patricia Pride, and Juanita Henson; **Godsons,** Jarvis McComb, Marlin Wilder, Marcus Clark and Kari Huston; **Adopted Sister,** Evelyn Hildreth; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and numerous friends. She was well known in the Huntsville area and will be greatly missed.

Leave It To God

Sometimes it's hard to understand why some things have to be, but in His wisdom God has planned, beyond your power to see. So looking back in tenderness along the path we've trod, we cherish the years we had with you, and leave the rest to God.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection "Down at the Cross" Mass Choir

Opening Prayer Reverend Charles Glover

Scripture

Old Testament Reverend Merian Garrett

New Testament: Reverend William Gladys

Solo Christian Daniels

Poem Jerry Foster

Reflections

As A Member Reverend Homer McCall

As A Mother Sons

Resolutions Dr. Jeanette Jones

Area Missionary Society

District Missionary Society

Selection Mass Choir

Eulogy Reverend Patrick Clayborn

Solo Courtney & Ervin Fitchard

Closing Prayer Reverend Clyde Roston

Recessional

INTERMENT

Meadow Lawn Garden of Peace

450 Mount Lebanon Road

Toney, Alabama

LIKE A DOVE

Mom, even though you are gone away,
We knew you didn't come to stay.
But somehow we all got caught up loving you,
which wasn't very hard to do.
Your life was like a dove.
So kind, sweet and gentle.
We've laughed with you, we've cried with you,
we've shared a wonderful life with you.
Now we must release you like a dove.
Our minds are at ease.
Our hearts are at peace.
Because we know you'll land in the arms of
love.
We must release you like a dove.

Love Your Loving Kids



GOD'S GARDEN

*God looked around His garden
And He found an empty place
He then looked down upon the earth
And saw your precious face*

*He put His arms around you
And lifted you to rest;
God's Garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.*

*He knew that you were suffering
He knew you were in pain
He knew you'd never ever
Get well on earth again.*

*He saw the road was getting rough,
And the hills were hard to climb,
So He closed your weary eyelids
And whispered "Peace be thine"
Then He took you up to Heaven
With Hands so gentle and kind.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you
But you did not go alone,
For part of us went with you
The day God welcomed you home.*



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A Special Thank You is extended to the Heart Center and to Dialysis Center, Dr. Benjamin Fail and Staff and the Huntsville Hospital Emergency Room for taking care of our Mother during her sickness.

Gratitude

The family of Sally Mae Pride Fitchard expresses our sincere gratitude, appreciation and thanks to all of our friends. Whether it was a visit you made that comforted us, a telephone call that consoled our hearts or a prayer you prayed that strengthened us; whatever the part, thank you for your kindness and thoughtfulness. We pray that the richest blessing of God rest upon each of you in the days to come.

The Fitchard Family

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Celebration of Life

For

AARON LOMAN FREEMAN



July 31, 1939— March 2, 2020

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2020

6:00 P.M.

St. John A.M.E Church

229 Church Street
Huntsville, AL 35801

REVEREND MAURICE WRIGHT, II
PASTOR

- Obituary -

Aaron Freeman was born July 31, 1939 in Philadelphia, PA to Perry and Juanita Freeman. He grew up in the North Philadelphia and Germantown neighborhoods. After graduating from Dobbins High School, he spent six years in the Air Force traveling around the world as a communications technician. When he returned to Philadelphia, he attended La Salle University where he learned all he could about computers.

He met Mary Freeman and they married in 1964. Soon after, his job with TWA moved them to Teaneck, New Jersey where they started a family. Aaron worked in New York City for such companies as Morgan Stanley, Mabon, Nugent and Co., and Prudential. He was a faithful servant of Varick AME Zion Church in Hackensack, NJ where he was a trustee, and member of the male chorus, missionary society and Christian education organizations.

Aaron moved to New Market with his daughter and her family in July of 2017. He joined St. John AME church, and began attending the New Market and Bob Harrison senior centers regularly.

Mr. Freeman is survived by his brother Dennis Freeman (Ashburn, VA), son Edgar Freeman (Baltimore, MD), daughter Erika Andrews (New Market), son-in-law Broderick Andrews, and only grandchild, Bryce Andrews.



When I Must Leave You

When I must leave you for a little while,
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears
And hug your sorrow to you through the years,
But start out bravely with a gallant smile;

And for my sake and in God's name,
Live on and do all things the same.
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,
But fill each waking hour in useful ways.

Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer
And in turn will comfort you and hold you near;
And never, never be afraid to die,
For I am waiting for you in the sky

Order of Worship



Prelude

Processional "We Are Often Tossed and Driven"

Hymn of Comfort "Blessed Assurance"

Prayer Presiding Elder (Retired) Oliver Allen

Scripture Readings Rev. Charles Glover

Old Testament

New Testament

Selection St. John AME Choir

Reflections Sister Agnes Gilmore

Knowledge & Resolutions Dr. Jeanette Jones

Selection St. John AME Choir

Eulogy Reverend Maurice Wright, II

Recessional





*"They who wait for the Lord shall renew
their strength; they shall mount
up with wings like eagles, they
shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and
and not faint."*

— Isaiah 40: 28, 31



Acknowledgements

The Family of the late Aaron L. Freeman wishes to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy, prayers and all acts of kindness extended to them during their hour of bereavement. All tributes will be acknowledged by the family at a later date.



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Order of Service

11:00 a.m.
Saturday, February 23, 2019
St. Paul U. M. Church
620 6th Street • Triana, AL 35756

2:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 10, 2019
Trinity Faith U. M. Church
19750 W. Nichols • Detroit, MI 48219

Prelude

The Processional

Greeting

Hymn of Praise

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Reading

Old Testament..... Psalm 23

New Testament..... John 14: 1-7

Reflections..... Family and Friends

Please limit responses to 2 minutes

Affirmation of Faith..... UMH 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Silent Reading of the Obituary

Hymn of Assurance

Eulogy

Dismissal Hymn

Dismissal with Blessing

The Recessional



*You can shed tears
that she is gone
or you can smile
because she has lived
You can close your eyes and
pray that she'll come back
Or you can open your eyes
and see all she's left
Your heart can be empty
because you can't see her
or you can be happy for
tomorrow because of yesterday.
You can remember her and
only that she's gone
or you can cherish her
memory and let it live on
You can cry and close your
mind, be empty and
turn your back
or you can do what
she'd want: smile,
open your eyes,
love and go on.*

-Author Unknown

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Our hearts are truly grateful for the varied expressions of sympathy shown to us during this season of sorrow. Your calls, flowers, cards, other gifts and certainly your prayers, have lifted our spirits and been a source of comfort. May God continue to bless you.

-The Family of Mrs. Carolyn Garner



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*Celebration of Life
for*

Carolyn Garner

June 1, 1953 - February 12, 2019

Obituary



Carolyn Garner was born on Monday, July 1, 1953 in Huntsville, AL to Rosa Mosley-Whittaker and the late Lawrence J. Whittaker. She quietly passed from this life in the early hours of Tuesday, February 12, 2019.

After graduating from S.R. Butler High School of Huntsville, AL in 1972, she met and married Otis Garner Jr., beginning their life together in Detroit, MI. Their union ushered in the lives of Kiwanda and Sedrick Garner. After years of dedicating herself to her family and wanting to augment her career opportunities she recognized the importance of continued education and she began a relentless pursuit of a Bachelor degree. In 1998, she completed her studies and was awarded the degree Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. Carolyn's professional career spanned 30 years of service to the citizens of Detroit. Carolyn retired as a Principal Government Analyst from Detroit's Department of Administrative Hearings.

Carolyn lived to serve the Lord. As a devout United Methodist from early childhood, Carolyn continued in this path upon relocating to Detroit. As faithful member of Trinity Faith United Methodist Church for more than 30 years she devoted her talents to varied roles in the church including the Administrative Council, the Pastor Parish Relation Committee, and the United Methodist Women's Group. After returning to her home state of Alabama, Carolyn began looking for a new church home and found St. Paul United Methodist Church. She quickly found a niche to continue being of service to the Lord by championing Children's Ministry, the Pastor Parish Relation Committee and serving as the Secretary for the United Methodist Women and Finance Committee. In her trials and triumphs she gave praise and spoke often of the Lord's

grace and mercy and the importance of service until death.

Carolyn lived and taught "Never tell yourself NO, there will be enough people and obstacles in life that will tell you NO, you never have to tell yourself!" To this regard there was no task too great for her, she was never paralyzed by fear and she understood just on the other side of trial is triumph. She bravely fought cancer for more than a decade and even days before she was unable to speak, she could be heard muttering: "Get up, just get up!" As new diagnoses availed accompanied by new treatment schedules or surgery she would be knocked down, but got up with a new wig and a fabulous outfit more determined not to look like what she went through; living by the mantra "I will LIVE until I die".

We are saddened; by the loss of a mother, a relative and friend, but she has left a legacy in each of us. She leaves to cherish her memory a loving mother, Rosa Mosley-Whittaker, Huntsville, AL; the father of her children, Otis Garner Jr., Detroit, MI; daughter, Kiwanda Garner, Madison, AL; son, Sedrick Garner, Detroit, MI; grandson Koen Garner, Westland, MI; sisters: Carolyn Johnson, Kansas City, MO; Diane Lee (Ross), Huntsville, AL; sisters-in-law: Rosie Garner, Huntsville, AL; Sandy Hughes, Huntsville, AL; Veronica Ann Garner, Huntsville, AL; brothers-in-law: Anthony Garner, San Diego, CA, Wayne (Avis) Garner, Huntsville, AL; Clifford (Delvia) Hughes, Meridianville, AL; James (Yulonda) Garner, Huntsville, AL; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. If she were here today she would say "It will only hurt for a minute, you will be alright!"



A CELEBRATION
OF LIFE

Hazel Juanita Harrison Gilmore

September 29, 1945 — January 22, 2007

*Shout to the Lord all the earth, worship the Lord with gladness;
Come before Him with singing.
Know ye that the LORD is God.
It is He that has made us, and not we ourselves,
We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.
Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise;
Give thanks to Him and praise His name.
For the LORD is good and his mercy endureth forever;
His faithfulness continues through all generations.*

100 PSALM - 2

Friday, January 26, 2007
11:00 A.M.

Madkins Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America
2403 Oakwood Road
Huntsville, Alabama 35810

Reverend Endia J. Scruggs, Pastor

EULOGIST AND OFFICIANT

Dr. Homer L. McCall, Officiating
St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church
229 Church Street
Huntsville, Alabama 35801

*Prayers
99:1*



"Jackie"

Obituary

Hazel Juanita Harrison Gilmore, affectionately known as "Jackie" to her family, was born in Fairfield, Alabama on September 29, 1945, to the late Benjamin and Topsy Helen Harrison.

She made her profession of faith in Jesus Christ as her personal Lord and Savior early in life at the First Missionary Baptist Church of Fairfield. Hazel joined the historic St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church under the pastorate of Reverend Dr. Homer L. McCall. Her commitment to her church was evident; she was a member of the Stewardess Board, a Sunday School and Vacation Bible School Teacher, Young Peoples' Department Advisor, and a member of the Sanctuary Choir, the Fifty Plus Auxiliary and the Adult Praise Dancers.

Hazel received her elementary education through the Fairfield School System, graduating from Fairfield Industrial High School in 1963. It was during these turbulent times that she expressed her beliefs of equality for all as she participated in sit-ins during the Birmingham Civil Rights Movement. She then continued her education at Miles College and earned her Bachelor of Science degree in 1970.

Hazel was comfortable and effective in her role as wife and mother. On December 29, 1978, she was married to Rufus Gilmore III at the home of her pastor, Dr. Homer McCall. They became the parents of one daughter, Celeste Dion Gilmore. Although she was the mother of only one biological child, Hazel extended her love to three Godchildren, Michael Goggans, Jr., Keisha Fitchard and Kristan Howell. They, along with her daughter's friends, felt the care and comfort from her that only a mother can give.

After relocating to Huntsville in 1978, Hazel began working at Alabama Agricultural & Mechanical University in the Office of Admission. After her years of service there, she worked for the Tow Project Office at Redstone Arsenal. During her career there, she was noted as a very dedicated worker, retiring from the Security Assistance Management Directorate as a Contract Specialist on September 30, 2004.

Hazel's civic commitment was also evident. Her civic affiliations included Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and the Miles College Alumni Association.

Hazel's culinary skills were known to many. Her love for cooking was evident by special requests made by friends and family. She was always asked to bring her legendary cornbread or chicken salad to gatherings. Hazel loved to be called on by friends for recipes and advice on preparation of special dishes.

Hazel leaves a cherished loving, loyal, and devoted husband Rufus III; one daughter Celeste Dion; two uncles Earnest Doyle, Selma, AL and John Doyle, Bessemer, AL; one aunt Ruby Doyle, Houston, TX; father and mother-in-law Rufus II and Ardella Taylor Gilmore, Birmingham, AL; one brother-in-law Robert Gilmore, Birmingham, AL; five sisters-in-law Deborah (Chris) Crawford and Linda (Eugene) Baldwin, Birmingham, AL, Janice Burke, College Station, TX, Angela (Jeff) Johnson, LaPlace, LA, and Denise (Robert) Russell, Twenty Nine Palms, CA; cousins, nieces, nephews, a very dear friend Vanona L. Walton, adopted mothers and sisters.

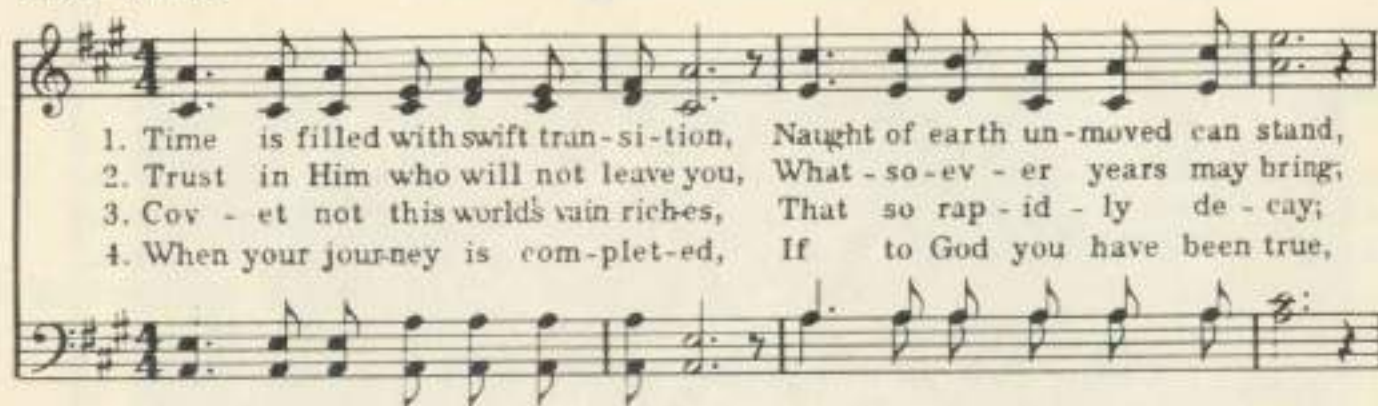


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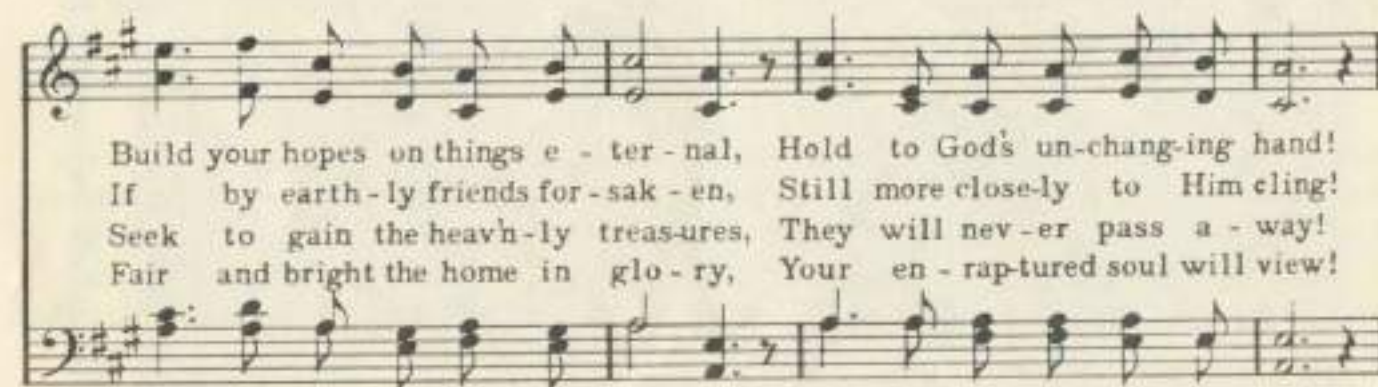
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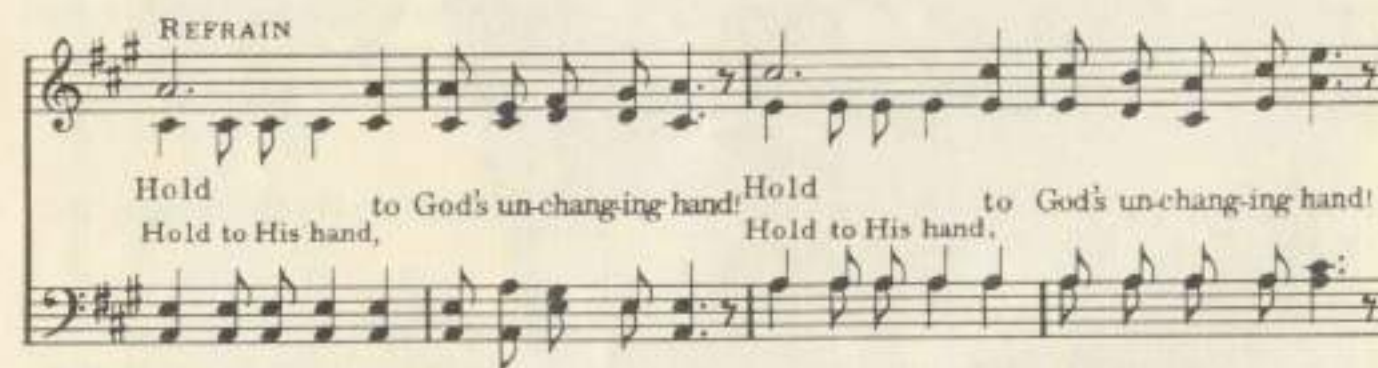


1. Time is filled with swift transi-tion, Naught of earth un-moved can stand,
 2. Trust in Him who will not leave you, What-so-ev-er years may bring;
 3. Cov-et not this world's vain riches, That so rap-id-ly de-cay;
 4. When your jour-ne-y is com-plet-ed, If to God you have been true,



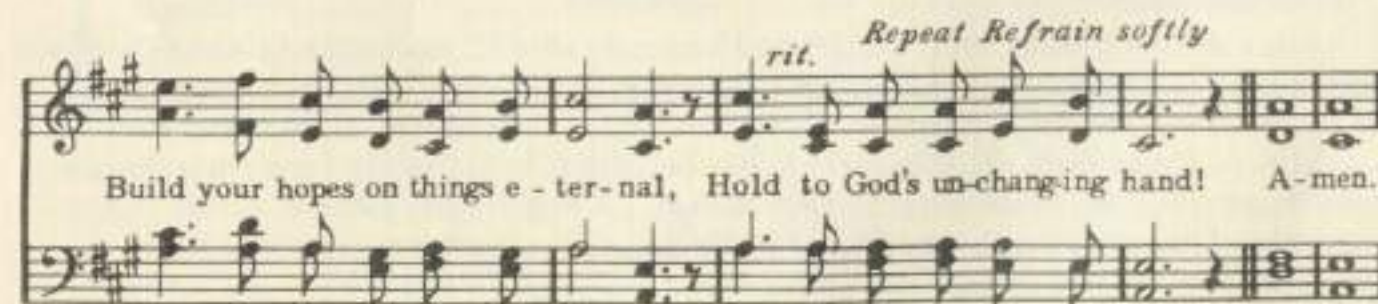
Build your hopes on things e-ter-nal, Hold to God's un-chang-ing hand!
 If by earth-ly friends for-sak-en, Still more close-ly to Him cling!
 Seek to gain the heav'n-ly treas-ures, They will nev-er pass a-way!
 Fair and bright the home in glo-ry, Your en-rap-tured soul will view!

REFRAIN



Hold to God's un-chang-ing hand! Hold to God's un-chang-ing hand!
 Hold to His hand, Hold to His hand,

rit. Repeat Refrain softly



Build your hopes on things e-ter-nal, Hold to God's un-chang-ing hand! A-men.

Program

PRELUDE.....	Ms. Rosalind Crawford (Niece) Pianist Mt. Moriah Baptist Church Huntsville, Alabama
PROCESSIONAL.....	St. John A.M.E. Combined Choirs "We've Come This Far By Faith"
OPENING PRAYER.....	Dr. James R. Johnson, Associate Minister St. John A.M.E. Church
OLD TESTAMENT.....	Bishop G. Calvin Boone, Pastor New Life Christian Praise and Worship Center Huntsville, Alabama
NEW TESTAMENT.....	Elder Eugene Baldwin, Associate Minister (Brother-in-law) Mt. Pleasant Primitive Baptist Church Birmingham, Alabama
INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHTS.....	Reverend Endia J. Scruggs, Pastor Madkins Chapel C.P.C.A. Huntsville, Alabama
SELECTION.....	St. John A.M.E. Male Chorus "No Tears in Heaven"
EULOGY.....	Dr. Homer L. McCall, Pastor St. John A.M.E. Church Huntsville, Alabama
SELECTION.....	St. John A.M.E. Combined Choirs "I Am Redeemed"
CLOSING PRAYER.....	Reverend Endia J. Scruggs
MORTICIAN.....	Royal Funeral Home, Incorporated
RECESSIONAL.....	St. John A.M.E. Combined Choirs "Hold To God's Unchanging Hand"

In Appreciation

A Note from Rufus...

Our hearts are deeply saddened by the loss of Hazel Juanita, whom we will surely miss. We are never prepared for the departure of a loved one to eternal rest. The journey of this last year has been lightened by the loving care of family, my pastor & wife, my church family, my AAMU family, and the many, many friends and supporters during the illness of my beloved wife. Whatever you did great or small will never, never be forgotten as I continue this walk of life.

To my daughter Celeste, a blessing from God, your unselfish devotion to the care of your mother will be cherished in my heart as long as life endures. I have always known that you were special, not only to me, but to all those you touch.

Your prayers, calls, visits, flowers, food, monetary gifts and other expressions of sympathy have been a great strength for us. Our prayer is that you continue to keep us in your prayers as we adjust our lives to this loss and may God give each of you strength as He has us.

-Rufus, III

A Note from Celeste...

To my father:

Daddy, I want to thank you for being a honest, hardworking man of integrity. Your devotion to our family and especially mommy over the past year has shown me what true love is about. We are living in a time where wedding vows sometimes seem to be no more than frivolous words. It has been refreshing to me to see your dedication to mommy and myself. I will always love and appreciate you.

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I could not have been blessed with a more loving, caring and affectionate family. Thank you for your never ending support. Your prayers, calls and visits were appreciated more than you will ever know. I have also been blessed with so many adopted families, you know who you are. Thank you for making your homes a quiet get away. The meals, laughs, competitive scrabble games and movie marathons may seem minor, to some but they were greatly appreciated. To Alex, my little brother, thank you for being you! I promise it will be okay. If you carry with you the conversations held, meals shared and other memories in your heart mommy will always be with you in spirit. I also want to thank my Pastor, First Lady, and church family for your continued support and prayers. Your calls, visits, cards and encouraging words have helped me to make it through the past year. To the Royal family, words cannot describe how I feel about you. I can testify for myself that your high level of professionalism and loving mannerism have helped to make this process somewhat easier. I love all of you and appreciate your dedication to the mission of funeral service.

To the caregivers...

Dr. Benjamin Fails, Mrs. Cindy Smith, Midsouth Home Health Nurse, and Ms. Melissa Pride, thank you for the loving care you provided to my mother. Your devotion to the care of mommy will never be forgotten.

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P.S. "Here's winking at you!" (you know who you are)

-Celeste

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NOTE: Text: Psalm 91

He who dwells in the secret

H. Spiritual 911 system

- ① W. More Bound ---
- ② A. Printed ---
- ③ Z. Zellers ---
- 4 E. Elevated ---
- 5 L. Love

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE
For
Mr. Charles Edward Glover II



Sunrise: April 4, 1986

Sunset: August 22, 2020

Service
Sunday, August 30, 2020
1:00 pm

St. James Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
1739-B Martin Luther King Jr., Pkwy
Wilson, NC 27893

The Elder Victor Baines Sr., Presider
The Reverend Maurice Wright II, Eulogist
Senior Pastor, St. John A.M.E. Church, Huntsville, Alabama
The Rev. Mary Anne Glover, Interim Pastor

Order of Service

Prelude

"Praise Break Drums", Curtis Miller

Processional

Family and Friends

Opening Selection

Stevens Anointed Voices of Distinction

Opening Statements / Invocation

Elder Victor Baines, Sr.

Scripture Readings

Old Testament
Isaiah 43:18-19

New Testament
II Corinthians 5:17

Reverend Mary Anne Glover

Prayer of Comfort

Apostle Michael Hargrove

Selection

Stevens Anointed Voices of Distinction

Acknowledgements

Elder Martha Wilson

Obituary (Read Silently) "Imagine Me", Kirk Franklin

Expressions, Reflections, Family Tribute

Deacon Timothy Glover, uncle
Reverend Charles E. Glover, father

Selection

Stevens Anointed Voices of Distinction

Words of Comfort

Reverend Maurice Wright, II

Benediction

Reverend Mary Anne Glover

Recessional

Family and Friends

Obituary

Charles Edward Glover II was born on April 4, 1986, at Grand Forks Air Force Base Hospital in North Dakota. He was a delightful and welcomed blessing from God to his parents. Charles, from birth, was very alert and wanted to have his way of doing things. He wanted his bottle when he wanted it, and he went to sleep when he wanted to sleep. Charles was affectionately known by family and friends as Lil' Charles or Rocko.

Charles II was dedicated to the Lord at an early age and was raised in the church by his parents. As he grew in age and stature, the church became a place of instruction and comfort for him. During his developing years, the church family provided him a solid foundation and focus which impacted his outlook on life.

His schooling was very diverse as he was a part of a military family (Father, Air Force Retired). He attended Hahn Christian School in Hahn Germany. When the family returned to the United States, Charles II attended Prince William County Public Schools; Bel Air Elementary, Saunders Middle, and Osbourn Park High School. After graduation, he briefly attended St. Paul College in Lawrenceville, Virginia and later transferred to Norfolk State University.

Charles II's life changed on July 13, 2012 when his daughter Camille Isabella Pinilla Glover was born (mother-Jovanna Pinilla). Charles loved his new family; Camille and her siblings (Mariana, Julissa, and Alisya) with all his heart and soul. He was a very loving, caring, and protective father figure to all "his girls". Charles was a spectacular father to his girls. Life was always an adventure when they were around. He loved teaching, cooking and playing music with "his girls" as he affectionately called them. Despite setbacks, he would always provide for his girls even sacrificing things he loved and wanted to ensure the girls were well taken care of.

He pursued his dreams with passion. He was a premiere percussionist and loved playing the drums at every opportunity. He loved to mix drumbeats and had visions of possibly working with professional musicians. With this same commitment, he explored and worked in telecommunication at various locations (Virginia, New York, and Philadelphia). His ultimate goal was to start his own business selling sneakers/tennis shoes. Charles followed this dream until his final days with degrees of success. The Lord blessed him to meet other start-up entrepreneurs who assisted him in getting started in the shoe business. He was finally achieving his life-long dream when the Lord called him home for a greater work. To God Be the Glory! Great Things He Has Done!

Charles II is survived by his parents, the Reverend Charles and Vanessa Glover; his brother, Christopher Glover; his girls - Camille, Mariana, Julissa, and Alisya. His friends, Jovanna Pinilla and Veronica Forestier. His maternal grandmother, Ms. Evora Farmer and Jovanna's parents, Mr. Fernando and Elizabeth Pinilla. A host of aunts, great aunts, uncles, great uncles, cousins, mentors, mentees, work associates, and his friends of 20 years, Theo Jones, Jr., Timothy Walton, Gil Gales, Kenneth Taylor, April Pattillo, Mercedes Patterson, Jarod Smith, and many others.

Life is But A Stopping Place

Life is but a stopping place,
A pause in what's to be
A resting place along the road,
To sweet Eternity.

We all have different journeys,
Different paths along the way.

We all were meant to learn some things,
But never meant to stay...
Our destination is a place
Far greater than we know.
—Author unknown

Committal/ Interment
Rest Haven Cemetery
1717 Lane Street Ext.
Wilson, North Carolina

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Friends of the Family and Charles II Friends

Appreciation

The family of Charles Glover, II wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many comforting messages, prayers, flowers and any other expressions of kindness and concern evidenced at this time in thought and deed. May God add a blessing to each of you.

To Our Family

We, the Stevens Funeral Home Family and Staff, are honored to have had the opportunity to serve your family. We believe the funeral service field is a ministry, a ministry of comfort. We hope and pray that our services have not only help comfort you during this time, but also helped ease the burden that comes along with the passing of a loved one. We Thank-You and we Honor You. Please know you will continue to be in our prayers for the days to come.



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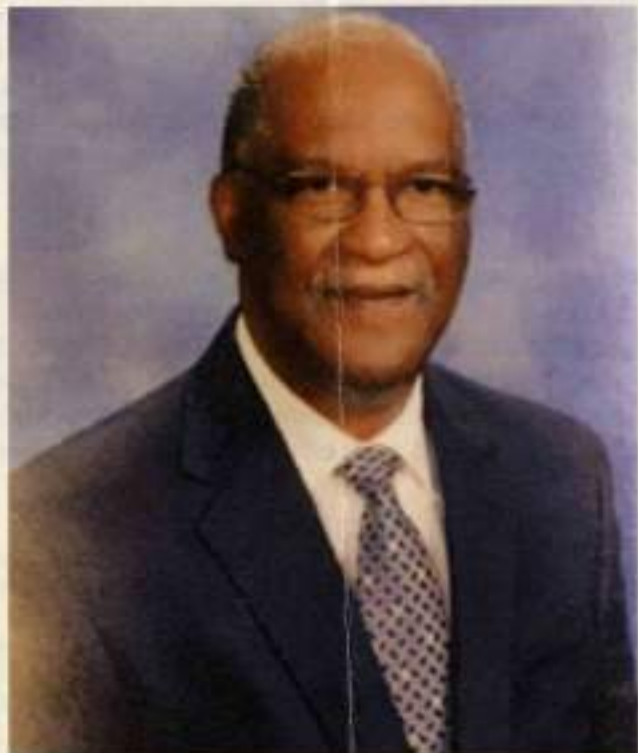
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Celebration of Life

For

WILLIAM C. HAMMOND, JR.



May 21, 1948 — March 9, 2019

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2019

11:00 A.M.

St. John A.M.E Church

229 Church Street
Huntsville, AL 35801

REVEREND MAURICE WRIGHT, II
PASTOR

- Obituary -

Mr. William Clifton "Bill" Hammond, Jr. passed away peacefully after a long battle with cancer at home, March 9, 2019 in Madison, AL at the age of 70.

Bill was born on May 21, 1948 on a farm in the Beaver Dam community of Toney, AL to William Clifton Hammond, Sr. and Maude Velma Baldwin Hammond. Being a very smart and curious child, he made friends with whomever he met. He was a proud graduate of Council Training High School, class of 1966. While attending Tennessee State University, he made many close friends. He later graduated from Florida Institute of Technology in 2004 with a Masters of Science in Management. On June 29, 1985, he married the love of his life, Chong Suk Cho.

Bill was an entrepreneur with expertise in the transportation and distribution industries. Right out of college, he opened his own trucking business, CHT, Inc., which he ran for over 10 years. Afterwards he managed government contracts for companies from Northrup Grumman to Redstone Arsenal. Bill ended his career at ALL Solutions, Inc. as a Procurement Specialist. With his expertise, he helped his wife establish her own alterations and tailoring business. He also was the catalyst for his daughter-in-law opening her own clothing boutique. His children remember him as a loving and driven father who encouraged them to pursue their goals.

Bill is preceded in death by his mother, father and brothers Glen Harold Hammond and Joseph Hammond.

Bill is survived by his loving wife, Chong Suk Hammond; son, Mancy Edward Hammond (Laura Beth Harvest, AL; son, William Clifton Hammond III; granddaughter, Willana Hammond; sisters, Mildred Pruitt (Johnnie) of Huntsville, AL, and Imogene Beauchamp of Los Angeles, CA; brother, Carey Allen Hammond of Huntsville, AL; sisters-in-law, Brenda Hammond of Chicago, IL, and Imogene Hammond of Huntsville, AL. His many cousins, nieces, and nephews remember him as a funny, kind, and generous man.

Bill loved God and was passionate about helping people from all walks of life. In addition to serving as a trustee, he was a faithful and dedicated member of Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Order of Worship

Prelude

Processional We Are Often Tossed and Driven

Hymn of Comfort Amazing Grace

Prayer Reverend Adolphus A. Elliott, Sr.

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Reverend Charles Glover

New Testament Reverend Oliver Allen

Selection St. John AME Choir

Reflections

As a Friend Dr. Lee Williams, Sr.

As a Classmate Rosemary Taylor Harris

Class of 1966—Council Training High School

Family Tribute Hersey Eugene Ford

Words of Comfort Reverend Katrenia Kier

Selection St. John AME Choir

Eulogy Reverend Maurice Wright, II

Recessional



Flower Bearers

Council Training Class of 1966
St. John AME Church Stewardesses

Pallbearers

Mancy Edward Hammond
Brandon Cleveland Young
Eugene Ford

Thomas Frederick Yack
John Richard Kier
Council Training Class of 1966

Repast

ST. JOHN AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
229 Church Street—Huntsville, AL 35801

Interment

Hammonds Cemetery
Toney, Alabama

Acknowledgements

The family of William C. Hammond Jr. would like to thank all of the family, friends, and the staff at Huntsville Hospital, Clearview Cancer Institute, Alliance Cancer Care, and Kindred Hospice for their love, support, and care.

Words cannot express our deep and sincere gratitude for the many kind expressions of support shown during this difficult time. We pray that God will encourage and bless you to lift up the burdens of others as you have done for us.

— The Family



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Robert L. Yarbrough, Jr.
William C. Bell

Honorary Pallbearers

Jon P. Long
Leroy Moore
Officers of Lesley Temple C.M.E. Church

Acknowledgement

The family of **Mrs. Irene Wise Hamer** wishes to thank everyone for your telephones calls, messages, visits, prayers, food and other acts of kindness shown during the demise of our loved one. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.



Interment

Shoals Memorial Gardens
Tuscumbia, Alabama

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Celebration of Life **for** **Irene Wise Hamer**

1921

2018



Saturday, August 18, 2018
12:00 PM

Lesley Temple Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
512 South High Street
Tuscumbia, Alabama 35674

Officiating: The Reverend Willie N. Owens, Pastor
The Reverend Vaneice Perkins, Associate Minister
The Reverend Janice Lewis, Presiding Elder
Bishop Teresa E. Jefferson-Snorton, Presiding Prelate

Obituary

Irene Wise Hamer was born to the late George C. and Cora Floyd Wise on January 11, 1921 in Kansas City, Kansas. She departed this life on Tuesday, August 14, 2018. When she was a child, the family moved to Tuscumbia, Alabama where she resided for over ninety years.

She confessed Christ at an early age and joined Lesley Temple Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Tuscumbia, Alabama. She remained a faithful member throughout her life. She served as a Sunday School Teacher, Stewardess, and Finance Clerk. She was always supportive of the church and delighted in preparing food (especially cheese straws and banana bread) for church activities and members.

She graduated from Trenholm High School and attended Alabama State Teachers College (now Alabama State University). She retired after 22 years of service at Helen Keller Hospital in Sheffield, Alabama. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, a wonderful sister, and aunt. She was very hospitable and she enjoyed entertaining friends and guests in her home. She took pride in her home and beautiful landscaping of flowers and shrubbery.

She was preceded in death by her husband James C. Hamer, daughter Cora Bonita Hamer Speight, and siblings Floyd Wise and Roberta Wise Webb.

She is survived by two daughters: Gwendolyn Irene (Robert, Sr.) Yarbrough, Statesboro, Georgia, Nedra Lorene McDaniel, Huntsville, Alabama; a son-in-law: Terry L. Speight, Madison, Alabama; a twin sister: Lorene Wise Bailey, Tuscumbia, Alabama; a sister-in-law: Mattie Hamer (Abram) Pruitt, Florissant, Missouri; a special daughter and son: Frankye Moxley Calloway and William Harold Calloway, Sr., Evansville, Indiana; six grandchildren: Robert L. (Carey) Yarbrough, Jr., Alexandria, Virginia, Michael C. (Dhana) Yarbrough, Edmond, Oklahoma, Eric L. McDaniel, Austin, Texas, Meagan T. and Kevin J. Speight, New York, New York, and Kyle E. Speight, Gilbert, Arizona; two special grandchildren: Anika M. Calloway, Atlanta, Georgia, and William H. (Karina) Calloway, Jr., Los Angeles, California; six great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Prelude.....Alina Phillips

Processional

*Hymn....."Blessed Assurance".....Choir and Congregation

*Affirmation of Faith.....Congregation

Prayer.....The Reverend Maurice Wright, II
Pastor, St. John AME Church, Huntsville, Alabama

Scripture (Old Testament).....The Reverend Irvin Leonard
Pastor, St. Paul AME Church, Tuscumbia, Alabama

*Gloria Patri

Scripture (New Testament).....Meagan Speight, Granddaughter

Song....."Come Thou Fount".....Choir and Congregation

Remarks.....Michael C. Yarbrough, Grandson
Arthur D. Graves, Friend

Resolution.....Alyce Brown

Solo....."It Is Well with My Soul".....Ouida Brown

Eulogy.....The Reverend Robert L. Yarbrough, Sr.

*Recessional....."Sing the Wondrous Love of Jesus"

*Congregation stands



Celebration of Life
Of
Gary Latory Hayes
LongLiveGary



Sunrise
May 28, 1993



Sunset
January 4, 2018



FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2018
11:00 A.M.

St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church
229 Church Street
Huntsville, Alabama 35801



The Obituary

Gary Latory Hayes

1993-2018

Gary Latory Hayes aka "Mange, Garbear, and Lil Gary" was born May 28th, 1993 in Jacksonville, North Carolina, to Jamie Shala James and Gary Tyrone Hayes. He released his life surrounded by family and friends on Jan 4th, 2018 at Huntsville Hospital.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother Gladis Hayes of Sneads Ferry, North Carolina, his great grand mother Benita Jackson of Huntsville, Alabama, God-brother Jarvis Candidate of Miami, Florida and God-sister Keltrice Stokes of Jacksonville, North Carolina.

Lil' Gary confessed his life to Christ at the tender age of four and was baptized at age six.

He attended Cylde Erwin Elementary School in Jacksonville, North Carolina. Stone middle school and Butler High school in Huntsville, Alabama. Gary was clever and wise with his words. He exemplified some of the most legendary work in his passion for Music. Gary's kind heartedness, and selfless acts will be cherished for years to come.

Gary leaves to cherish his memories devoted mother- Jamie Shala James (Demetrius McCreary) (Huntsville, AL), Father- Gary Tyrone Hayes (Jacksonville, NC) Son- Jarvis Cawthorne (Huntsville, AL) Grandmother- Myra Harris (Jesup, GA), Brothers- Tyrek Hayes (Huntsville, AL), Chequea Johnson (Montgomery, AL) God mother- Tanya Hayes, Uncles- Kenyatta Rochelle, Thomas Hayes (Jacksonville, NC), Aunts- Jewel James (Jesup, GA), Daphne Wilson (Jacksonville, NC), Sophia Harris (Huntsville, AL), Nephews- Ty'Briaun, De'Quaylin, & Jatavious Hayes Niece- Jay'cee Hayes

Five Great Aunt's, One Great Uncle Special Family Friends- Crystal Render, Nadya Hayes Special Cousins: Jamie, Daishy, Julian, Kenyatta, Semaj, LaReese, Sevelster, Dejuan, Devon, Jaleesa, Janeshia, Knowledge, Americal, Javier and A host of loving relatives.



Order Of Service

Reverend Maurice Wright, II
OFFICIATING

Processional..... Clergy & Family

Song St. John Mass Choir

Prayer..... Reverend Charles Glover

Scripture

Old Testament: Isaiah 40:28-31 Reverend Meriam Garrett
New Testament: John 14:1-6 Lillie Rivers (Great Aunt)

Musical Selection..... St. John A.M.E. Mass Choir

Reflections (3 min)..... Tyrek Hayes (brother)

Video Presentation

Solo *Yes, Jesus* Lillie Rivers

Eulogy..... *Job 14:1 James 4:14 - Vapor that appears* Reverend Maurice Wright, II
Just remember how short his is "Wake Up"
Committal & Recessional

Wake up

Prayer - acknowledge God
but up - God has extended his hand
to help
you get up.

-We, the family members, extend our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for all the prayers and many sincere acts of love and kindness. We would also like to thanks Pastor Wright and The St. John A.M.E. Church family for their support. It is during times like these God's strength remains constant and unwavering, as is with the love you have shown us. May God bless you all.

① you don't have 2 learn lessons the hard way
② Everything you do affects someone else.
The way you live your life will matter the most.
How are we using the most of our time.



I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call, I turned my back and left it all. I could not stay another day, To
laugh, to love, to work or play. Tasks left undone must stay that way, I found that place at the close of
day.

If my parting has left a void, Then fill it with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Ah
yes, these things, I too, will miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of
tomorrow. My life's been full, I savored much, Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch. Perhaps
my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with

me, God wanted me now,

He set me free.

--Author Unknown



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THOSE WE LOVE DON'T GO AWAY, THEY WILL WALK
BESIDE US EVERYDAY.
UNSEEN UNHEARD BUT ALWAYS NEAR,
STILL LOVED, STILL MISSED,
AND VERY DEAR.

Interment

NORTHSIDE CEMETERY

Repast

ST. JOHN AME CHURCH

Expression of Gratitude

The family of the late Mother Mildred Hereford acknowledges with sincere appreciation and heartfelt gratitude for the many acts of kindness, prayers, words of comfort and reassurance expressed during the illness and death of our loved one. Your kindness was comforting in our time of sorrow and we solicit your continued prayers.



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Celebration of Life



Mother Mildred Hereford

SEPTEMBER 5, 1921 - JANUARY 2, 2018

Mildred Alice Dunn Hereford

Mother Mildred Alice Dunn Hereford was born September 5, 1921 in Florence, Alabama in Lauderdale County to the late Bernard G. Dunn and Emma Smith Dunn. She was the youngest of four siblings, three of whom preceded her in death.

Mother Hereford attended the Mt. Zion Public School System where she was known for always striving for high academic achievement. She graduated from Burrell Slater High School in Florence, Alabama. She then attended Alabama A&M University, completing a Bachelor of Science Degree as well as a Master's Degree in Education.

She was united in holy matrimony to the late Reverend Samuel Shelby Hereford, Sr., pastor of St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church in Huntsville, Alabama. To this union five children were born, one of whom, Samuel Shelby Hereford, Jr. preceded her in death.

Her teaching career included schools in McCormick, South Carolina; Stevenson, Alabama; Guntersville, Alabama; and several Madison County Schools. She retired in 1990 after 27 years as a classroom teacher.

She joined Mt. Zion AME Church in Florence, Alabama at a very early age under the pastorate of Rev. W. S. Goode. In 1958, she and Rev. Hereford were sent to Huntsville, Alabama to St. John AME Church where he was pastor. Mother Hereford sang in the choir, was a member of the Stewardess Board, was a member of the Missionary Society, and served as a Sunday School teacher. After Rev. Hereford passed in 1971, she continued to serve faithfully under the next pastor of St. John AME Church, Rev. Dr. Homer Littlefield McCall.

She was active in many educational, civic, and political organizations, a few of which included the National Teachers Association (NTA), Alabama Retired Teachers Association, the Madison County Teachers Association, the Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society, and a lifetime member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

She is survived by three daughters, Barbara Hereford Turner (J.B.) of Harvest, Alabama, Brenda Hereford Powell (Vernon), and Sharon Hereford Fiorentino (Michael) both of Boston, Massachusetts; one son, Reverend (Ret.) Robert B. Hereford (Janice) of Huntsville, Alabama; fourteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; a former student who was a special friend, Sarah Nell Evans of Stevenson, Alabama; her caregiver of five years, Doris Mann of Huntsville, Alabama; and a dear friend, Evelyn Hildreth, of Huntsville, Alabama. She also will be missed by a host of nieces, nephews, and many loyal friends.

"We Remember Their Love, When They Can No Longer Remember."

Order Of Celebration

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018

ST. JOHN AME CHURCH

229 CHURCH STREET—HUNTSVILLE, AL 35801

Reverend Maurice Wright, Officiant

PROCESSIONAL Clergy and Family

HYMN OF COMFORT No. 450—Blessed Assurance

PRAYER Presiding Elder Oliver Allen, Jr. (Ret)

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament: Psalm 90:1-10..... Reverend Cladwell Campbell

New Testament: John 14:1-6..... Reverend C. Jermaine Turner

SELECTION St. John Mass Choir

REFLECTIONS Sis. Barbara Johnson

FAMILY TRIBUTE Tamara M. Powell, Granddaughter

SELECTION St. John Mass Choir

REMARKS

The Right Reverend Harry Lee Seawright
Presiding Prelate, 9th Episcopal District
African Methodist Episcopal Church

RESOLUTION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS Dr. Jeanette Jones

EULOGY *Roman 8:18*
II Corinthians 5:1 Reverend Maurice Wright, II

RECESSIONAL *Money On Up!*
"I'll Fly Away"

Ecclesiastes 3:1-7

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven;

A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;

A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;

A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

Flower Ladies
Family & Friends

Pallbearers
Family & Friends

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown during this time of bereavement. We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to each of you for making this difficult time a little easier. May God pour out his blessings upon each of you.

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR



Pauline
WASHINGTON
HICKMAN

SUNRISE
June 4, 1944

SUNSET
May 21, 2022

Life Reflections

A Time to be Born: Pauline Washington Hickman was born on June 4, 1944, to the late J.B. Washington Sr. and Emma Doyle Washington in Quincy, FL.

A Time to Learn: Pauline graduated from Carter Parramore High School. After graduating from high school, she attended Jackson Junior College and later attended Florida A & M University.

A Time to Commit: On March 23, 1967, Pauline married Mr. Edward Lee Hickman and together were blessed to share three children.

A Time to be Involved: Pauline joined Union Chapel AME Church in Quincy, FL at a very young age. While residing in New York, she faithfully served at Saint James AME church located in Beacon, NY. Once she relocated to Jackson, GA she joined Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church. While at Wesley Chapel she served as a Communion Steward, Church Greeter and regularly attended Sunday/Midday Bible Study. Pauline loved sharing the word of God.

A Time to Die: On Saturday, May 21, 2022 God sent his angels to shepherd her to her eternal home.

A Time to Mourn: Pauline Washington Hickman's beautiful life will forever be cherished in the lives of her husband Edward Lee Hickman and children Theodore Hickman (Piarie), Eric Hickman (Linda) and Kimberly Hunter (Christopher). Siblings; Betty Lou Hamilton (deceased) (Jesse B.), Ada Lee Ford, Bunion Bernard Washington (deceased), Willie Lee Washington (deceased) (Ruby), J.B. Washington Jr., and Hodges Lee Washington (Juanita); and a host of grand children who loved her dearly. She also leaves devoted nieces, nephews, close cousins, in-laws, God daughter and committed friends.



Order of Service

Saturday, May 28, 2022 | 3:00 p.m.

Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church
397 Racetrack Road | McDonough, GA 30252
Rev. Dr. William Bert Neal III, Pastor

Prelude

Processional

Selection....."It Is Well With My Soul"

Scripture Reading.....Rev. Vicky Wansley
Old Testament-Ecclesiastes 3:1-7
New Testament-1 Corinthians 15:50-57

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks (2 minutes).....Mr. Eric Hickman (son)
Mr. Hodges Washington (brother)
Rev. Alvin Hickman (brother-in-law)
Ms. Billie McClearn (dear friend)
Ms. Susie McCurry (dear friend)

Obituary & Video Tribute (Silent Reading)

Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. William Bert Neal III

Acknowledgements.....W.D. Lemon and Sons

Recessional

Postlude

INTERMENT

Monday, May 30, 2022
11:00 a.m.

Union Chapel A. M. E. Church Cemetery
536 Union Chapel Road | Quincy, FL 32351

A portrait of an elderly African American woman with short dark hair, wearing glasses and a dark blue top. She is smiling slightly. The background of the portrait is a soft-focus image of pink lilies. The text "A Celebration Of Life" is written in a large, elegant, white cursive font across the lower part of the portrait.

*A Celebration
Of Life*

December 25, 1915 - March 15, 2014

A cluster of pink lilies is positioned on the left side of the lower section of the card, partially overlapping the text area.

Mrs. Ada Harris Houston

March 20, 2014 | 11:00 A.M.

St. John AME Church

Huntsville, Alabama

The Right Reverend James L. Davis, Servant

How do you measure ...

Ada Harris Houston was born and raised in Huntsville, Alabama, and received her elementary and secondary education in the Huntsville City Schools System. Working in the insurance industry, she labored faithfully and untiringly for Atlanta Life Insurance Company for thirty-three years.

Dedicated to her motto, "There is always something to do when you are in the will of God," Mrs.

Houston has worked diligently

through the years as a volunteer in

the community where she

exhibited a positive attitude in

every task that she undertook.

At an early age, she joined the

St. John African Methodist

Episcopal Church, where she has

remained a member for over 70

years. "Aunt Ada," as she likes to

be called, was part of the 1971

building committee responsible

for raising funds and giving input for

the church structure which was

known then as "Greater St. John AME." This is the structure that

still stands today.

"Aunt Ada" remained a dedicated, loyal member of St. John AMEC even visiting for Sunday Worship Services and special occasions at 98 years of age. Mrs. Houston was the oldest living and is now the longest recorded member of St. John AME Church in Huntsville. She has served on the Senior Usher Board for 40 years; she served on the Pastor's Aid Board, Women's Missionary Society, Fifty plus Auxiliary and as a Deaconess. No task was ever too big for her to tackle. One of her favorite activities included preparing food and delivering it to needy families and individuals during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons.

Mrs. Houston was faithful to give her time, talent and resources. She always enjoyed fellowship with her church family.

SAINT JOHN A.M.E. CHURCH
1971

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J. M. RICHARDS - CHAIRMAN
PERCY L. ASHFORD
J. M. CLARK
EUGENE KENDRICK
S. C. O'NEAL
ARTHUR TOLBERT



the quality of one's life?



...through Service,



time spent with Family,



time spent sowing seeds of Wisdom,



"Aunt Ada" never met a stranger and had a tremendous heart for our youth and young adults. From fashion to technology, she credited these relationships for "keeping her young." No matter what color or race, she called all her *children* - "baby" - and collected photos, plaques and cards from numerous young people who revered, honored and loved her.

time spent on "Passion Pursuits,"

"Aunt Ada" was one of the pioneer female entrepreneurs in the city of Huntsville having established a successful catering business known as "Ada's Kitchen" specializing in homemade rolls, cakes and pies, where everything was seasoned with love.



time spent making a Difference,



Mrs. Houston was also very active in her civic and community affiliations, including work with the Huntsville- Madison County branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Alabama Democratic Conference, Good Neighbor Club, City Garden Club, and The Order of the Eastern Star - Hendley Chapter #855.

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As a member of the NAACP, she served as the office manager and enjoyed overseeing the membership process. Mrs. Houston worked unrelentingly to ensure that the members' dues were current and that new members were recruited.

Working with the Alabama Democratic Conference (ADC). Her greatest passion was being part of the Voter Project which involved coordinating activities, and assigning volunteers to the voters' precincts. Advocating the principles and convictions of our forebears for the right to vote, Mrs. Houston has registered thousands of new voters in the Huntsville - Madison County community. She strongly believes that everyone should exercise their vote as a show of respect for the blood, sweat and tears that the freedom advocates of our history so adamantly fought for us to have.



...time spent modeling Excellence.

In recognition of her loyal and dedicated service as a volunteer and community activist, Mrs. Houston has received scores of awards. Some include: The President's Award, Huntsville -Madison County Chapter NAACP, the NAACP's Million Dollar Club, the Rosa Parks Women of Courage Award, Medgar W. Evers Award, the Humanitarian Award given by St. John AME Church, The Rosetta James Foundation award, the 9th District Women's Missionary Society Silver Member Honor and the Honoring our Elders Award given by the City of Huntsville.



Being True to Herself.



Order of Service

The Reverend Patrick D. Clayborn, Ph.D., Officiant

Inlude

"Total Praise" - Instrumental

Processional

Opening Hymn #513.....*Time Is Filled with Swift Transition*.....Congregation

PrayerThe Reverend Meriam Garrett

Scriptural Readings *Old Testament: Psalm 23* The Reverend James R. Johnson
New Testament: I Corinthians 15:50-58 The Reverend G.W. Lindsey, Jr.

Musical Selection.....St. John AMEC Gospel Choir

Reflections on "Aunt Ada" Houston...
2-3 minutes

As a Community Activist.....Mrs. Alice Sams

As a Family Member.....Mrs. Lakanjala Roberts

As a Church Member.....The Reverend Homer McCall, D. Min.

Proclamation | City of HuntsvilleMs. Janette R. Smith

Musical Selection.....St. John AMEC Gospel Choir

Eulogy.....The Reverend Patrick D. Clayborn, Ph.D.
Pastor, St. John AME Church -Huntsville

"When We All Get to Heaven" - Instrumental

Recessional

The Repast will be held at St. John AME Church immediately following the interment.



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Acknowledgements

To Pastor Clayborn and family, members of St. John A.M.E. and New Bethel A.M.E. participants who showed support through this difficult time, whether it was a visit that comforted us, a telephone call that consoled our hearts, or a prayer that strengthened us—Thank you. We pray that the richest blessings of God rest upon each of you in the days to come.

-The Campbell and Smith Families

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*Celebrating The Life
of
John Walter James*

*Saturday, January 25, 2014
1:00 p.m.*

*Lion Progress M.B. Church
739 Oscar Patterson Road
Huntsville, AL 35811*

Pastor Hernandez Ford, Officiating

TRIBUTE

OBITUARY

MEMORIAL SERVICE • FAMILY

John Walter James
"Bubba"



April 14, 1934

January 16, 2014



I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Phillipians 4:13

*For we know that if our earthly house of this
tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of
God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the
heavens.*

2 Corinthians 5:1

TRIBUTE

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MEMORIAL SERVICE • FAMILY

The Obituary

John Walter James, aka "Bubba" was born April 14, 1934 in Fayetteville, Tennessee to the late Annie Lee Davidson and the late Johnie Willie James. He was later raised by Mabree and Johnie James. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Gary T. James. He completed his life journey on January 16, 2014.

Bubba was educated in the Madison County School System. At a young age he became quite the business man. He was well known all over the city of Huntsville for his custodian skills as well as his landscaping abilities. So much so that he was self-employed his entire life.

He confessed hope in Christ at a young age and joined Zion Progress M. B. Church under the pastorate of the late Rev. O. D. Boone.

John Walter, Bubba, Uncle Bubba was a fun-loving jokester that loved life and enjoyed making people laugh. Because of his unique style and character, he never met a stranger. Small kids either loved him or feared him, which didn't matter to him. He would pester them until he won them over and made them smile.

He leaves to cherish his memory one son, Sylvester "Cheeta" James; one granddaughter, Brihanna Danielle James; a special friend, Mary Houston; four brothers, Joe D. Graham (Earnestine), Gus James (Ethel), both of Huntsville, Alabama, Curtis James (Catherine) of Newbury Park, California, Shelvie James (Janice) of Phoenix, Arizona; three sisters, Mildred and Dorothy James, of Huntsville, Alabama, and Daisy Small of Decatur, Illinois. His memory will also be cherished by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other family and friends.



OBITUARY

MEMORIAL SERVICE • FAMILY

Memorial Service

Memorial Candle Lighting.....Ms. Mildred James

Opening Scripture and Prayer.....Pastor Hernandez Ford

Solo.....Mrs. Catherine James

As A Brother.....Mr. Curtis James

As An Uncle.....Ms. Shawnette James
Mr. Cameron James

Expressions

(Please limit comments to two (2) minutes)

Solo.....Mr. Thaddeus Crutcher

Word of Comfort.....Pastor Hernandez Ford

Solo.....Min. Christopher Lockhart

Closing Prayer.....Mr J. L. Graham



MEMORIAL SERVICE • FAMILY

Acknowledgment

The James family would like to thank everyone for their prayers and expressions of love shown during our time of loss.

Special Thanks

We extend a special word of thanks to Ms. Geraldine Blount, Ms. Karlecia Swan, Ms. Rosalind Denson, Mrs. Irida Jackson, and the Gentiva Hospice staff for your special care.

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Celebration of Life

For

ALBERTA JEFFERSON



May 2, 1952— January 11, 2020

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2020

5:00 P.M.

St. John A.M.E Church

229 Church Street
Huntsville, AL 35801

REVEREND MAURICE WRIGHT, II
PASTOR

- Obituary -

Alberta Jefferson transitioned this life on Saturday, the eleventh of January 2020. She was welcomed into the kingdom peacefully at home in Meridianville, AL. Alberta was born in Orangeburg, NY on May 2, 1952. She was the daughter of Frank McDonald of Decatur, AL and Hortense Bostic of Philadelphia, PA. She graduated in 1971 from Clarkstown High School in Rockland County, NY.

Alberta married her husband, Robert in January 1973. Alberta and family lived in Spring Valley, NY for 35 years. In Spring Valley, she was employed by LeCroy Corporation of Chestnut Ridge for 24 years, and DRS Inc. of Orangeburg, NY and Tanner, AL for nine years.

Alberta and Robert moved to Madison County, Alabama in September 2007. She was devoted, caring, mentoring, compassionate, understanding and giving to family and all who knew her.

Alberta was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, Frank, Jr., sisters, Patricia and Bernice; and daughter Halona. She was survived by son, Robert, Jr. for just 18 hours.

Alberta's memories will be cherished by her husband, Robert; brothers, Peter and Robert, and one sister, Freda. Memories will also be cherished by one daughter Sonya, and two sons, Jason and Shannon. Alberta's 13 grandchildren, Malcolm, Patrick, Marcus, Malik, Riya-Alberta, Shareef, Ravyn, Amare, Cyan, Atreanu, Kai, Jayden and Carter will have fond memories of her. Alberta is survived by hundreds of nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family. SHE WILL BE MISSED.

Order of Worship

Prelude

Processional "We Are Often Tossed and Driven"

Hymn of Comfort "Blessed Assurance"

Prayer Presiding Elder (Retired) Oliver Allen

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Psalm 23 Rev. Charles Glover

New Testament John 14:1-6 Rev. Donnamarie Brown

Selection St. John AME Choir

"Precious Lord"

Reflections

As a Friend Sister Lorraine Parham

Family Tribute Mr. Robert Jefferson Sr. (Husband)

Acknowledgement & Resolutions Dr. Jeanette Jones

lection *As I Look Back Over My Life* St. John AME Choir

Eulogy *I've Learned to Live Holy* Reverend Maurice Wright, II

Recessional *Psalm 40:3 And he said Put a new song in my mouth - Alberta's Song
Celebrate the life of a kind woman
I put my hope in the Lord. Lifted me out of my situation*

*and made everything alright.
① True character of a good song.
you enjoy the lyrics - the lyrics are enjoyable
Her life spoke her lyrics.
② You can sing along - Alberta's life got to be a song we make
all sing along with.*

modulation.
③ Every good song has a modulation. Now it's up
to you, a little bit higher,
the modulation from sleep
to rest.

"They who wait for the Lord shall renew
their strength; they shall mount
up with wings like eagles, they
shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and
and not faint."

— Isaiah 40: 28, 31



Repast

St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church
229 Church Street—Huntsville, AL 35801

Acknowledgements

The family of Alberta Jefferson would like to thank the St. John Church family for your love and support shown during this difficult time. We pray that God will encourage and bless you to lift up the burdens of others as you have done for us.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation to The American Cancer Society in memory of Alberta Jefferson.

— The Family



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for



Robert I. Jefferson, Jr.

February 27, 1973 - January 12, 2020

OBITUARY

Robert I. Jefferson, Junior, age 46, of Madison, Alabama, passed away on Sunday, January 12, 2020. He was born to Robert Jefferson, Sr. and Alberta Jefferson on February 27, 1973, in New York, New York.

He is survived by his wife, Indira Jefferson; four sons, Malcolm Jefferson, Marcus Jefferson, Malik Jefferson, and Patrick Jefferson; one daughter, Riya Jefferson; two brothers, Jason Jefferson and Shanon Sims; one sister, Sonya Alexander; and his father, Robert Jefferson, Sr.

Mr. Jefferson was preceded in death by his mother, Alberta Jefferson; and a sister, Halona Jefferson.

His career was as a General Manager in restaurants, where he provided many people with a first job and then trained them to rise to management positions.

He was a talented musician, playing piano, bass guitar, and cello.

Mr. Jefferson was believer in Jesus Christ and a member of Lakewood Baptist Church. He was an inspirational example of a committed husband, father, and friend.

His family and friends gave the following when asked for one word to describe Robert Jefferson:

Hopeful
Faithful
Hard-Working
hilarious
STRONG
Big Heart
DUTIFUL
FIGHTER!
kind



Order of Service

Song Sister Angela Lee
Prayer and Obituary Pastor Terrell Boyd
Remembrances Malcolm Jefferson, Son
Remembrances Ms. Keri Fletcher
Song Sister Christa Bush Turner
Remembrances Brother Charlie Miller
Remembrances Other Family and Friends
Song Brother Benjamin Corpeling
Eulogy Sermon Pastor Terrell Boyd
Song Sister Angela Lee
Prayer Brother Jimmie L. Norles

I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free; I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard him call; I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day; to laugh, to love, to work, or to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way; I found peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void; then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss; oh yes, these things I too, will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow. I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life has been full, I savor much; good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps, my time seemed all too brief; don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and be happy with me; God wanted me now;

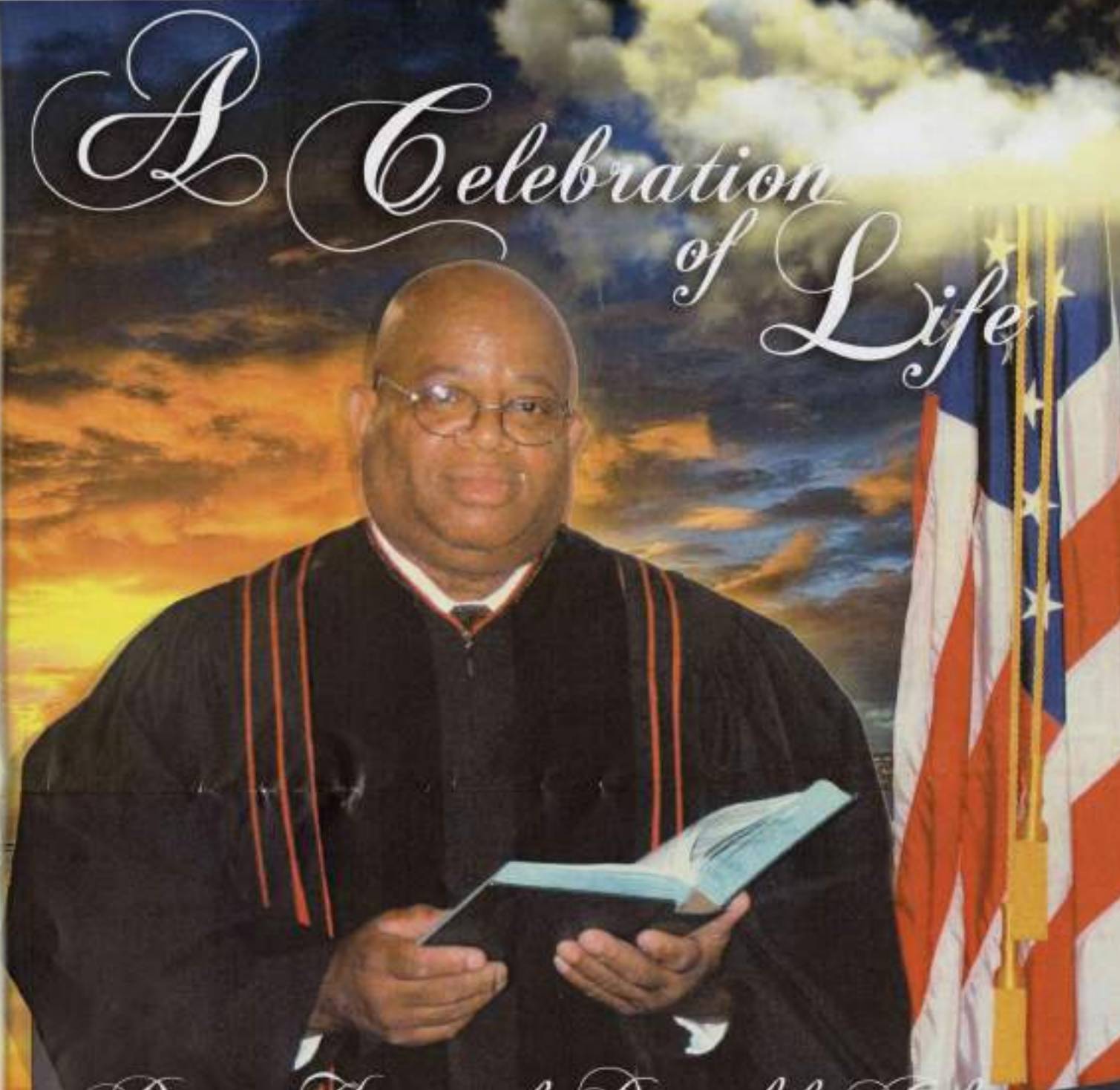
HE SET ME FREE!

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to express their most heartfelt thanks and appreciation. Without your constant care and concern, our load would have been more difficult. Maybe you prayed for us, we felt those prayers in our deepest hour. Maybe you came and sat with us, your words of comfort were touching. Maybe you served us food, our bodies were well nourished. Maybe you sent flowers; their beauty and fragrance lifted our spirit. Whatever you did, we thank you. We thank you for your cards, time, food, phone calls, visits, prayers and most of all your presence here today. May God bless each of you.

Special Acknowledgments

Thank you sincerely for the love and support extended from Huntsville Hospital, The Orthopedic Center, Fresenius Kidney Care Northern Alabama, Berryhill Funeral Home and Pastor Terrell Boyd of the Lakewood Baptist Church.

A portrait of Rev. Kenneth Donald Johnson, a Black man with glasses, wearing a black clerical robe with red and blue stripes on the collar. He is holding an open book. The background features a dramatic sunset sky and an American flag on the right.

A Celebration of Life

Rev. Kenneth Donald Johnson

June 28, 1947 - March 30, 2013

Saturday, April 6, 2013

One O'clock in the Afternoon

St. John AME Church
Huntsville, Alabama

The Right Reverend James L. Davis, Servant Bishop
The Reverend Patrick D. Clayborn, Ph.D., Pastor

Obituary

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He was a 1965 graduate of George Washington Carver High School in Scottsboro, Alabama. Kenneth was a good student academically and athletically. He loved to play basketball and was a proud member of the GW Carver High School District and State Championship basketball team of 1962. He attended Berea College in Berea, KY after graduation from Carver, prior to being drafted into the US Army.

Kenneth Johnson served in the United States Army (Korea) as a Private 1st Class Specialist, SP5 from 1967 until his honorable discharge in 1970 with continued Reserve duty until 1973. He was a Sharpshooter (M14); Expert (M16) and received the National Defense Service Medal and Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. He then worked for the Department of Interior for 10 years prior to continuing his education at the University of Alabama (Huntsville). Later he graduated from Alabama A & M University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology and worked as an Operations Research Analyst for the US Army Aviation and Missile Command G3 (Operations) at Redstone Arsenal until he became ill in June 2012. His co-workers were like family to him.

The Reverend Kenneth Johnson was an Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Before coming to St. John AMEC- Huntsville, Rev. Johnson pastored in the West Alabama Conference. The Reverend Kenneth Johnson was an Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. He pastored in the West Alabama Conference before serving at St. John AMEC- Huntsville, under the leadership of Rev. Homer McCall. He served faithfully for over twenty years as Assistant to the Pastor and Minister to the Sick and Shut-In, where he would commune those who were unable to attend Sunday morning service. Rev. Johnson served briefly under the leadership of Rev. Patrick Clayborn.

Kenneth did not miss a hunting season and fished every opportunity he had. Beyond these hobbies he had a devout love for Alabama A & M University, particularly the Women's and Men's basketball team. He refused to miss a home game and dared anyone to sit in his "season ticket" seat. In addition to these joyful events, he was known for challenging anyone he encountered with direct dialogue and debate.

Rev. Kenneth Donald Johnson departed this earthly life on March 30, 2013, (just 4 months after his father) at Bill Nichols State Veterans Home in Alexander City, Alabama. Kenneth was also preceded in death by two sisters, Evelyn Jule (1943) and Emma Jane Johnson (1998). Kenneth was due to return to Huntsville in June but God had a different plan for him. He leaves to cherish his memory two siblings: William (Gwen) Johnson of Greenville, South Carolina and Joe Ann (Leon) Grayson of Huntsville, Alabama and a close cousin Bobby Lee (Charlene) Johnson of Jackson, Mississippi.

His nieces and nephews were the delight of his life: Esophia Johnson Clayborn, William Anthony (Adrienne) Johnson, Jennifer (David) Patterson, Lovie Grayson, Janessa Grayson and Brian (Harriet) Johnson. He had a special love for his great nieces and nephews: Tercell Clayborn, Arionna Grayson, Patrick Dickerson, Avery Johnson, William Harrison Johnson, Emery Johnson, and Mylah Grayson-Thompson. He was loved by a host of special and very close friends who faithfully maintained constant contact with him throughout his illness.

Order of Service

Rev. Patrick D. Clayborn, Ph.D., Officiant

Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn #321 *Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross*.....Mass Choir | Congregation

PrayerRev. Homer McCall, D. Min.

Prayer Response.....*Pray for Me*.....Mass Choir | Congregation

Scriptural Readings: Isaiah 40: 21-31

The Reverend Frederick Sherrod
Pastor, Greater St. Paul AMEC - Scottsboro, AL

II Corinthians 5:1-8

The Reverend Meriam Garrett

Remarks.....Co Workers / Friends: Mr. Willie Harris
2-3 minutes

Mr. Michael Neal

Ministers: The Reverend Charles Glover

The Reverend Oliver Allen
Presiding Elder
South Birmingham, Huntsville, Bessemer District

The Reverend Albert L. Hyche
Presiding Elder
Montgomery, Selma District

Musical Selection.....Mass Choir

Eulogy.....The Right Reverend James L. Davis
Servant Bishop of the Ninth Episcopal District

Recessional

The Repast will be held at Greater St. Paul AME Church (*Scottsboro, Alabama*) immediately following the interment.

Interment

Cedar Hill Cemetery
Scottsboro, Alabama

Pallbearers

The Stewards, Trustees and Men of
St. John AME Church - Huntsville

Flower Bearers

The Stewardess Board and Women's Missionary Society
St. John AME Church - Huntsville

An Expression from Kenneth's Brother and Sister

We would like to express our thanks to Pastor and Rev. Clayborn, Rev. and Mrs. McCall, the St. John AME Church family, and friends for all the love and support shown to our brother. We know that he appreciated your visits, calls, cards, and prayers. Special thanks to his devoted niece, Esophia Clayborn and a special friend, Odessa Looney. God granted his request to be closer to home. His request was granted because now he is home with God. He was a loving and giving brother.

- William Johnson and Joe Ann Grayson

Acknowledgements

We celebrate the life of a special man of God. He was loved by many people and will truly be missed. We find great comfort in knowing that he loved the Lord and carried the word within, having no fear of separation from the body, as he would be One with Christ. Our family was uniquely different because of him. There are not enough words to express the gratitude our family has for all of the weekly visits, cards, calls, flowers and other expressions of love. May God bless you all for your gifts of love and time shared.

-The Family of Rev. Kenneth Donald Johnson



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Celebrating the Life

OF

Mary Alice Johnson

November 2, 1930—November 22, 2008



Monday, December 1, 2008

11:00 a.m.

St. John

*African Methodist Episcopal Church
229 Church Street, N.W. - Huntsville, Alabama 35801*

*Reverend Dr. Homer L. McCall
Pastor & Officiating Minister*

Obituary

Mrs. Mary Alice Powers-Johnson passed away quietly at her residence on Saturday, November 22, 2008. She was the daughter of the late Mr. Monroe and Mrs. Dicie Powers. She was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Mr. Ollie E. Johnson, in 2007; three sisters, Mrs. Viola Powers-Ward, Mrs. Norma Powers-Jenkins and Mrs. Ailean Powers-Wilkins; and two brothers, Mr. Alfred Powers and Mr. George Powers.

She confessed hope in Christ at an early age and joined St. John African Methodist Church. She was a dedicated member and served on the Stewardess Board and Pastor's Aid Board until her health began to fail.

Although she did not work outside the home, she served for 33 years as the secretary and bookkeeper for the home-based business she and her husband began in 1960, Johnson Brothers & Sons Concrete Contractors.

She leaves to cherish her memory five loving and devoted children, Mrs. Janice Johnson Hereford (Robert), Mr. Jesse Johnson (Linda), Ms. Barbara Johnson and Mr. Ronald Johnson, all of Huntsville, AL, and Lt. Col. Angelo Johnson (Lauroselle) of Fort Bragg, N.C.; one sister, Mrs. Susie Akins of Huntsville, AL; three brothers, Mr. Monroe Powers, Jr. (Lorraine) of South Pittsburgh, TN, Mr. Donald Powers (Carolyn) of Huntsville, AL, and Mr. Charles Powers (Annie) of Huntsville, AL; three sisters-in-law, Mrs. Pearl Johnson-Frazier of Dayton, OH, Mrs. Mary Powers of Huntsville, AL, and Mrs. Lucy Powers of Huntsville, AL; one brother-in-law, Mr. Earl Johnson (Patsy) of Huntsville, AL; and four devoted caregivers, her daughter-in-law, Linda, Mrs. Doris Stevenson, Mrs. Linda Bevels, and Ms. Gwen Fletcher.

Mrs. Johnson was a firm believer in education and encouraged her children as well as her grandchildren always to excel academically. She was very proud of her 16 grandchildren, Lady, Alice, Susan, Robert, Jr., Beniquez, Thomas, Issac, Nina, Jared, Lindsay, Tamara, April, Ronald, Monique, Dexter and Marquisia. She reserved a special place in her heart for her first and only-great grandson, Joshua.

Her memory will live on in the hearts of a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Life is Eternal



*"Life is eternal,"
the good Lord said,
so do not think of your
loved one as dead.
For death is only a
stepping stone
to a beautiful life we
have never known.*

A place where God

promised man he would be

eternally happy and free;

a wonderful land where we live anew

when our journey on earth is over and through.

So trust in God and doubt Him never;

for all who love Him live forever.

And while we cannot understand,

just let the Savior take your hand.

For when death's

angel comes to call,

God is so Great, and we are so

small; and there is nothing

you need to fear for faith in

God makes all things clear.



Don't Think of Her as Gone Away...

*Don't think of her as gone away,
her journey has just begun.*

*Life holds so many facets,
this earth is only one.*

*Just think of her as resting,
from the sorrows and the tears,
in a place of warmth and comfort,
where there are no days and years.*

*Think of how she must be wishing
that we could know today,
how nothing but our sadness
can really pass away,
And think of her as living,
in the hearts of those she touched,
For nothing loved is ever lost,
as she was loved so much.*

—Author Unknown



Order of Service

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

SELECTION.....Sanctuary Choir
"I'll Fly Away"

OPENING PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT (Proverbs 31:10-31)

NEW TESTAMENT (1 Corinthians 13:4-13)

SELECTION.....Sanctuary Choir
"The Old Rugged Cross"

EULOGY.....Reverend Dr. Homer L. McCall

SELECTION.....Sanctuary Choir
"Hold to His Hand, God's Unchanging Hand"

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RECESSIONAL

"Come to me, all you who are weary and
burdened, and I will give you rest."

~Matthew 11:28



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Interment

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Fellowship Meal

St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church

Acknowledgement

The family of Mrs. Mary Alice Powers-Johnson is sincerely grateful to our many friends, neighbors, pastors, and church families for your prayers, comforting words and all acts of kindness shown to us during the illness and death of our loved one.

A special thank you is expressed to Ms. Kelsia Smith, bereavement counselor, and the staff of Hospice Family Care for your compassion and care during the final miles of our mother's life journey.

~The Johnson Family

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THE LIFE OF



Nina Marie Johnson

Sunrise: December 17, 1993

Sunset: October 5, 2021

Obituary

Miss Nina Marie Johnson transitioned this life to return to her heavenly father on October 5, 2021. She was the daughter of Mr. Ronald Johnson and Mrs. Erica Cecelia Davis-Johnson. She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Ollie & Mary Johnson (Grandpus and Nana), her maternal grandfather, Mr. Willie Lee Davis and uncle, Mr. James Davis.

Nina confessed hope in Christ in 2009 and joined St. John AME Church under Reverend Dr. Homer L. McCall. She was one of three last members to be baptized by Reverend McCall. She started working in the church immediately. She actively participated in the Liturgical Dance Ministry, the Young Peoples Department (YPD), iThrive-Arise Ministry and as a volunteer in the Soup Kitchen. Her greatest joy was assisting with the production of the *Friday Night Live* events at the church.

Nina was educated in the Huntsville City School System, having started kindergarten at Lincoln Elementary School, continuing to Chapman Middle School followed by attending Lee High School. While in high school, she discovered her love of culinary arts and perfected the skill of food preparation in the culinary arts program offered at the Huntsville Vocational Technical School. Nina graduated from Lee High School in 2012.

Nina recognized early on how important education was, to having a successful career, so she enrolled at Drake State Technical College. There she earned an associate degree in Culinary Arts and Hospitality Service, graduating from J. F. Drake State in 2015. Not allowing anyone's opinion to stymie her positive self-image, Nina entered the Mr. & Miss J. F. Drake State Technical College Pageant and was crowned the 2nd Attendant and named Ms. Blue and White Drake State in 2013.

She was crafty. She enjoyed drawing and making things. This artistic propensity led to her first job at Michael's Arts and Crafts Store. Her next career opportunity was in the health care industry. She worked for a while at a nursing home, which led to work as a home health care provider. Helping others was always a priority for Nina. She enjoyed being of service to others. She trained to become a certified nursing assistant (CNA). With this certification in hand, she joined the Huntsville Hospital workforce as a CNA. She worked at several of the hospitals within the Huntsville Hospital System until her health declined.

Her passing took us all by surprise. She leaves cherished memories of her presence on this earth with her parents, Mr. Ronald Johnson, and Mrs. Erica Cecelia Davis-Johnson, stepmother, Mrs. Tammy Johnson; sisters, Mrs. April (Devon) Draine, Mrs. Tamara (Charlene) Johnson, and best friend and sister Ms. Monique Humphrey; brothers, Ronald Thomas Johnson of West Palm Beach Florida, and Isaac Johnson of Elkmont, AL.

Family was everything to Nina. She loved us deeply, and we loved her equally as much. Many memories will be shared by a host of siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews on both sides of the family. Church family, colleagues and friends will indeed miss her smile.

Her last words were, "Tell them I love them."

Order of Worship

Sunday, October 10, 2021

2:00 p.m.

Prelude

Processional "Every Praise"

Selection St. John AME Church

Opening Prayer Reverend Joretha Wright

Scripture

Old Testament—Jeremiah 29:11, 11-13..... Brother Jason Gilmore

New Testament—John 14:1-6 Brother Jason Gilmore

Selection St. John AME Church

Reading of Resolution

Selection St. John AME Church

Eulogy Pastor Maurice Wright, II

Committal

Recessional

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St. John AME Church Stewardesses

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St. John AME Church Stewards and Trustees

Acknowledgements

The family of Ms. Nina Marie Johnson wishes to express sincere thanks to our many friends, neighbors, and church family for their many acts of kindness. Your prayers, visits, phone calls, cards, floral tributes, and expressions of sympathy are sincerely appreciated. May God continue to abundantly bless you is our prayer.

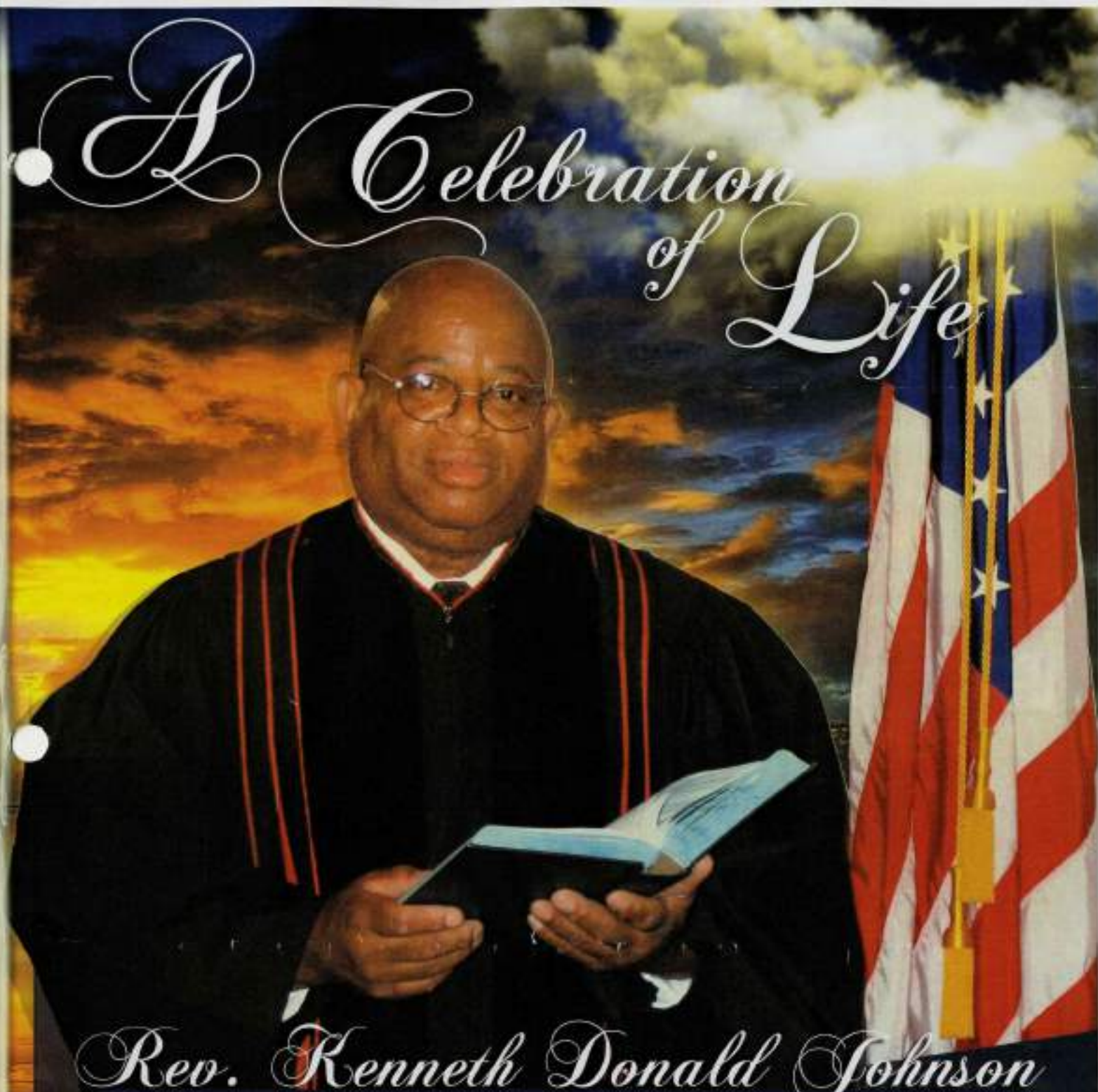


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A portrait of Rev. Kenneth Donald Johnson, a Black man with glasses, wearing a black academic or clerical robe with red and blue stripes on the shoulders. He is holding an open book. The background features a dramatic sunset or sunrise sky with orange and yellow clouds, and an American flag on the right side.

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He was baptized and joined Greater St. Paul AME Church at an early age. He accepted Jesus as his personal Savior. As a teenager he traveled and chauffeured pastors of St. Paul AME Church (the Late Rev. JC Coleman and the late Rev. Willie Mays) as they preached and performed their duties throughout the AME Church-Ninth district. Often, he and his late sister Emma Johnson would sing to the various churches as a duet, "Tell Me the Story of Jesus."

He was a 1965 graduate of George Washington Carver High School in Scottsboro, Alabama. Kenneth was a good student academically and athletically. He loved to play basketball and was a proud member of the GW Carver High School District and State Championship basketball team of 1962. He attended Berea College in Berea, KY after graduation from Carver, prior to being drafted into the US Army.

Kenneth Johnson served in the United States Army (Korea) as a Private 1st Class Specialist, SP5 from 1967 until his honorable discharge in 1970 with continued Reserve duty until 1973. He was a Sharpshooter (M14); Expert (M16) and received the National Defense Service Medal and Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. He then worked for the Department of Interior for 10 years prior to continuing his education at the University of Alabama (Huntsville). Later he graduated from Alabama A & M University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology and worked as an Operations Research Analyst for the US Army Aviation and Missile Command G3 (Operations) at Redstone Arsenal until he became ill in June 2012. His co-workers were like family to him.

The Reverend Kenneth Johnson was an Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Before coming to St. John AMEC- Huntsville, Rev. Johnson pastored in the West Alabama Conference. The Reverend Kenneth Johnson was an Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. He pastored in the West Alabama Conference before serving at St. John AMEC- Huntsville, under the leadership of Rev. Homer McCall. He served faithfully for over twenty years as Assistant to the Pastor and Minister to the Sick and Shut-In, where he would commune those who were unable to attend Sunday morning service. Rev. Johnson served briefly under the leadership of Rev. Patrick Clayborn.

Kenneth did not miss a hunting season and fished every opportunity he had. Beyond these hobbies he had a devout love for Alabama A & M University, particularly the Women's and Men's basketball team. He refused to miss a home game and dared anyone to sit in his "season ticket" seat. In addition to these joyful events, he was known for challenging anyone he encountered with direct dialogue and debate.

Rev. Kenneth Donald Johnson departed this earthly life on March 30, 2013, (just 4 months after his father) at Bill Nichols State Veterans Home in Alexander City, Alabama. Kenneth was also preceded in death by two sisters, Evelyn Jule (1943) and Emma Jane Johnson (1998). Kenneth was due to return to Huntsville in June but God had a different plan for him. He leaves to cherish his memory two siblings: William (Gwen) Johnson of Greenville, South Carolina and Joe Ann (Leon) Grayson of Huntsville, Alabama and a close cousin Bobby Lee (Charlene) Johnson of Jackson, Mississippi.

His nieces and nephews were the delight of his life: Esophia Johnson Clayborn, William Anthony (Adrienne) Johnson, Jennifer (David) Patterson, Lovie Grayson, Janessa Grayson and Brian (Harriet) Johnson. He had a special love for his great nieces and nephews: Tercell Clayborn, Arionna Grayson, Patrick Dickerson, Avery Johnson, William Harrison Johnson, Emery Johnson, and Mylah Grayson-Thompson. He was loved by a host of special and very close friends who faithfully maintained constant contact with him throughout his illness.

Order of Service

Rev. Patrick D. Clayborn, Ph.D., Officiant

Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn #321 *Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross*.....Mass Choir | Congregation

PrayerRev. Homer McCall, D. Min.

Prayer Response.....*Pray for Me*.....Mass Choir | Congregation

Scriptural Readings: Isaiah 40: 21-31

The Reverend Frederick Sherrod
Pastor, Greater St. Paul AMEC - Scottsboro, AL

II Corinthians 5:1-8

The Reverend Meriam Garrett

Remarks.....Co Workers / Friends: Mr. Willie Harris
2-3 minutes

Mr. Michael Neal

Ministers: The Reverend Charles Glover

The Reverend Oliver Allen
Presiding Elder
South Birmingham, Huntsville, Bessemer District

The Reverend Albert L. Hyche
Presiding Elder
Montgomery, Selma District

Musical Selection.....Mass Choir

Eulogy.....The Right Reverend James L. Davis
Servant Bishop of the Ninth Episcopal District

Recessional

The Repast will be held at Greater St. Paul AME Church (*Scottsboro, Alabama*) immediately following the interment.

Interment

Cedar Hill Cemetery
Scottsboro, Alabama

Pallbearers

The Stewards, Trustees and Men of
St. John AME Church - Huntsville

Flower Bearers

The Stewardess Board and Women's Missionary Society
St. John AME Church - Huntsville

An Expression from Kenneth's Brother and Sister

We would like to express our thanks to Pastor and Rev. Clayborn, Rev. and Mrs. McCall, the St. John AME Church family, and friends for all the love and support shown to our brother. We know that he appreciated your visits, calls, cards, and prayers. Special thanks to his devoted niece, Esophia Clayborn and a special friend, Odessa Looney. God granted his request to be closer to home. His request was granted because now he is home with God. He was a loving and giving brother.

- William Johnson and Joe Ann Grayson

Acknowledgements

We celebrate the life of a special man of God. He was loved by many people and will truly be missed. We find great comfort in knowing that he loved the Lord and carried the word within, having no fear of separation from the body, as he would be One with Christ. Our family was uniquely different because of him. There are not enough words to express the gratitude our family has for all of the weekly visits, cards, calls, flowers and other expressions of love. May God bless you all for your gifts of love and time shared.

-The Family of Rev. Kenneth Donald Johnson



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★ **HUNTSVILLE**

Mr. Ernest C. Jones

August 6, 1933 - August 25, 2014

Saturday, August 30, 2014

Eleven O'clock A.M.

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Huntsville, Alabama

The Reverend Patrick D. Clayborn, Ph.D., Pastor



A Loving Husband

Ernest for over 50 years I have been your wife and stood by your side, even through the rough times...you've always been a provider. We have shared many memorable moments with Family and Friends, of which I am eternally grateful. Thank you for being a Source of Strength, a Husband, a Father, a Grandfather and the Rock of our Family. Thank you for standing up when others sat down. I loved you, but God loved you more. You will be greatly missed and you will forever be in my heart.

*With Love,
Your Wife*



"But now Faith, Hope and Love Remains, these three; but the greatest of these is Love" (1 Corinthians 13)

Order of Service

The Reverend Patrick D. Clayborn, Ph.D., Officiant

Prelude

Processional.....Soft Music
Selection....."Changed".....St. John AMEC Choir
Prayer/Remarks.....Rev. Homer McCall, Ph.D.
Scripture.....Rev. Dennis DeLoach

Old Testament - Job 19: 23-27

New Testament - 1 Corinthians 15: 50-58

Selection....."When I Get Home".....Mr. Reginald Pearson

Reflections on Ernest Jones
2-3 minutes

Mrs. Donna Gullatte – *as a Father*

Mrs. Yvonne Barbour – *as a Father*

Mrs. Maria Walton – *as a Brother*

Captain Austin L. Franklin, – *as a Grandfather*
United States Army

Selection....."I Won't Complain".....Mrs. Kathy Boswell

~ Acknowledgements ~

Dance....."Take Me to the King".....Ms. Mariah Gullatte

Eulogy.. *The Complicated Man*... *Romans 7*...Rev. Patrick, D. Clayborn, Ph.D.

Recessional

ERNEY'S

1605 Pulaski Pike

Suites A & B -Huntsville, AL 35816

Obituary

Ernest C. Jones was born August 6, 1933, in Huntsville, Alabama. His connection to St. John AMEC spans several generations; his grandfather was a founding member of the church. His parents, Preston and Mildred Jones, were also members of St. John and were well-known in the community as the owners of *Jones Groceries* - a local landmark. Ernest assisted his parents there for many years. Ernest was known world-wide as "*Alabama Red*". He departed this life on August 25, 2014, at home surrounded by Family.

Ernest was preceded in death by his parents, his sister-Nellie Maxie, his brother-Henry "Hank" Jones and his brother-David Jones and son-Gary Eugene Jones. Ernest attended William H. Council School and was the first African-American paper carrier in Huntsville.



In 1949, he moved to Ft. Wayne, Indiana where he was employed by General Electric for several years. While there, he continued his love for mechanics and learning how things work. Ernest met and married the late Lavina White, and to that union five children were born.

Ernest was a traveling man, having visited many places across the country including Chicago, parts of Tennessee and even ended up in Vancouver, Washington for a short time where he worked in the shipyard, when work was abundant as a result of World War II.

Around 1953, he felt the call to move back home to Huntsville with his children and pursue his passion to be an entrepreneur and own businesses. After returning to Huntsville, he met the love of his life - Lorene Sledge. They married on Christmas Eve of 1963. To this union two children were born. Ernest absolutely loved cars and operated an auto mechanic shop for several years. He even worked in a Nascar pit crew, and raced for a short stint against Darrell Waltrip and other Nascar drivers. Ernest also shared his passion for auto mechanics and taught his trade to many students. Some of them went on to own their own successful shops.

While the country was in unrest, battling for civil-rights, Ernest was the first Black to enlist the efforts of white men to protest the inequality. The Turkish Army soldiers who joined him sitting in protest at the counter at GC Murphy Department store were visiting Redstone Arsenal at the time. Erney says the soldiers were forced to leave Huntsville shortly after that, for getting involved in the politics of our country.

Ernest was a man of many talents and was always his own Boss. He owned and operated the highly popular *Night Life Club* on Holmes Ave., which was mentioned and noted in "*Rocket City Rock & Soul*" by Jane DeNeefe. The *Night Life* was located on Holmes Avenue for many years and later moved to Posey Street where it was known all over the Tennessee Valley as *Erney's*. It was the first club in the area to have a lighted dance floor, which he designed and built with his sons.

Ernest returned to his roots by operating the family grocery store in what was then called, *The 10th Calvary Hill* area. *Jones Groceries* was a pillar of the Northwoods Community for many years. Ernest later changed the name of the family business to *Erney's Groceries*.

While Erney and his wife operated the store, he embarked upon a new adventure. He launched *Erney's Construction* by teaching himself and becoming proficient in running all the equipment necessary to finish concrete, build foundations, swimming pools, plus bush-hogging and other skills needed to be a landscaper. The family often says it was just in his blood, since his Grandfather was a Brick Mason who made his own bricks.

Wanting to get back into business on the social scene, Erney turned over the grocery store to his brother and continued his construction work during the day. In 1977 he purchased the property for, and later opened a new night club on Pulaski Pike. Can you guess the name? *Erney's!* That third run of *Erney's* became 'the' premiere night spot in Huntsville. The club ran strong for over 11 years. In 1990, the club was renovated and reopened as a restaurant. Ironically, the longitude and latitude coordinates of that location at 1605 Pulaski Pike during the 2000 census proved to be the exact center of the population for Madison County.

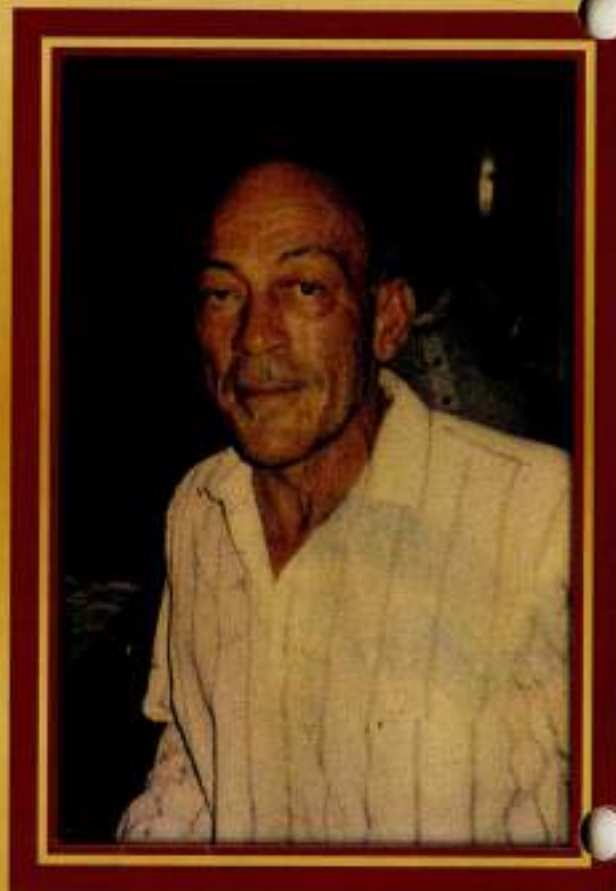
Erney built many friendships through the club and restaurant. It wasn't uncommon for people to stop him or Ms. Lorene through the years to share stories and fond memories of their times at the restaurant. He remained in the true spirit of an entrepreneur to the end, still operating as a commercial landlord.

Ernest leaves to cherish his memory, a loving wife, Lorene S. Jones; daughter, Sandra Kay White; twins, Kevin Jones (*Vernell*) and Karen Minor (*David*); son, Ronald Jones (*Zena*); Ora Jean Jones (*wife of deceased son, Gary*); daughter, Yvonne Barbour (*Randy*); son, James Johnson; son, Kelvin Jones; daughter, Donna Gullatte (*Karl*); sisters, Teresa DeShields and Maria Walton. He adored his forty-six grandchildren, and over forty great-grandchildren who will miss him greatly, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and special friends.

Family Man & Entrepreneur



Erney's Restaurant & Lounge had some of the best home style cooking on the planet - Pulaski Pike one block north of University Drive. *William Hampton*



A Legend on 10th Cavalry Hill is gone!
Rest in peace "Homie" - Ernest Jones!
Earla Lockhart



So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. "All who rage against you will surely be ashamed and disgraced; those who oppose you, will be as nothing and perish. Though you search for your enemies, you will not find them. Those who wage war against you will be as nothing at all. For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.

Isaiah 41: 10-13



The Jones Family has my deepest thoughts of condolences and prayers in this time of sorrow. Ernest was a legend in his own time, a real man who stood for something and didn't fall for anything and wasn't afraid of "NUTHIN".
Commissioner Bob Harrison

Pallbearers

Donta Huelett Jones	Charlie Martin
Jason Jones	Curtis Marshall
Justin Jones	Adrian Wallace
Steve Jones	Robert Wilson

Flower Bearers

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Donyale Jones	Keshia McDow
Dorothy Jones	Deborah Pearsall
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Honorary Flower Bearers

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Acknowledgements

The Family of the late Ernest C. Jones wishes to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation for all of the expressions of sympathy shown during our time of bereavement. You will never imagine how much your word, visits, cards, flowers and prayers have helped each of us through this journey. Please continue to keep our entire family in your prayers. May God's richest blessings be upon each of you. Again, thank you for your presence at the Celebration of a Husband, Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather, Friend and most importantly, a Child of God - Ernest C. Jones (Erney).

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Meadowlawn Garden of Peace
450 Mt. Lebanon Rd.
Toney, AL 35773

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Family, Friends & Stewardesses St. John AME Church

Interment

Meadowlawn Garden of Peace
450 Mount Lebanon Road—Toney, AL 35773

- Acknowledgement -

The family of Barbara Jean Leonard would like to say "Thank you" for your prayers, calls, visits, various acts of kindness, and other expressions of concern and sympathy, during this time of bereavement. May God Bless You.



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Celebration Of Life HONORING *Barbara Jean Leonard*



March 19, 1936 – September 8, 2018

September 13, 2018

St. John AME Church
229 Church Street
Huntsville, Alabama 35801

Reverend Maurice Wright, II
Servant Pastor

Obituary

Barbara Jean Leonard, daughter of the late William Sr. and Margaret Leonard was born on March 19, 1930 in Birmingham, Alabama.

She accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior and was baptized at an early age in Birmingham, Alabama. She moved her family to Boston, MA in the late 50's where she began her career at the Raytheon Corporation. She moved to Huntsville, AL in 1978 where she continued working in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) field and eventually retired from Lockheed Martin Missiles and Space Co. After retirement she enjoyed volunteering with the Meals on Wheels organization and sitting with the elderly. Barbara loved to travel and sing in the St. John AME Church Choir.

On September 8, 2018, Barbara Jean Leonard entered full eternal life. Her memory will live on with her devoted son, Anthony Leonard and daughter-in-law Donna Ransom; two grandchildren, Anthony Ransom, Atlanta, GA; and Taylor Leonard, Huntsville, AL; two great grandchildren, Kyrstin Stanley and Channing Ransom, Huntsville, AL; two special nieces, Sheila Hodge and Hycentha Hodge, and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and very dear friends.

She was preceded in death by four sisters, Mary Louise Leonard, Bernice Leonard, Mary Jackson, and Bertha Edwards; and six brothers, Andrew Leonard, Samuel Leonard, Jimmy Leonard, William Leonard, Jr., Alphonso Leonard, and Glenn Leonard.

Farewell My Friends

It was beautiful as long as it lasted
The journey of my life.
I have no regrets whatsoever
Save the pain I'll leave behind.
Those dear hearts who love and care....
And the strings pulling at the heart and soul....
And the strong arms that held me up
When my own strength let me down.
At every turning of my life I came across good friends.
Friends who stood by me,
Even when the time raced me by.
Farewell, farewell, my friends
I smile and bid you goodbye.
No, shed no tears for I need them not
All I need is your smile.
If you feel sad do think of me
For that's what I'll like when you live in the hearts
Of those you love, remember then
You never die.

Gitanjali Ghei, Inspirational poet (1961 - 1977)



Order of Service

Processional *Line He Filled w/ Saint Narrative* Clergy, Officers & Family
Selection *Blessed Assurance* St. John AME Choir
Opening Prayer Reverend Meriam Garrett
Scripture Reading
Old Testament *Psalms 23* Reverend Joretha Wright
New Testament *John 14:1-6* Reverend Charles Glover
Selection Ms. Channing Ransom
Reflections *Psalms 39:4 Let God Abide w/ me Solo song.* Brother Rufus Gilmore
The Lord's Prayer Sister Linda Ransom
Eulogy *2 Timothy 4:6-7 For I Am Now Ready to be offered as the time is now at hand. Packed up & ready to go. What did she pack? Love, joy, faithfulness* Reverend Maurice Wright, II
Selection St. John AME Choir
Recessional

The Lord is my Shepard. I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pasture,
He leadeth me beside the still waters he restoreth my soul,
He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for his name sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou prepareth a table before me in the presence of my enemy,
thou anointed my head with oil, my cup runneth over.
Surely Goodness and Mercy,
shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

-Psalm 23

ORDER OF SERVICE

One o'clock p.m.
Saturday, May 9, 2015

Little Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church

884 Indian Creek Road • Huntsville, Alabama 35806
Elder Dr. Jerry L. Crutcher, Pastor and Officiant



Organ Prelude

Processional

Selection Little Indian Creek P.B. Church Choir

Prayer Reverend Dr. Patrick D. Clayborn
PASTOR, ST. JOHN A.M.E. CHURCH

Selection Choir

Reading of the Holy Scriptures

Old and New Testament Reverend Jesse Hughes

Silent Reading of the Obituary Soft Music

Solo Sister Joann Brown, Niece

Eulogy Elder Dr. Jerry L. Crutcher

Selection Choir

Closing Prayer Deacon Larry Crutcher

Mortician Royal Funeral Home, Inc.

Recessional

FLOWER BEARERS

Nieces

PALLBEARERS

Nephews



INTERMENT

Valhalla Memory Gardens

700 Winchester Road • Huntsville, Alabama 35811

REPAST

Little Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church

Immediately following Interment Service

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of Mr. Robert Lee Little wishes to acknowledge with deep gratitude, the many acts of kindness and expressions of love and concern during the passing of their loved one. They also extend a special thank you to Elder Doctor Jerry L. Crutcher and the entire Little Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church family.



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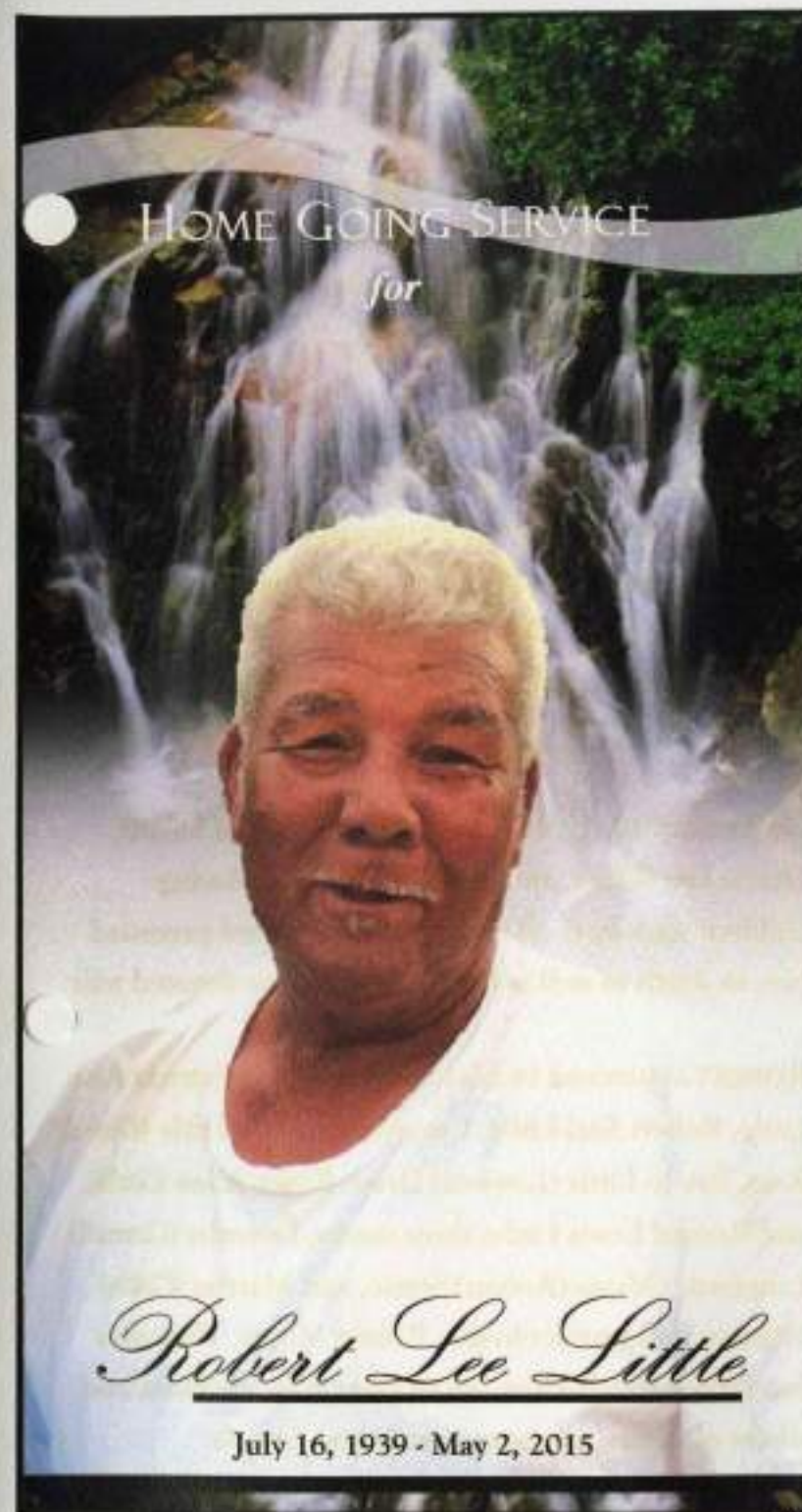
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OBITUARY

MR. ROBERT LEE LITTLE was born on July 16, 1939, to the late Mr. Doye Little, Sr. and the late Mrs. Myrtle Lockhart Little in Huntsville, Alabama. He departed this life on Saturday, May 2, 2015.

ROBERT loved and adored his family. He was a hard working man all of his life. He worked for Huntsville Manufacturing for a number of years and before retirement, Jerry Holt Construction where he was employed for over twenty years. He is described as Rare, Outgoing, Brave, Encouraging, Reverent, and Thoughtful.

On January 10, 1959, he married the love of his life, Gracie Lee White, and to this union eight loving children were born. Robert, Jr., and Edward preceded him in death as well as his parents and his devoted wife.

ROBERT is survived by his loving children, Patricia Ann Little, Robert Earl Little, Carolyn Varnette Little (David) Russ, Eva Jo Little (Lamonte) Dean, Roger Allen Little, and Ronald Lewis Little; three sisters, Dorothy (Cornell) Langford, Odessa (Robert) Streele, and Martha (Collis) Holmes; and brother-in-law, Robert Moore. He leaves fourteen grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

PSALM 23

*The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.*

*He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.*

He restoreth my soul:

*He leadeth me in the paths of
righteousness for His name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil:*

for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

*Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies:*

thou anointest my head with oil;

my cup runneth over.

*Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life:*

*and I will dwell in
the house of the Lord for ever.*



"Daddy"

*Although our hearts are hurting
God never makes mistakes
He's going to see us through this
No matter what it takes*

*We'll never forget your teachings,
Words of wisdom through the years
They've helped us through many situations
through blood, sweat, and tears*

*Of course we'll miss you dearly
As each day passes by
Please know we'll always love you
And really try not to cry*

*We love and adore you daddy
Go ahead and take your rest
However we do realize
That God loves you best!*

*Love,
-Your Children*

"Granddaddy"

*Memories from last week brings us here today
We hate to see you leave, God makes no mistakes
"Extraordinary" you are, to us you're still living
It's like you're still here because we're still listening
Memories of you will never fade, you taught us all to be strong
Even though we're in a lot of pain
We're doing the best we can to try and hold on
Granddaddy, this poem is just for you, we know you have to go
God's plan is not our plan, we already know, we already know...*

*Love,
-Your Grandchildren*

HOMEGOING CELEBRATION

of

Mrs. Princetta Mackey

April 5, 1930 - May 3, 2020



*Nine o'clock in the morning
Saturday, May 9, 2020*

Royal Chapel of Memories

4315 Oakwood Avenue NW • Huntsville, Alabama 35810

*Reverend Maurice Wright, II
Pastor and Officiating Minister*

Mrs. Princetta Mackey

Sunrise: April 5, 1930 – Sunset: May 3, 2020

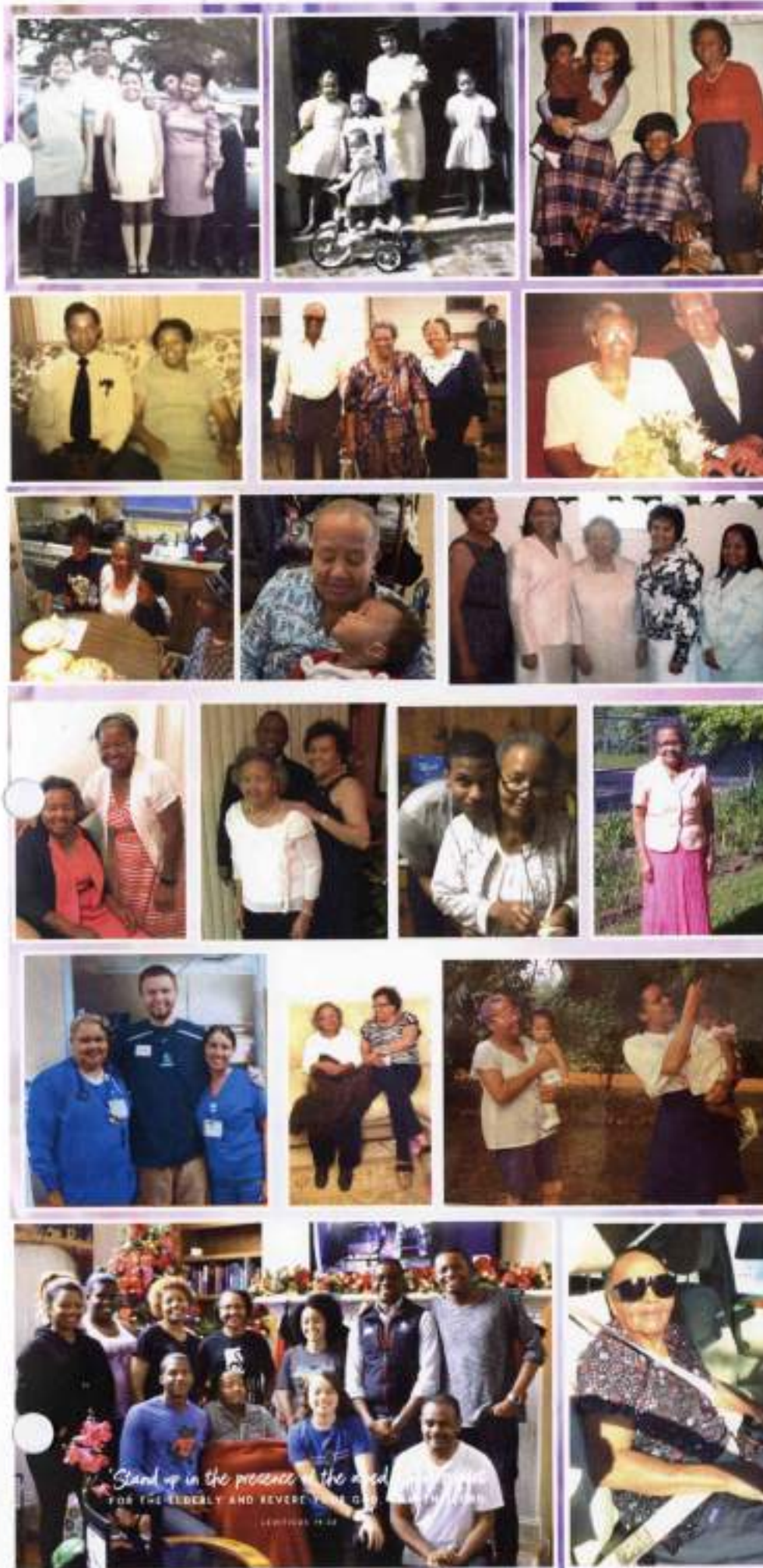


Mrs. Mackey accepted the Lord as her Savior at an early age, and joined the Mitchell Springs Methodist Church in Lanett, Alabama.

Mrs. Mackey was a May 24, 1948 graduate of Lanett Accredited High School, Lanett, Alabama. She had previously attended the historic New Hope School in Chambers County, AL, one of the historic Rosenwald schools established in Alabama to educate African-American children in the segregated South, before advancing to high school. On June 17, 1950 she married the love of her life, Mr. Paul William Mackey in West Point, Georgia, and they remained life partners for 53 years until his death on August 22, 2003. As a dedicated wife, Mrs. Mackey elected to become a member of the Baptist faith in order to attend church services as a family.

Mrs. Mackey was in the process of becoming a Licensed Practical Nurse, but changed her "career" to dedicated wife and mother. After the birth of their two oldest children, Mr. and Mrs. Mackey became a part of the second great migration of African-Americans from the South, seeking better opportunities for their family. They settled in Brooklyn, New York, and Mr. Mackey worked two jobs so that she could stay at home and nurture their children.

In 1967, the Mackey family returned to the South, settling in LaFayette, Alabama, to "live off of the land". As proud homeowners they began raising their children on homegrown fruits, vegetables, eggs, and meats, growing organic foods before organic was popular. They taught their children the value of a dollar, but more importantly they taught them the value of knowing and trusting in the LORD. Later, Mrs. Mackey started working as a seamstress so that she could help her children to attend college, working at Playtex International (LaFayette, AL) until they closed, Terry Manufacturing, (Roanoke, AL) and lastly, Russell Corporation (LaFayette, AL) where she retired early in order to take care of the love of her life.



Mrs. Mackey was the epitome of a Christian woman. She did everything from the heart, living and walking in faith, not by sight. She not only regularly attended church services and bible study, but also served as a Sunday School teacher. She sang hymns at home as she cooked, as she sewed, and as a comfort to her children. Not only did Mrs. Mackey sing in the pews, but she also sang in the choir, performing solos when requested. Additionally, she sang solos as a part of a singing troupe named "The Old Ship of Zion" in LaFayette, AL. Furthermore, Mrs. Mackey served as a Deaconess and was a member of the Missionary Society at the Friendship Baptist Church No. 2 and at White Hall Missionary Baptist Church both located in LaFayette, AL. When her health declined, she chose to relocate to Hampton Cove, AL to live with her daughter, Sarah and son-in-law, Rickey. When led by the Spirit, she joined their church family at St. John AME Church, Huntsville, AL, attending services as often as possible. When the COVID-19 pandemic began, she watched services online. She passed away minutes before the first Sunday's Church and Communion Services, which she loved to take part in, on May 3, 2020.

Mrs. Mackey loved the LORD, loved her husband, and loved her family. Her legacy of love lives on in her children: Pauline M. (Phillip) Drake, Jacksonville, FL; Vannie R. (Vincent) Robinson, Alcoa, TN; William K. (Sharon) Mackey, Bear, DE; Deborah T. Bonner, Jacksonville, FL; Priscilla A. (Stanley) Scales, Conyers, GA; and Sarah L. (Rickey) McGraw, Hampton Cove, AL. Her love also extended to her "daughter" Mary Ann Cooper and her "son" Paul Moss. As a beloved grandmother, she leaves her love and legacy to her grandchildren: Michelle S. Mackey, Toms River, NJ; Teresa C. (Rodomir) Desir, Fleming Island, FL; Patrick M. Bonner, Oxford, AL; Paul E. (Rochelle) Drayton, Orlando, FL; Robert A. Bonner, Jacksonville, FL; Elisabeth F. Drayton, Jacksonville, FL; Tamela E. (Samuel) Magnusen, Cleveland, OH; Jonathan E. Bonner, Jacksonville, FL; Jyotsna A. Scales, Atlanta, GA; Matthew M. (Laney) Mackey, Claymont, DE; Phillip R. McGraw, Hampton Cove, AL; Joshua I. Scales, Atlanta, GA; and Princetta T. Bonner, Orlando, FL. She was blessed to have four great-grandchildren: Madison Bonner, Oxford, AL; Michael, Jeremiah, and Selah Desir of Fleming Island, FL; and Kingsley Magnusen, Cleveland, OH. As the eldest child of Mr. & Mrs. Amos Huguley, she leaves her sister, Vista H. Bryant, Rex, GA; and a dear brother, J. Garfield Huguley, Minneapolis, MN. She leaves her love to her many nieces, nephews, and cousins. [As a faithful servant of the LORD, she leaves her love to her St. John AME Church family, and to her friends and former church families at White Hall Missionary Baptist Church and Friendship Baptist Church No. 2, both in LaFayette, AL.]



Order of Service

Processional

Hymn of ComfortSt. John MCAM

PrayerPresiding Elder (Ret.) Oliver Allen, Jr.

Scripture Readings

Old Testament.....Psalm 121
Psalm 23

New Testament.....1 Corinthians 15:50-58
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

SelectionSt. John MCAM

Resolution & Acknowledgements.....Appointee

Selection.....St. John MCAM

Words of Comfort..... Reverend Maurice Wright, II

Prayer.....Reverend Maurice Wright, II

Mortician.....Royal Funeral Home, Inc.

Recessional



Flower Bearers

Granddaughters

Pallbearers

Grandsons



Interment

Handy Cemetery

Lafayette, Alabama

Acknowledgements

The Mackey Family acknowledges with sincere gratitude all of your kindnesses and services provided to us during this difficult time. We will never forget that you have been, and are there for us with your prayers, expressions of love, and support during our times of need and bereavement. Mom always said, "May the work that I have done speak for me." She lived a life of caring, integrity, grace, service, and love as a servant of the Most High God. May the Lord use you to ensure that the life and legacy of Mrs. Princetta Mackey lives on. We shall NEVER forget. She lives in our hearts forever.



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April 5, 1930 - May 3, 2020



*Nine o'clock in the morning
Saturday, May 9, 2020*

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4315 Oakwood Avenue NW • Huntsville, Alabama 35810

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Home Going
For

Mrs. Bertha

TO BE

Tuesday, August 22, 1989

Saint John African
Montgomery,

Anderson Todd, Jr. D.D., Pastor

Interment

Greenwood Cemetery

Ross Clayton

Montgomery,

Directing

Celebration

Robinson McCall

HELD

3:00 P.M.

Methodist Episcopal Church
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St. John's Working Club
Crusader's Federated Club

Acknowledgement

The Family expresses its deep gratitude for your many acts of kindness shown during the illness and grief of their loved one. Your prayers, love and concern have been a source of sustaining comfort.



Order of Worship

PROCESSIONAL.....#492
"There's A Land That Is Fairer Than Day"

HYMN.....#196
"There's A Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

PRAYER.....Farrell J. Duncombe,
Presiding Elder,
Montgomery District

SCRIPTURE.....
Old Testament.....Psalm 23
Marion Brock, II, Minister
New Testament.....Matthew 5:1-12
Jerome V. Harris, Pastor
St. Paul A.M.E. Church
Troy, Alabama

SOLO.....Gussie B. Boyd
"If I Can Help Somebody"

WORDS OF COMFORT.....Pastor Todd

RECESSIONAL.....#511
"Sing The Wondrous Love Of Jesus"



"A Remembrance of a Mother Who Cared"

"All you've got to do is trust Him.
Love and serve people and keep
the faith. The Lord will make a
way for you."



by Mrs. Bertha R. McCall
March 26, 1988 while a
patient at John Knox
Manor Nursing Home
Montgomery, Alabama

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" Matthew 5:8

From her birth on December 4, 1899 to her parents, Edward and Mattie Robinson, to her homegoing on August 18, 1989, Mrs. Bertha Robinson McCall gave to all, her life was touched, a legacy of a devoted Christian. As a loving wife, mother, church member, teacher, neighbor and community worker, she showed she really cared. She was raised in a Christian home in which she gave her first Easter recitation at the age of four; it was entitled "Christ the King" and was given at St. John A.M.E. Church, Montgomery, Alabama of which she was a lifelong member.

From a very early age, her life was built upon the ROCK of "Relying on Christ's Kingship". Those four little words may well be the shortest and best summary of the gospel as we know it. They also marvelously describe the life of a loving Mother and friend to all humanity. Bertha McCall was a person who lived so God could use her anytime and anywhere as He chose to do so.

From her early acceptance of Jesus as Lord and from first teaching assignment at the age of seventeen in Andalusia, Alabama to her retirement from the Montgomery City School System as an elementary school teacher, Bertha McCall's life was "An inspiration" to countless children, men and women and her memory now is "a benediction" to thousands.

From her marriage to the late Edward Cornelius McCall on March 12, 1932, she steadfastly tried to make her home a home of unity, prayer, peace and love. Truly it was a home where Jesus was always exalted as Lord. Their union was blessed with four children, Ruby, Edward, Jr., Barbara and Homer. The two eldest siblings, Ruby and Edward Jr., are deceased.

Bertha McCall's social and spiritual consciousness extended to activities beyond the family circle. From her dedication to the Sunday School, Cathedral Choir, Missionary Society, St. John's Working Club (Vice President) the Eastern Stars and many other benevolent groups such as the Crusaders Club, she always "looked for the best in others and she always gave everyone the best she had." For her, the sheer joy of helping people especially the less fortunate, was the highest reward. Many unselfish and unnoticed deeds were given to disadvantaged children as well as patients in nursing homes for many years where she was affectionately called "the banana lady". What a loving example of Jesus words and her favorite verse "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God."

Bertha McCall was a dedicated Christian whose life was not one-sided. As we celebrate her homegoing we recall Jesus attendance at the big social dinner Matthew gave when he was called to be one of the Master's disciples and we also recall His presence at the marriage in Cana. Our Mother's life is a testament also that you can be in the world but not of the world. Her legacy is a holistic one, a noble and balanced example of fun and fellowship with the Lord and people.

When her health began to fail, her faith in Christ increased. She often continued to mention:

"Let Jesus fix it for you. He knows just what to do. Whenever you pray,

Let Him have His way, And He will fix it for you."

Thus the finest remembrance of Bertha Robinson McCall is that her life is an undying reminder that "salvation is Christ's atonement not one's attainment" and that she allowed God to use her in many ways to show her family, the church and the world that Jesus still cares and He loves everyone.

Our Lord gave our mother peace in the midst of all of her storms even "in the valley of the shadow of death". Because of Him, Bertha McCall was truly "Somebody's Mother", a mother who cared for all. Praise God for such a mother as her.

Memories never die, a lady whose life and homegoing we celebrate today lives on in the hearts and minds of many people who include: two devoted children, Rev. Barbara M. Thomas of Montgomery, AL and Rev. Dr. Homer L. McCall of Huntsville, AL; one daughter-in-law, Mrs. Mable McCall, huntsville, AL; four loving grandchildren, Michael Edward Thomas a senior at Tulane University, New Orleans, LA, Homer L. McCall, II, a freshman at Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA; Sonya and Gale McCall, Huntsville, AL; three nieces, Mrs. Lillian R. Arrindell, Staten Island, NY, Ms. Alfred B. Smith, Jamaica, NY and Mrs. Margarite Hale, Chicago, IL; three nephews, Lorenza Burch, Buffalo, NY, George Burch, Pittsburgh, PA, Edward G. Robinson, Chicago, IL; a close friend, Mrs. Catherine McGowan; two devoted nurses, Mrs. Bertha Harper and Mrs. Alma Jennings and a host of other relatives and friends.

Be still sad heart, and cease repining

Thy fate is a fate common to all
into each life some rain must fall

Some days must be dark and dreary.

Thanks to our mother we learned early in life to "fight the good fight of faith, to keep the faith and to finish the course,
"Glory to God!"

SOMEBODY'S MOTHER

The Woman was old and ragged and gray
And bent wit the chill of the Winter's day.

The street was wet with a recent snow
And the woman's feet were aged and slow.

She stood at the crossing and waited long.
Alone, uncared for, amid the throng

Of human beings who passed her by
Nor heeded the glance of her anxious eye.

Down the street, with laughter and shout,
Glad in the freedom of "school let out,"

Came the boys like a flock of sheep,
Hailing the unow piled white and deep.

Past the woman so old and gray
Hastened the children on their way.

Nor offered a helping hand to her -
So meek, so timid, afraid to stir

Lest the carriage wheels or the horses' feet
Should crowd her down in the slippery street.

At last came one of the merry troop'
The gayest laddie of all the group;

He paused beside her and whispered low,
"I'll help you cross, if you wish to go."

Her aged hand on his strong young arm.
She placed, and so, without hurt or harm,

He guided the trembling feet along,
Proud that his own were firm and strong.

Then back again to his friends he went,
His young heart happy and well content.

"She's somebody's mother, boys, you know,
For all she's aged and poor and slow,

"And I hope some fellow will lend a hand
To help my mother, you understand,

"If ever she's poor and old and gray,
When her own dear boy is far away."

And "Somebody's mother mother" bowed low her head
In her home that night, and the prayer she said

Was "God be kind to the noble boy,
Who is somebody's son, and pride and joy!"

Mary Dow Brine

CELEBRATING A LIFE WELL LIVED FOR GOD'S GLORY

THE REVEREND DOCTOR

Homer Littlefield McCall

—
"BLESSED ARE THE PURE
IN HEART FOR THEY
WILL SEE GOD."
—

-MATTHEW 5:8

11:00 A.M.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2019

First Missionary Baptist Church

3509 Blue Spring Road • Huntsville, Alabama 35810

REVEREND DR. DON DARIUS BUTLER, PASTOR
REVEREND MAURICE WRIGHT II, OFFICIATING
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LIFE REFLECTIONS

Homer Littlefield McCall I

Sunrise: February 1, 1941 – Sunset: November 22, 2019

"Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life." - Revelation 2:10



A product of Montgomery, Alabama, Homer Littlefield McCall I was the youngest of three children born to the late Edward and Bertha Robinson McCall. He was also preceded in death by a brother, Edward Jr., and a sister, Barbara Ann McCall Thomas. He received his calling as a child and at a tender age and found himself consoling and reassuring family members of God's love. When he accepted the call to preach, he immediately sought mentorship with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who ordained him in the ministry and lived three doors down from his home on South Jackson Street. He delivered Dr. King's newspaper and cut his lawn to which Dr. King once noted, "Homer, you're mowing that lawn like Michelangelo carved, like Shakespeare wrote poetry, like Leonardo Da Vinci and all his works. You're doing it so well that the host of angels will have to pause and say 'there stands a great street sweeper'" and that inspired him to do even better. He excelled in academia and accelerated from the tenth grade from Alabama State University, Laboratory High School to Morehouse College. He not only graduated from Morehouse College in 1962 with a B. A. degree in English and French, but also continued his educational development via many rare

opportunities, such as matriculation at the Sorbonne, University of Paris, France, Exeter College, University of Oxford, England, and the Yale University Divinity School, New Haven, CT. Dr. McCall received the Master of Divinity (1975) and the Doctor of Ministry in (1980) degrees from Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN.

While as an instructor of English and French at Daniel Payne College, Homer met Mable, who caught his eye and he knew she was the one to be his partner in life and in love. The two became one on November 27, 1970. They were married for 45 consecutive years until her untimely death on July 8, 2016.

Dr. McCall was the pastor of two circuit churches, St. Phillips A.M.E., Margaret, Alabama and Ward Chapel A.M.E., Warrior, Alabama. One Sunday morning on the way to St. Phillips, Mable told Homer that she "wished that the Lord and Bishop Robinson would have mercy on us." That day, at church, there were two members and two dollars in the offering. Later that day, Dr. McCall received a phone call from Bishop Hubert Robinson's secretary telling him to call the Bishop. He called Bishop Robinson and he told him that he had a dream to send Homer McCall to Huntsville and that he would like to meet with him at his office on the following Saturday for his appointment to St. John, since he would be in Florida that week. Homer responded with "Let me pray on it." Mable, known for her tell-it-like-it-is personality, told Homer, "You pray, I'm packing." Dr. McCall served as the pastor of St. John A.M.E. Church, Huntsville, for 40 years prior to retiring on October 19, 2011.

While pastoring in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, he was always willing to serve and share his talents. Dr. McCall facilitated numerous workshops and served on various committees at the local, state and Connectional levels. He served the Ninth Episcopal District of the A.M.E. Church as a Delegate for each General Conference during his pastoral leadership. In 2001, he attended the World Methodist Conference in Brighton, England. He and Mrs. McCall led a workshop for the Pastor and First Lady Marriage Seminar for the 8th, 10th, and 12th Districts of the A.M.E. Church. Dr. McCall also served the Ninth District as the Dean of Ministers and Secretary of the North Alabama Conference until his retirement. In 2010, he and Mrs. McCall were awarded the Pastor and First Lady of the Year Award from the Ninth Episcopal District. Various events

and ministries were founded under Dr. McCall's leadership at St. John, such as, the AAMU Day, which continues to connect the founder of Alabama A&M University, Dr. William Hooper Council, who also founded St. John A.M.E. Church; Feeding the Homeless Ministry/Soup Kitchen, which went from feeding 1-2 now feeds over thousands; Prison Ministry; Scholarship Committee awarding and recognizing students in the congregation, to name a few.

Dr. McCall was well respected by legions of past and current students, faculty, staff and administrators at Alabama A&M University, to which prior he taught at Sparkman High School. At AAMU he was often called upon to provide spiritual counseling and leadership at the university and in the community when the need would arise. He was often heard during his tenure offering the invocation at university and sporting events and regularly attending the football and basketball games. He served as an Assistant Professor in the Department of English and Foreign Languages and as University Chaplain. In 2010, Dr. McCall retired from Alabama A&M University after 38 years of service and received the distinct honor of Professor Emeritus in 2010 and Chaplain Emeritus in 2011. And in May, 2017 was honored with an Endowed Scholarship in his name at his beloved AAMU.

Dr. McCall was involved in religious, educational, civic, and community activities and received many honors and awards in each area. He was a Life Member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Morehouse Alumni Association and NAACP. Dr. McCall was called upon and chosen to serve in many capacities, such as Leadership Alabama Class of 2003; Leadership Huntsville/Madison County Class of 1999; AAMU Community Development Corporation; UNCF Community Wide Committee; Member of the Board of Directors, American Heart Association, Huntsville Madison County; Spiritual Director North Alabama Habitat for Humanity; Chaplain, Huntsville Chapter 100 Black Men of America; and President, Greater Huntsville Interdenominational Ministerial Fellowship (1997-1999) and member until his retirement.

Dr. McCall was a prayer warrior. He readily petitioned God in a most eloquent and earnest way, whether in a worship service, at a public event, in a hospital room or on a telephone communication. His sermons demonstrated the formal religious training as well as the life experience and belief system of one who can offer Christ and chronicle God's goodness. Under the direction and guidance of the Holy Spirit, his ministry emphasized and implemented Stewardship, Evangelism and Outreach, Church Growth and the Word of God preached to save souls and serve people. His inspiration continues to live through the hearts and minds of his sons and daughters in ministry and all lives that he has touched. He was an exemplary leader, minister and teacher. He was often heard reciting one of his favorite scriptures, Psalm 23, lining the hymn, Blessed Assurance and quoted saying, "Take one day at a time and keep the faith" and "love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind and love your neighbor as yourself." He would say further, "I cannot lift you up without lifting myself up, I cannot tear you down without tearing myself down, so lift up Jesus, lift up others and you will lift up yourself as well," and "the best is yet to come." He earnestly, wholeheartedly, even until his death, was heard saying, "I've always tried to treat people right." We were blessed to encounter such a man that treated people right, lived his life according God's Will, and loved all mankind. Thank God for Reverend Doctor Homer Littlefield McCall.

Dr. McCall emphasized that his first commitment was to God, followed by his undying love to his family. He leaves to cherish his loving memory three children: Homer (Shakira) McCall II, Towson, Maryland, Sonya (Darryl) McCall-Shepard, Washington, DC and Gale (Gerald, Jr.) McCall-Teague, Madison, Alabama; seven grandchildren: Madison McCall, Jacob McCall, Aria Taylor, Lauryn Shepard, Zuri Shepard, Genae Teague and Zoe Teague; two brothers-in-law: Melvin Jones, Sawyerville, Alabama and Calvin Jones, Oak Park, Illinois; one sister-in-law, Martha (Zedock) Long, Cleveland, Ohio; and a host of nieces and nephews, cousins, godchildren, and friends.



Order of Celebration

Reverend Maurice Wright II, Worship Leader

PROCESSIONAL

PRAYER.....Reverend Dr. Michael Bell

HYMN OF AFFIRMATION....."Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

READINGS FROM THE WORD OF GOD

PSALM 23.....Reverend Dr. Julius Scruggs

ISAIAH 40: 21-31.....Reverend Dr. Garland Pierce

MATTHEW 5:1-11.....Reverend Dr. Kenneth Hill

ROMANS 12:1-9.....Reverend Michael Jones

REVELATION 3:7-13.....Reverend Dr. H. Wendell Thompson

SELECTION.....St. John A.M.E. Church Mass Choir
"I LOVE THE LORD"

WORDS OF COMFORT.....Presiding Elder (Ret.) Oliver Allen, Jr.

WORDS OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.....Dr. Jeanette Jones

SILENT READING OF *LIFE REFLECTIONS*....."For All the Saints"

RESOLUTION.....Dr. Andrew Hugine, President
ALABAMA A&M UNIVERSITY

SELECTION.....St. John A.M.E. Church Mass Choir
"MY HELP"

WORDS OF REFLECTION (3 minutes, please)

CHURCH.....Bishop Harry L. Seawright

COMMUNITY.....Mr. Kenny Anderson

EDUCATION.....Dr. Mattie Thomas

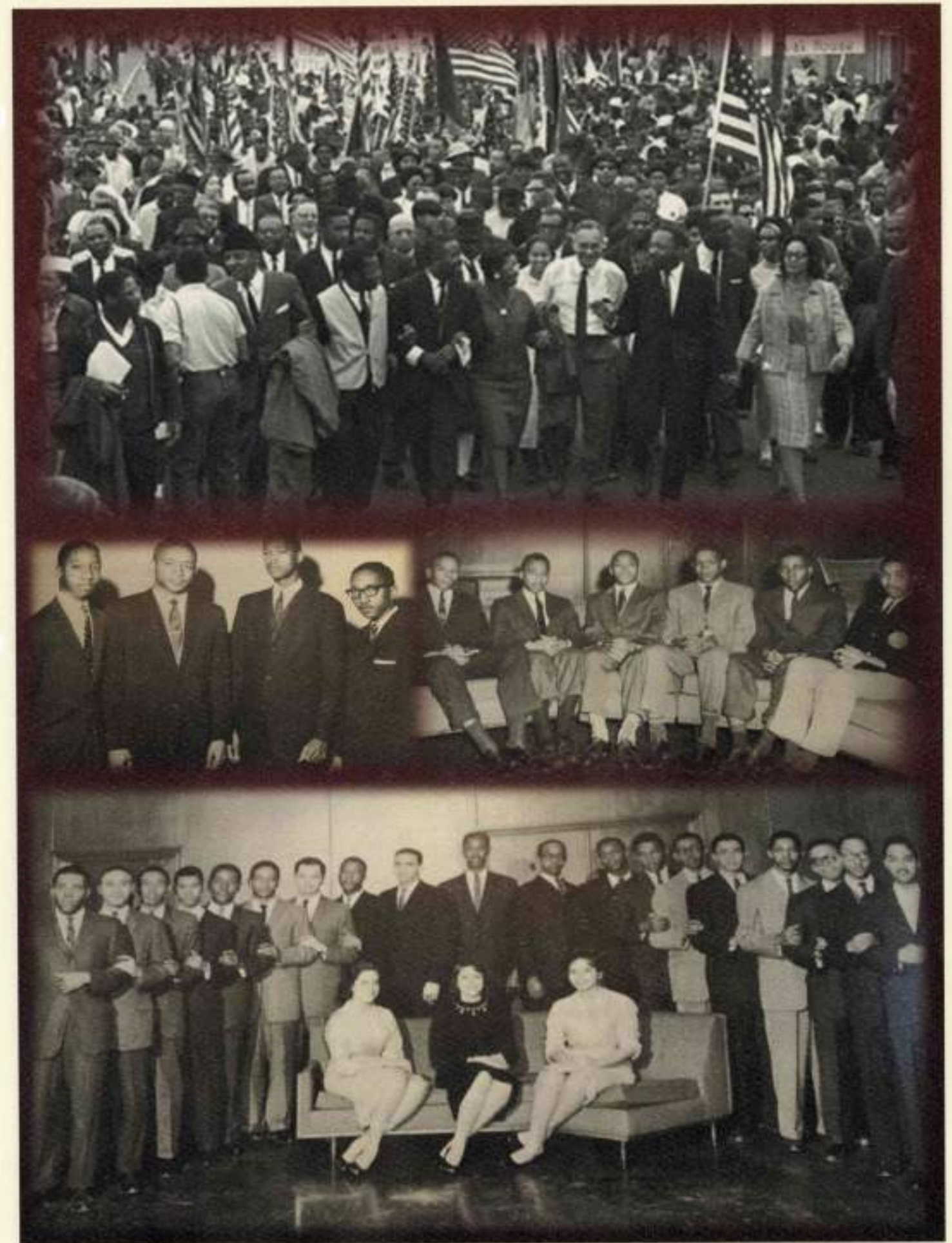
THE MCCALL FAMILY.....Homer II, Sonya, Gale

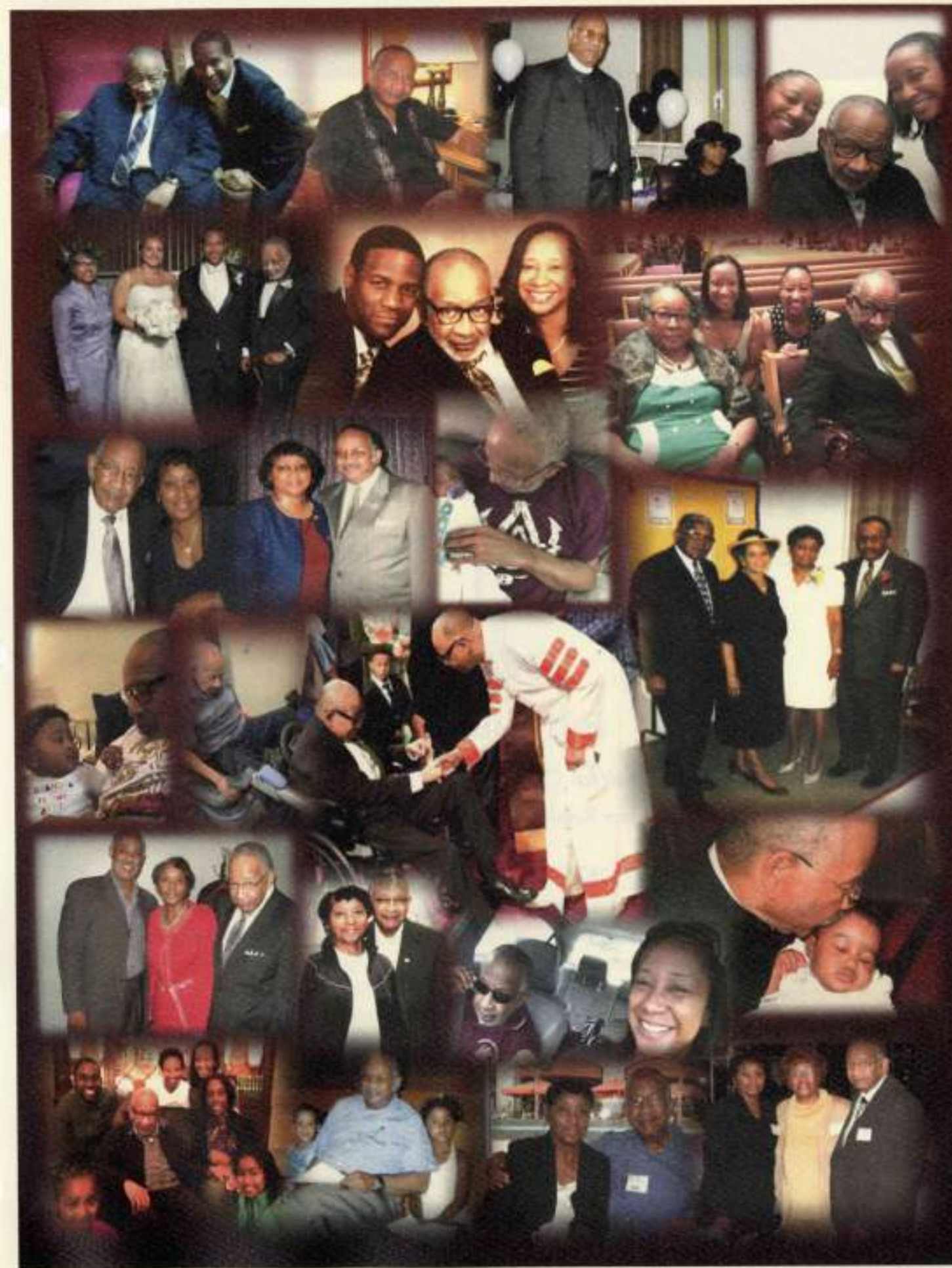
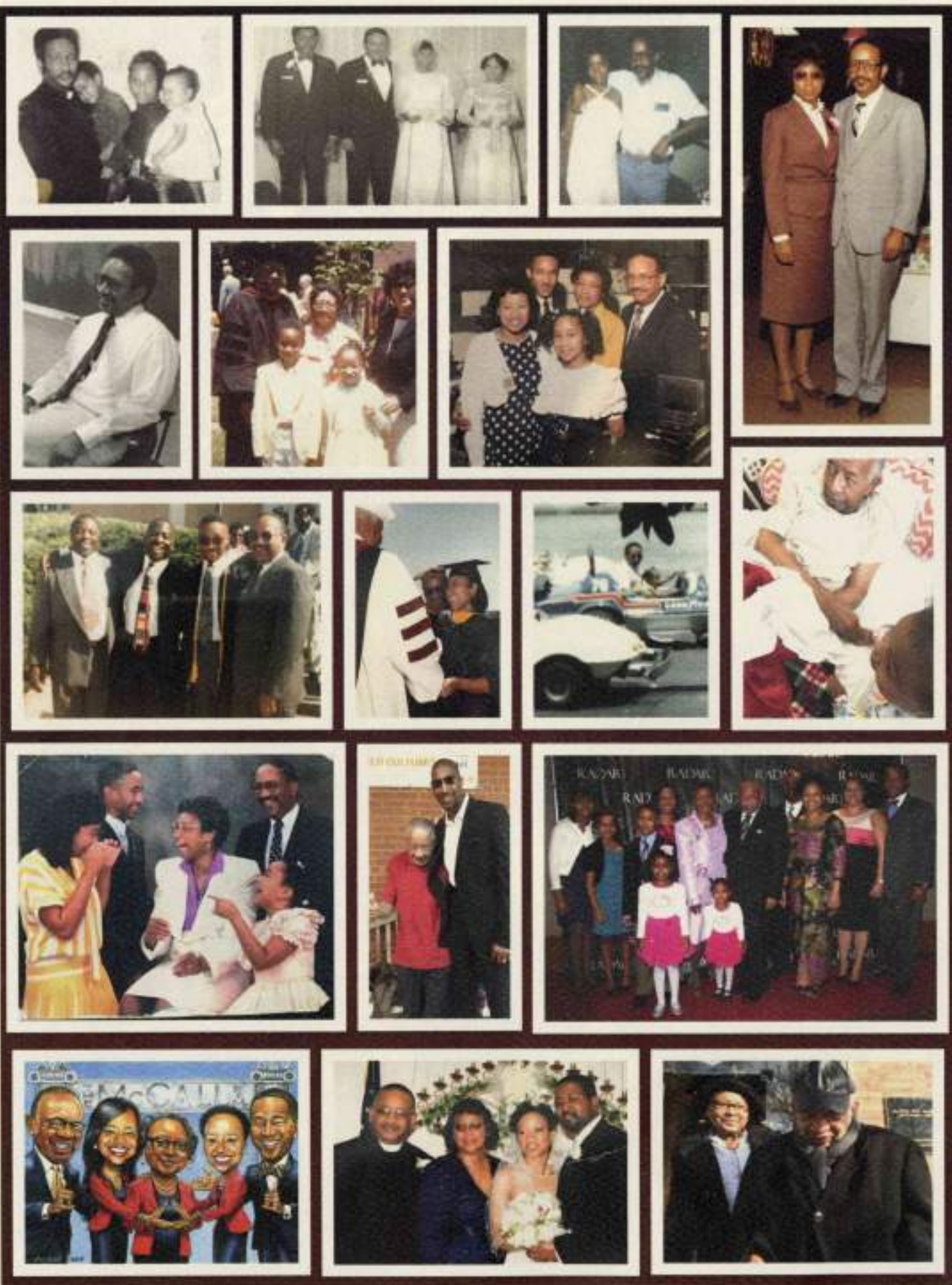
SELECTION.....St. John A.M.E. Church Mass Choir
"IT IS WELL"

EULOGY.....Bishop Frank Madison Reid, III
THIRD EPISCOPAL DISTRICT, A.M.E. CHURCH

HYMN OF JUBILATION....."Sing the Wondrous Love of Jesus"

RECESSIONAL





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Omega Service

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Brother Dr. Homer L. McCall

Friday, November 29, 2019
7:06 P.M.

St. John AME Church
229 Church Street
Huntsville, Alabama 35801



Brother Dr. Homer Littlefield McCall

Born into Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated
Alpha Rho Chapter
Thursday, December 11, 1958

Transferred to Omega Chapter
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated
Friday, November 22, 2019

The Programme

Brother Charles E. Glover, Presiding

The Liturgist.....Brother Charles E. Glover
Chaplain, Delta Theta Lambda Chapter

Invocation.....Brother Dr. Edward L. Jones
Former President, Delta Theta Lambda Chapter

The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Hymn *(First Verse and Chorus)*

Scripture Lesson.....Brother Gregory Bentley
Pastor, Fellowship Presbyterian Church

Litany for the Dead.....Brother Van L. Strickland
National Director of Conventions, Alpha Phi Alpha

Musical Tribute.....Alpha Ensemble
Bro. Denver Betts, Sr. Bro. Anthony Briggins Bro. Charles Briggins, Sr.
Bro. LeRoy Daniels Bro. Tommie Lockhart

Words of Tribute.....Brother James O. Heyward
Former President, Delta Theta Lambda Chapter

Brother Maurice Wright II
Pastor, St. John AME Church

The Omega Chapter Hymn

Benediction and Blessing.....Brother William Bell
Member, St. John AME Church

The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Hymn *(First Verse and Chorus)*



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LIFE REFLECTIONS

Mable Jones McCall

Sunrise: June 1, 1947 – Sunset: July 8, 2016

"Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life."

-Revelation 2:10



A product of Hale County, Alabama, Mable McCall was the youngest of four children born to the late Calvin and WillieBell Jones. She was also preceded in death by a brother Calvin Morris. Mable was tenacious as a child, always trying out new things and discovering new possibilities. After graduating from Hale County Training School, Mable went to Cleveland, Ohio to work for two years before returning home to be with her mother after her father died. While there, she contacted a friend who was attending Daniel Payne College to find out more about the school. She applied, was accepted and graduated from Daniel Payne which is where she met Homer Littlefield McCall who was teaching English and French and also pastoring two circuit churches, St. Phillips AME, Margaret and Ward Chapel AME, Warrior. While she was studying, she also had her eyes on her English teacher, Homer. They married on November 27, 1970 and were married for as Homer likes to put it 45 consecutive years.

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Growing up Mable always liked to play school with her brothers, sister and cousins and being the youngest, she would make sure that she was the teacher and in charge. As a result, she was nicknamed "Teacher" by her uncle. This was the prelude to a career of teaching and helping to cultivate students academically as she began teaching in the Huntsville City Schools where she taught at Terry Heights and Chapman for one year, West Huntsville for two years and Lakewood for 24 years, before retiring after 28 years.

Another favorite pastime when Mable was younger was to play church with her brothers and sister. This was another confirmation of a purpose-driven life dedicated to work and ministry of helping others, not only academically but also spiritually. She was known to St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church as Lady Mable for 40 years as she co-partnered in winning souls for Christ as First Lady of St. John until her husband retired as Pastor in 2011. While as Pastor and First Lady of St. John, Homer and Mable received honors at the AME Connectional Level as the Ninth Episcopal District Family of the Year and Pastor and First Lady of the Year.

Mable's church involvement at St. John and the connectional level included the Stewardess Boards as President for several years, Women's Missionary Society, President/Coordinator of the Junior – Intermediate Usher Board, Scholarship Committee, Prison Ministry, Vacation Bible School Coordinator and Instructor, Christian Education, Feeding the Homeless Ministry, Observer/Participant AME General Conference and Bishop's Council. She presented several presentations, among them were "How to Succeed as an Effective Minister's Spouse" at the North Alabama Annual Conference. Along with Homer, Mable presented a Pastor and First Lady Marriage Seminar for the 8th, 10th, and 12th Districts of the AME Church. She was a member of the North Alabama Minister's Spouse Association and a Charter member of the Interdenominational Minister's Spouse Association, Greater Huntsville Chapter and served as President for seven years. Mable was an active member of the Huntsville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated and a Life Member of the NAACP.

Mable was a Woman of God, a lover of all people, she leaves a legacy in the home, school, church and community. Her openness and honesty in all of her affairs has made her well respected and cherished. She was inspired by the work of the church and through prayer and faith continued to press forward. Her motto: Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not to thy own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths. Storms will come and winds will blow, trials will come to test your faith and your trust in each other, but the foundation that God creates can and will withstand all.

She leaves to cherish her loving and devoted husband of 45 years, Homer L. McCall, D.Min.; three children, Homer (Shakira) McCall, Perry Hall, Maryland, Sonya (Darryl) McCall-Shepard, Washington, DC, Gale McCall, Columbia, Maryland; five grandchildren, Madison McCall, Jacob McCall, Aria Taylor, Lauryn Shepard, Zuri Shepard; two brothers, Melvin Jones, Sawyerville, Alabama, Calvin Jones, Oak Park, Illinois; one sister, Martha (Zedock) Long, Cleveland, Ohio; a sister-in-law, Barbara Ann McCall Thomas; and a host of nieces and nephews, cousins, godchildren, and friends.



Order of Service

Reverend Dr. Patrick Clayborn, Worship Leader

Processional

Prayer.....Reverend Dr. Julius Scruggs

Hymn of Affirmation.....*"It is Well with My Soul"*

Readings from the Word of God

Psalm 23.....Reverend Sherri Smith-Clayborn

Psalm 121.....Reverend Michael Jones

Matthew 5:1-11.....Reverend Dr. John Herndon

Romans 12:1-9.....Mrs. Gwendolyn Baldwin

Revelation 3:7-13.....Reverend Dr. Farrell Duncombe

Selection.....St. John AME Church Mass Choir

"Let the Church Say Amen" - Andre Crouch

Words of Comfort.....Presiding Elder Oliver Allen

Words of Acknowledgement.....Dr. Jeanette Jones

Silent Reading of *Life Reflections*

Resolution.....Dr. Andrew Hugine, *President*

Alabama A&M University

Selection.....St. John AME Church Mass Choir

"Every Praise" - Hezekiah Walker

Words of Reflection (2 minutes, please).....Mrs. Adrienne Pope-Kelly Washington

Mrs. Clementine Pearson

Mr. Hodges Washington

Mrs. Terri Williams

Mrs. Tommie Herndon

Members of the Family

Selection.....St. John AME Church Mass Choir

"You've Been so Faithful" - Eddie James

Eulogy.....Servant Bishop James L. Davis

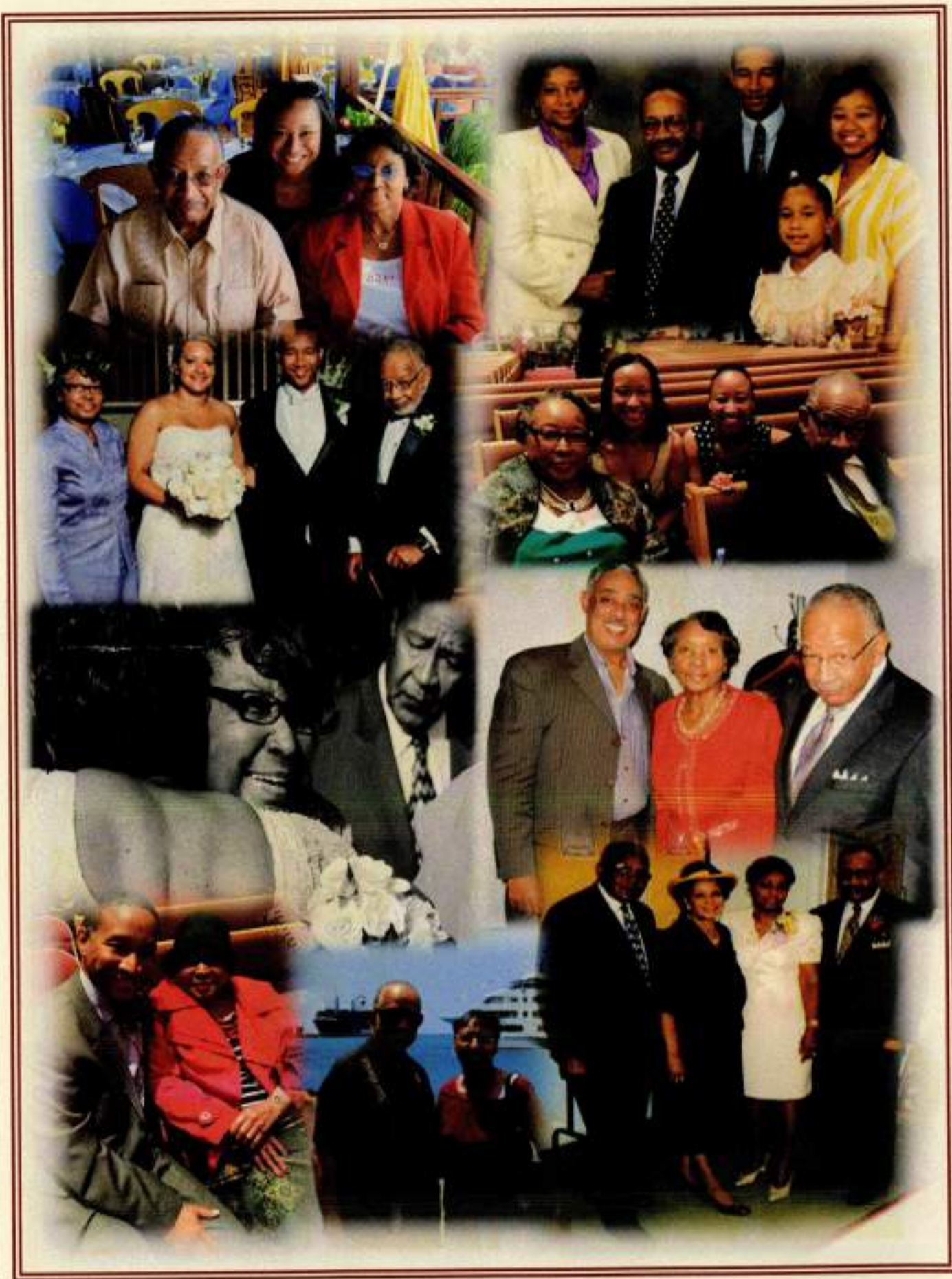
2nd Episcopal District, AME Church

Hymn of Jubilation.....*"Sing the Wondrous Love of Jesus"*

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Recessional





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IN LOVING MEMORY OF



Mable Jones McCall

HUNTSVILLE ALUMNAE CHAPTER—APRIL 30, 2005
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FRIDAY, JULY 15, 2016
SIX O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

ROYAL CHAPEL OF MEMORIES
4315 OAKWOOD AVENUE
HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

A Song of Living

Because I have loved life, I shall have no sorrow to die.
I have sent up my gladness on wings, to be lost in the blue of the sky.
I have run and leaped with the rain, I have taken the wind to my breast.
My cheeks like a drowsy child to the face of the earth I have pressed.

Because I have loved life, I shall have no sorrow to die.
I have kissed young love on the lips, I have heard his song to the end,
I have struck my hand like a seal in the loyal hand of a friend.
I have known the peace of heaven, the comfort of work done well.
I have longed for death in the darkness and risen alive out of hell.

Because I have loved life, I shall have no sorrow to die.
I gave a share of my soul to the world,
when and where my course was run.
I know that another shall finish the task I surely must leave undone.
I know that no flower, nor flint was in vain on the path I trod.
As one looks on a face through a window,
through life I have looked on God.

Because I have loved life, I shall have no sorrow to die.

Amelia Burr, American poet (1878 – 1968)



Order of Service

MEDITATION IN MUSIC DR. JANETTE KOTÉY

PROCESSIONAL

OPENING OF THE

RITE OF PASSAGE MRS. LADY SHIVERS TUCKER
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SOLO DR. JANETTE KOTÉY

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PLACING OF THE VIOLET MRS. SONYA McCALL SHEPHARD

MS. GAIL McCALL

EXTINGUISHING OF LIGHTS

BENEDICTION MRS. LUCRECIA WALKER POINTS

DELTA PRAYER

RECESSIONAL/PASSING THE BIER

CELEBRATING THE LIFE

of

Homer Hamilton McCraw, Sr.

ALPHA
AUGUST 11, 1920



OMEGA
MARCH 8, 2018



FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2019 - 12:00 P.M.

St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church

229 CHURCH STREET
HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA 35801

Rev. Dr. Maurice Wright II

PASTOR AND OFFICIANT

Life is but a Stopping Place



Life is but a stopping place,
A pause in what's to be,
A resting place along the road,
to sweet eternity.
We all have different journeys,
Different paths along the way,
We all were meant to learn some things,
but never meant to stay...

Our destination is a place,
Far greater than we know.
For some the journey's quicker,
For some the journey's slow.
And when the journey finally ends,
We'll claim a great reward,
And find an everlasting peace,
Together with the lord

Author Unknown

*Life Reflections of
Homer Hamilton McCraw, Sr.*

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in the times of trouble.

Homer Hamilton McCraw Sr. was born on August 11, 1920 in Oakman, Alabama to the late Isaac McCraw and Bessie Foster McCraw, their second of three sons. At the age of 14, **Homer** moved with his father and step-mother, the late Ernestine Lyle McCraw to Huntsville, Alabama and completed his high school education at Normal Training School.

Shortly after entering college at Alabama Agriculture and Mechanical College, known today as Alabama A & M University, the U.S. Army drafted **Homer** to serve in World War II. He served 3 years in the European Theater participating in the most documented engagements to include D-Day, "Battle of the Bulge" as staff sergeant and platoon leader in 3393 Quartermaster Truck Company. The company was a component of the acclaimed predominantly-black unit, named Red Ball Express for their unique, yet effective truck convoy system responsible for transporting fuel, ammunition, food, clothes and other critical supplies supporting the US Third Army. Staff Sergeant McCraw received the Silver Star, the third-highest personal decoration for valor in combat; the Bronze Star Medal, awarded for heroic achievement and meritorious service in combat; and the Purple Heart, awarded to those wounded while serving in a combat zone. Upon his return to Huntsville **Homer** re-enrolled in Alabama A&M College and received a Bachelor of Science in agriculture education.

After graduation, **Homer** taught veterans in Madison County, Alabama from 1947 through 1952. In 1953, his skills and leadership were recognized and he was asked to serve as principal at Farmers' Capital School, now known as Lynn Fanning Elementary School. He carried out this service for 28 years. During his tenure as principal at Farmers' Capital he earned a master's degree in administration and supervision in 1962. He also earned Certificate and Associate of Arts in administration and supervision in 1968. He retired from the Madison County School System in 1982 as a beloved and respected educator by the Moores Mill community he served. Indeed, he was an influential community leader and educator.

Homer was an active and faithful member of St. John AME Church serving in the Sanctuary Choir, the Fifty Plus Auxiliary, the Harvest Committee and was elected president of the Trustee Board and diligently served in various capacities as needed. He enjoyed his love for music by sharing his bass voice in the Sanctuary Choir. He was a devoted choir member, who looked forward to rehearsals and fellowship with choir members and on Sundays known to bellow a heartfelt "amen" when the minister would announce his sermon would not be long.

Homer was a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and an active member of the Kiwanis Club. A civic-minded individual with a strong appreciation for voting and exercised his rights as well as supporting his community by providing transportation to the voting polls and frequently served as a volunteer within Madison County.

Homer was preceded in death by his brothers, Ellis McCraw and Willie N. McCraw. He is survived by his extremely devoted wife, Hodie L. McCraw of 75 years; his daughters, Misshearl Denise McCraw, Nashville, TN and Dana McCraw Johnson (Rev. Dr. James R. Johnson), Madison, AL; his son, Homer H. McCraw, Jr. (Isabella), Wake Forest, NC; two sisters-in-law, Etta Maynor, Oceanside, CA and Elaine Burks, Cleveland, OH; two grandchildren, Angelique Keppard (RoJon Mims), Harvest, AL and Kristopher Keppard (Dominique), Hazel Green, AL; two great grandchildren, Alyvia Mims and King Keppard; six nephews, Odysseus Lanier (Tammy), Houston, TX; Eldwin Maynor (Gail), Alpharetta, GA; William Burks, Jr., Cleveland, OH; Paul Christian, Jr. (Loretta), College Park, MD and Michael Christian, Washington D.C., Vincent Christian, Baltimore, MD; five nieces, Loretta Carter, Cleveland, OH, Cynthia Burks, Cleveland, OH, Karen Maynor, Oceanside, CA, Andrea Weston (Felix), Houston, TX and Carolyn Sherrod, District Heights, MD; god-son, Michael L. Burns (Sangernetta); and a host of other relatives and friends.

Order of Service



MUSICAL PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL.....Clergy and Family

HYMN.....St. John AME Choir
"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

PRAYER.....Rev. Dr. James R. Johnson, Sr.

SCRIPTURE READING...*Psalm 123*.....Rev. Waymond K. Smith, Pastor
Lowes Chapel United Methodist Church

HYMN.....St. John AME Choir
"How Great Thou Art"

REFLECTIONS

Dr. Lee Williams – Church Member
Mr. William Owens – Colleague (Former Principal)
Ms. Laura Clift – Staff (Farmers' Capital School)

SOLO.....Mrs. Sangernetta Burns
"The Lord's Prayer"

Mr. Homer H. McCraw, Jr. – Son
Ms. Denise McCraw – Daughter

HYMN.....St. John AME Choir
"Blessed Assurance"

EULOGY...*John 12:26*...*God's Honor Program*...*Psalm 96*...*21:6*
Real Ball Express - Black Soldier during WWII.....Rev. Dr. Maurice Wright II
Pastor, St. John AME Church

CLOSING PRAYERWilliam Bell

RECESSIONAL "In The Sweet Bye and Bye"

Treasured Memories



"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

Revelation 21:4



Autumn Rain

"Do not stand at my grave and weep;

I am not there.

I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow.

I am the diamond's glint on snow.

I am the sunlight on ripened grain.

I am the gentle autumn's rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush,

I am swift uplifting rush

Of quiet birds in circled flight.

I am the soft stars that shine at night.

Do not stand at my grave and cry;

I am not there.

I did not die."

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(Farmers' Capital Students)

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Interment

Northside Cemetery
Huntsville, Alabama

Acknowledgment

The family of the late Mr. Homer H. McCraw, Sr. can never fully express our deepest gratitude for the kindness, compassion, love and support we received during his lengthy illness. We are especially grateful to Kindred Health Care, Kindred Hospice, and Senior Preferred Home Care. Special thanks to Dr. Vivian Aboko-Cole Hicks, Dr. Joseph Hicks, Beth Wetheral, Audrey Reagon, Chad Kemp, Lori Staples, Erica D Sema-Kula, Patricia Greer, Lynn Allison, Cherice Moore, Kenneth Parham, Edna Collins, Tommy Lyle, Paul Byrge Sr. and Jarvis Hampton.

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A Celebration of the Life
of
*Dr. Charles Edwards
McMillan*

Sunrise
September 4, 1947

Sunset
February 1, 2011



Visitation

*Friday, February 4, 2011
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.*

**ST. JOHN AFRICAN
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

Services

*Saturday, February 5, 2011
2:00 p.m.*

**MADKINS CHAPEL CUMBERLAND
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

Committal and Interment
VALHALLA MEMORY GARDENS

Obituary

Dr. Charles Edwards McMillan of Harvest, departed this life on Tuesday evening, February 1, at Huntsville Hospital, following a devastating stroke in his brain stem on January 19, 2011.

Dr. McMillan, known as Chuck, to family and close friends, was born on September 4, 1947 in Repton, Alabama, to Robert T. and Hope E. McMillan. He was the youngest of three children. He confessed his hope in Christ at an early age. He was a member of St. John AME Church. Dr. McMillan was educated in the public schools of Monroe County, where he graduated from Union High School in 1965. His post-secondary education was at Knoxville College where he earned the Bachelor of Science degree in Biology with a minor in Chemistry, in 1969. Following military service during the Viet Nam War, he continued his education at Atlanta University where he earned a Master of Science degree in Developmental Biology in 1975. He earned his Ph.D. in Biology with a concentration in Developmental Biology with strong preparation in Cell Biology, from Atlanta University in 1978.

Dr. McMillan was an Associate Professor of Biology at Alabama A&M University in Normal, Alabama. He was the Chairperson of Natural & Physical Sciences at Alabama A&M University from 2001 to 2008. Dr. McMillan was a part-time professor in the school of Nursing at the University of Alabama at Huntsville from 1979 to 1980. His experience included teaching Cell Biology at Morris Brown College from 1977 to 1978. He was a part-time instructor in Embryology at Life Chiropractic College from 1976 to 1977. He received a Certification of training in Radiation Biology.

Dr. McMillan was a member of the Atlanta University Biology Honor Society; Beta Kappa Chi National Scientific Honor Society; Beta Beta Beta National Honor Society; American Association for the Advancement of Science of Developmental Biologist; and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated. His memberships also included the National Education Association, and the Alabama Education Association.

Dr. McMillan leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife of 41 years, Mrs. Norma Christine McMillan, his daughters, Ms. Nicole C. McMillan, and Ms. Natalie C. Hope; five grandchildren, Ladon R. Moore, Brandon C. Moore, Christopher T. Hope, Madison C. Allen, and Cayden A. Hope; sister-in-law, Mrs. Darlene Gay of Miami, FL and brothers-in-law, Dr. Joseph Gay of Miami, Clinton Hughes of Columbia, SC.

Homegoing Celebration
for
Mr. Seward C. O'Neal, Jr.



Saturday, September 6, 2003
Eleven O'clock A.M.

West Huntsville Church of Christ
1303 Evangel Drive, N.W.
Huntsville, Alabama

Lary Sanderson, Minister to the Deaf, Officiating

REFLECTIONS FROM THE LIFE OF Seward Carverless O'Neal, Jr.

*"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him,
who have been called according to his purpose."*

Romans 8:28 NIV

MR. SEWARD CARVERLESS O'NEAL, JR. was born in McComb, Mississippi, to the late Seward and Zalda Robinson O'Neal Sr. He was the oldest of five children and was affectionately known as "Mickey." He attended the Alabama State Laboratory (Montgomery, Alabama), Immaculata and Center Street Elementary Schools (Birmingham, Alabama). His high school years were completed at the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind, Talladega, Alabama. He also completed the course of study for Data Processing at the J. F. Drake State Technical College.

Upon graduation, he began utilizing the skills he learned at school in various occupational endeavors (barbering and dry cleaning). He later applied for and was hired at the U. S. Army Aviation and Missile Command in the Corporate Information Center (CIC). He was diligent in his assignments as he worked there for 25 years until his retirement on July 3, 2003.

Mickey, his sister Sandra, and brother Rouchell were the only children for several years and were very close. Luke and Kelley joined the group later. Sandra was his "little mother and protector"; Rouchell was Mickey's "partner in crime." When the children would tease Mickey about his hearing defect and speech impediment, Rouchell would join Mickey in the fight, and if all else failed, Sandra would be sure to threaten the bullies with "I'll tell my daddy." During the summers, these three could be found anywhere on the Alabama State College Campus, particularly under the classroom windows when classes were in session, keeping lots of noise and being asked to find another place to play.

Mickey never let his handicaps stop him from any of the family activities and he was never excluded. None of the family ever learned sign language because he was always understood and he understood his family. As the family made several moves within the state and had to often make new friends, the children spent much time together playing board and card games, jacks, fiddle sticks, Superman/Wonder Woman, dodge ball, hop scotch, riding bicycles and roller skating outdoors. They frequently traveled to and from Mississippi and New York to visit relatives. Mickey enjoyed winning and would laud it over his siblings whenever he could. Mickey was an integral part of a loving and caring family.

Mickey had a natural talent to draw. At an early age, he could see an object or a picture in a book and draw it stroke for stroke. His specialty was locomotives. He could draw a train engine and all of the cars down to the last nut and bolt. The detail was amazing to us. His drawings were often sent to art schools that were found in magazine advertisements. He was recognized on several occasions in written responses praising his abilities.

Mickey was very independent, courteous and appreciative for any kindness he received. He loved his family, particularly his nieces and nephews. He loved to strike out on his own and travel back to the various places that he had lived to see his friends and on to places he had not been before. He might be seen anywhere in Huntsville; the bowling alley, the hospital cafeterias, and the shopping centers and always with his family on holidays.

He joined the West Huntsville Church of Christ many years ago because of its extensive attention to deaf and hard of hearing persons. He was embraced by this congregation and seldom missed the services. During his lengthy illness, the numerous cards, calls, visits and gifts were a constant source of inspiration and caring. The congregation even sent him individual pictures for the bulletin board in his room at the NHC Healthcare Facility in Dickson, Tennessee during the last four months; these served as a constant reminder of their care and concern for him. He also received cards and visits from numerous other friends and family.

Mickey will be truly missed by his family and friends. He loved people, and people loved him. He leaves to cherish memories of him, **sister**, Sandra (Harold, Sr.) Dickerson; **brothers**, Rouchell (Geneva) O'Neal, Luke Douglas O'Neal and Kelley E. O'Neal; **nieces**: Jacqueline O'Neal, Madison O'Neal, Amari O'Neal and Alexandra Dickerson; **nephews**: Harold (Kim) Dickerson, Jr., Erik Dickerson, Rouchell (Lindsey) O'Neal Jr., and De'Angelo O'Neal; **aunts**: Jacqueline Walton (New York); Lula O'Neal (Mississippi); **uncle**, Raoul Robinson (Genoa, Italy); and many cousins and friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE



PROCESSIONAL

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND INTRODUCTIONS.....Lary Sanderson
Minister to the Deaf

MEMORIAL TRIBUTES:

- As a Friend.....Roy Leslie
- As a Fellow Church Member.....Ken Walker

WORDS OF COMFORT.....Lary Sanderson
Minister to the Deaf

MORTICIAN.....Royal Funeral Home

RECESSIONAL

THANK GOD FOR LITTLE THINGS

by
Helen Steiner Rice



*Thank You, God, for little things,
That often come our way;
The things we take for granted,
But don't mention when we pray.*

*The unexpected courtesy,
The thoughtful, kindly deed;
A hand reached out to help us,
In the time of sudden need.*

*Oh make us more aware, dear God,
Of little daily graces;
That come to us with sweet surprise,
From never-dreamed-of places.*



PALLBEARERS

Members of the West Huntsville Church Deaf Congregation

FLOWER BEARERS

Members of the West Huntsville Church Deaf Congregation



INTERMENT

Valhalla Memory Gardens

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The family of Seward C. O'Neal, Jr. gratefully acknowledges every expression of love and act of kindness shown us during the illness and passing of our loved one.

Sincere gratitude and love are expressed to the Minister, his family and congregation of the West Huntsville Church of Christ for the exceptional care and concern shown to our family during the illness and passing of our loved one.

The family acknowledges with profound gratitude the many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy from Pastor Julius R. Scruggs and the First Missionary Baptist Church congregation.

Special thanks from the family are extended to the J. F. Drake State Technical College for their outpouring of love and expressions of sympathy.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind - Huntsville Regional Center (AIDB-Region 2), 600 St. Clair Avenue, S.W., Bldg. 2, Huntsville, Alabama 35801, Attn: Mrs. Karla Smith.

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"When only memories remain, let them be beautiful."

A Homegoing



Celebration

Ms. Doris Beverly Outlaw

December 19, 1949 - October 9, 2013

Wednesday, October 16, 2013

Twelve O'clock Noon

St. John AME Church

Huntsville, Alabama

The Right Reverend James L. Davis, Servant Bishop

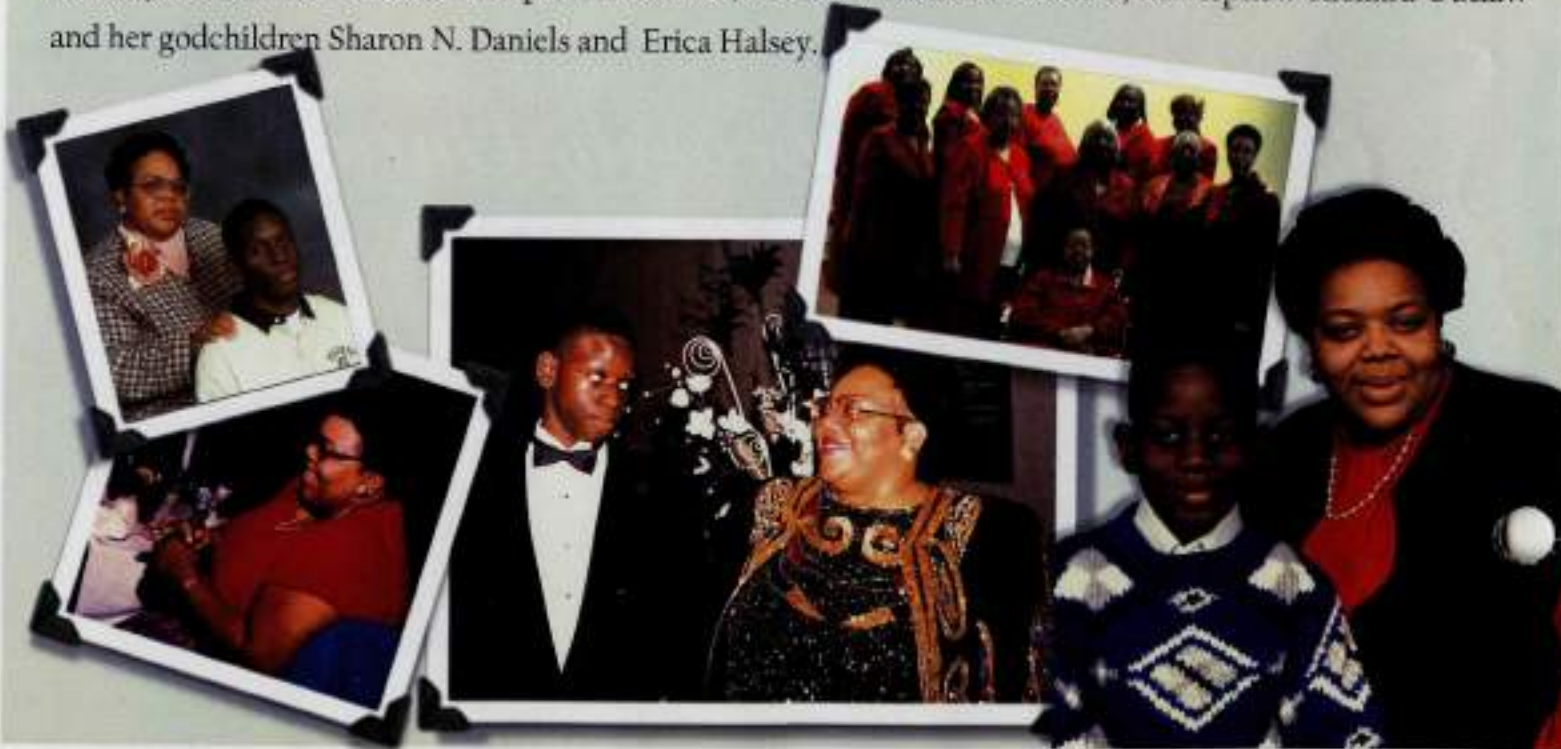
The Reverend Patrick D. Clayborn, Ph.D., Pastor

Obituary

Doris Beverly Outlaw was born in Huntsville, Alabama on December 19, 1949 to the late Robert Outlaw and Margaret Wade Outlaw. She confessed hope in Christ at an early age. She joined St. John A.M.E.C. under Pastor S.S. Hereford and remained a faithful member. She headed many organizations and committees throughout the church and community and was always willing to help when called upon. She actively participated in the Senior Choir, Youth Department and Stewardess Board at St. John A.M.E.C. Her fellowship was not limited to one church and she continuously demonstrated Christ wherever she went. She was an elegant singer who loved ministering in song for the Lord and would travel and sing whenever requested. She was active in various organizations throughout the city of Huntsville, teaching young people academically and spiritually. Ms. Doris displayed a Christian attitude towards everyone she came in contact with.

Teaching was not a job for her – it was a passion and way of life. Ms. Doris was a member of the first graduating integrated class at Lee High School. After graduation she achieved a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education from Alabama A&M University. Through further studies she achieved a Master of Science, and Associate of Arts Degree. Later Ms. Doris returned to Alabama A&M to continue her studies toward a Doctorate of Philosophy degree. Serving as an Elementary School teacher at McDonnell Elementary School in the Huntsville City School System and Somerville Road Elementary School in Decatur City School System, Ms. Doris created over 35 years of joyous memories. When not teaching young people or serving the church, she was busy fellowshiping with her Zeta Phi Beta Sorority members or sisters of Eta Phi Beta Professional Business Sorority. It was obvious she gave her whole heart and dedicated service to each of her organizations' efforts.

At 12:40 a.m. on October 9, 2013, Ms. Doris went home to be with her Lord. She leaves to cherish her memory her beloved child, Christopher S. Outlaw, her sister Madeline Outlaw, her nephew Richard Outlaw and her godchildren Sharon N. Daniels and Erica Halsey.



Order of Service

The Reverend Patrick D. Clayborn, Ph.D., Officiant

Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn #321.....*Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross*.....Congregation

Prayer The Reverend Homer McCall, D. Min.

Scriptural Readings *Old Testament: Isaiah 40: 27-31*
New Testament: II Timothy 4: 6-8 The Reverend Sheri Smith Clayborn

Musical Selection.....Mrs. Mary Rankin

Reflections on Ms. Doris Outlaw...

2-3 minutes

As a Church Member.....*Mr. Rufus Gilmore*

As a Godmother*Min. Sharon N. Daniels*

As a Teacher.....*Dr. Allen Malone*

As a Coworker.....*Mrs. Caryl Ehl*

As a Mother.....*Mr. Chris Outlaw*

Musical Selection.....Mrs. Mary Patton

Words of Comfort The Reverend Homer McCall, D. Min.

Musical Selection.....Dr. Clifton Pearson

Eulogy.....The Reverend Patrick D. Clayborn, Ph.D.
Pastor, St. John AME Church -Huntsville

Closing Prayer

Recessional

*The Repast will be held at St. John AME Church
immediately following the interment.*

Interment

Valhalla Memory Gardens
698 Winchester Rd Huntsville, AL 35811

Pallbearers

The Stewards, Trustees and the
Men of St. John AME Church - Huntsville

Flower Bearers

The Stewardess Board and Women's Missionary Society
St. John AME Church - Huntsville

Honorary Flower Bearers

Members of
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

An Expression of Love from a Son

Mother, I know you are in a better place now and are happy to be home with your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Words cannot express the amount of love I have for you and what you meant in my life. I am truly honored to have been granted the privilege to call you "mother" and experience your love throughout my entire life. You truly embodied the life of a Christian woman through good and bad times. You are truly the strongest person I have ever come in contact with, and your memory and legacy will continue to live on. The road of life was not always easy for us but you never quit and I am truly grateful for your love. I will never forget your strength, teachings, love, wisdom and the legacy you have left for me. Love You Forever...

- Christopher Outlaw

Acknowledgements

To the pastor and members of St. John A.M.E. and all participants who showed support through this difficult time, whether it was a visit that comforted us, a telephone call that consoled our hearts, or a prayer that strengthened us. Thank you. We pray that the richest blessings of God rest upon each of you in the days to come.

-The Family of Ms. Doris Beverly Outlaw



*I have fought a good fight,
I have finished my course,
I have kept the faith.*

II Timothy 4:7

Interment
Valhalla Memory Gardens
698 Winchester Rd
Huntsville, AL 35811

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In Loving Memory of

OTHA
OWENS, SR.

SUNRISE SEPTEMBER 14, 1938 - SUNSET SEPTEMBER 5, 2019

HOMEGOING SERVICE
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2019

Viewing 9am | Service 11am

St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church

229 Church Street Huntsville, AL 35801

Pastor Maurice Wright officiating

Obituary

Otha Owens, Sr., son of the late Frank Owens, Sr. and Appie Owens, was born September 14, 1938 in Centreville, Alabama. He attended Bibb County Training Schools and received his diploma on May 28, 1958. Upon graduation, Otha attended Alabama Agricultural & Mechanical College for one year. In 1961, he enlisted in the U.S. Army. He was an expert with rifles and mortar and was awarded the Good Conduct Medal. Following two years enlisted, he served four years in the Army Reserves. Otha was honorably discharged at the E-3 rank on September 25, 1967.

From a young age, Otha found his passion in hard work and providing for his family. His first job, at the age of seven, was delivering newspapers to help his mother provide for the household. In each occupation, as manager at Bonnie Doon Sock Company and Hudson Paper Company or as master auto salesman at Century Buick, Otha was a strong leader. After retirement from auto sales, his final job at Kroger Super Center kept him busy with everything from bagging groceries to serenading staff and customers on their birthdays. He was an outgoing personality, charismatic speaker, and all-around people person. Otha imparted his infectious smile and strong work ethic on everyone he encountered.

Otha was united in matrimony to Edna Mae Mack on January 18, 1967 in Stamford, Connecticut. He spent 22 years in Connecticut before moving his wife and family south to their home state of Alabama, where he lived since 1987. Otha will forever be loved and remembered by so many but mostly by his beautiful wife of 34 years.

Otha will be greatly missed by his family: one sister, Annie Sue Russell of Brent, Alabama and twin brother Otis Owens of Stamford, CT; two sons, Otha Owens, Jr. of Des Moines, Iowa and Myron (Lydia) Owens of Madison, AL; two daughters, Karin (Marc) Hudson of Birmingham, AL and Shanti (Victor) Mangrum of Touey, AL; 14 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and close friends.

In his personal time, Otha loved all sports and spending time with family. He was also an active member of St. John AME Church, where he served as an Officer and a Steward. Otha quietly departed this life at home on Thursday, September 5, 2010. He was preceded in death by 12 brothers and sisters.

Order of Service

The Prelude	
The Processional	Clergy & Family
The Hymn	
The Prayer of Comfort	Reverend Charles Glover
Old Testament	Reverend Meriam Garrett
New Testament	Reverend James Johnson
Song	St. John Mass Choir
Reflections	Linda Cottingham & Otha Owens, Jr
Song	Tish Mack
Resolutions/Acknowledgements	Dr. Jeanette Jones
Remarks	Karin Hudson
Song	Family Tribute
Eulogy	Reverend Maurice Wright
Recessional	

Ode to Otha Owens

Buying another automobile
For me has never been good news
As the salesperson is always a pain
Whether the car is new or used.

But the latest Auto that I purchased
I discovered on a used car lot
The salesperson was a prince of a man
As typical of sales folk he is not.

He allowed the car to sell itself
Without methods of high-pressure sales
Completing the deal all by myself
Eliminating many of my pet peeve ails.

Otha Owens is this unique man's name
You'll know him by his Fedora chapeau
He's an Afro-American gentleman of fame
Who gives the wife a rose, as you're about to go.

So, whenever you are buying another car our Our man
Otha will be there to satisfy
Treating you to the best experience by far
One that will totally please and gratify.



PALLBEARERS

Maurice Webb

Terrence White

Andre Black

Michael Clark

David Russ

Kenneth Thompson

Tony Jenkins



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The Family of Otha Owens, extends their sincere thanks, appreciation and gratitude to: Kindeed Hospice, Mrs. Evelyn Hildreth, Mrs. Beverly Owens-Goodwine, and Ms. Christina Mack. All friends and well-wishers for the calls, visits, time, resources, cards, flowers, tributes, etc. during this time of celebration and reflection.

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In Loving Memory of

MR. JERRY WAYNE PATTON



Sunrise: May 1, 1950

Sunset: July 1, 2021

TUESDAY, JULY 6, 2021

11:00 A.M.

Meadowlawn Garden of Peace

450 Mount Lebanon Road
Toney, Alabama 35773

PASTOR ANANIAS GREEN, OFFICIATING

- Obituary -

Jerry Wayne Patton was born May 1, 1950 to the late Ms. Florence Patton in Limestone County Alabama. He was married to the late Mamie Patton for 49 years. He confessed hope in Christ and joined St. John AME Church under the leadership of the late Rev. Dr. Homer McCall on June 18, 1995, where he served on the usher board faithfully. Jerry loved his family, church, and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother, Florence Patton; four siblings: Vara Williams, Charles Patton, Aaron Patton, and Michael Patton.

Jerry leaves behind to cherish his memory, three children, Anthony, Jerry Jr. Huntsville, AL, Wanada (Aditral) Arthamala of Tampa, Florida; one brother, Donald (Doris) Patton, and three sisters; Bessie Patton, Jean Gardner, and Dora Jackson, all of Athens, AL. Brother-in-law, W.M. Williams, Athens, AL, Ray Charles Fletcher (Yolanda), Sister-in-laws, Pearline Patton, Huntsville, AL, Mary (Tommy) Graham) Hazel Green, AL; 8 grandchildren, DeAndra Wilder, DeAndre Wilder, Krisalaun Wilder, Christian Bowie, Kristin Wilder, Alexandria Baker, Destiny Patton, and Anjali Arthamala; one aunt, Annie D. Wallace, and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.



Order of Worship

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Prelude

Processional Minister and Family

Selection Chris Bledsoe

Opening Prayer Reverend Charles Glover

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Reverend Willie Green

New Testament Elder Linda Davis

Selections Chris Bledsoe

Eulogy Pastor Ananias Green
Macedonia P. B. Church

Recessional



*"They who wait for the Lord shall renew
their strength; they shall mount
up with wings like eagles, they
shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and
and not faint."*

— Isaiah 40: 28, 31



Acknowledgements

The family of Jerry Wayne Patton would like to thank you for your love and support shown during this difficult time. We pray that God will encourage and bless you to lift up the burdens of others as you have done for us.



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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF SAMUEL HARRISON PEOPLES, SR.



FEBRUARY 23, 1940 - DECEMBER 19, 2019

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2019

ST. JOHN A.M.E. CHURCH
229 CHURCH STREET, NW
HUNTSVILLE, AL 35801

Reverend Maurice Wright, II
Officiant

- Obituary -

Samuel H. Peoples, Sr. of Birmingham, AL passed away on Thursday, December 19, 2019. He transitioned peacefully at his home in Huntsville, Alabama with family and beloved wife, Maeola, by his side.

Samuel was born on February 23, 1940 in Birmingham, Alabama to Ricie D. Warren and Samuel J. Peoples.

As a young boy, he was educated in the Birmingham City School System, graduating from A. H. Parker High School in 1959. He attended Miles College briefly before entering into the United States Military. He began his career as an infantryman. He retired after serving 27 years as a Non-Commissioned Officer in charge of working in the area of transportation. After his retirement, he worked for Boeing for 10 years until 2010.

He was a man of faith and rededicated his life to Jesus in 2016 while attending St. John AME Church.

He was a strong patriarch of his family, and a good friend to all. He was a good father who always took care of his children and did the best he could to teach and guide them. He was also a loving grandfather. He was loved and will be missed by many.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Samuel J. Peoples, Ricie D. Warren and Lou Ida Peoples; brother, James Peoples, Sr. and sister, Jacqueline Pinkard.

Samuel is survived by his loving wife, Maeola Peoples of Huntsville, AL; children, Keith G. Peoples, Sr. of Huntsville, AL; Samuel H. Peoples, Jr. (Rolanda) of Powder Springs, GA and Kelvin M. Peoples, Sr. (Sophia) of Birmingham, AL; daughters, Martita Dancy Williams (Theron) Raleigh, NC and Difacial Monroe; Godson, Ricardo Love and Goddaughter, Serenity Turner; ten grandchildren; four great grandchildren; brother, Nelson Warren, III of Birmingham, AL; sisters, Juanita Lawson (Sam) of South Field, MI; Fairy Thomas of Birmingham, AL and Annette James (Robert) of Hyattsville, MD; a host of nieces, nephews, special friends: Leo & Mattie Spinks, Tyrone & Ellia Peterson, George Fletcher, Lassie Fletcher, other beloved friends, relatives and extended family.

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- Order of Service -

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PROCESSIONAL

HYMN OF COMFORT There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

PRAYER Rev. Charles Glover

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Psalm 23 Rev. Joretha Wright

New Testament Matthew 11:28-30 Brother Justin York

MUSICAL SELECTION St. John Mass Choir

TRIBUTE Kelvin M. Peoples, Sr. (Son)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & RESOLUTION Sister Barbara Johnson

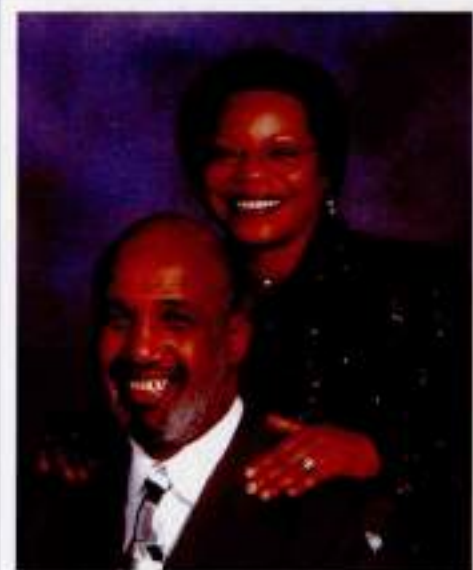
MUSICAL SELECTION Mass Choir

EULOGY Reverend Maurice Wright, II

RECESSIONAL St. John Mass Choir



Our Memories





PEOPLES

Psalm 23 King James Version

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art

with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with

oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house
of the LORD for ever.

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The family of the late Mr. James H. Peoples acknowledges with sincere appreciation and thankfulness for the many acts of kindness, prayers, words of comfort and assistance extended during the illness and death of our loved one. Your kindness was comforting in the time of sorrow and we are
your continued prayers.

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Interment

Alabama National Cemetery
Montevallo, Alabama 35115

Repast

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Margaret Lacey

Sarah Moore

Pallbearers

Members of the Steward Board of St. John AME Church

Interment

Glenwood Cemetery

Expression of Appreciation

The family acknowledges with sincere appreciation the kind expressions of sympathy and love shown during these dark hours.

Royal Funeral Home, Director

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Obsequies

FOR

Dicie Jordan Powers
1909 - 1980



Sunday Afternoon, January 20, 1980
Two O'clock

Saint John AME Church

Church Street

Huntsville, Alabama

REVEREND HOMER L. McCALL, Pastor

Obituary

DICIE MAE JORDAN, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Jordan, was born July 19, 1909 in Madison County, AL. On January 17, 1980, Dicie departed this life to live forevermore beyond the open gate.

At an early age, Dicie confessed hope in Christ and joined St. John AME Church under the pastorate of the late Reverend Cook. Here she rendered faithful service until her health began to fail. She served on the Stewardess Board for more than twenty years.

Dicie and the late Monroe Powers were united in holy matrimony on March 31, 1926. To this union were born twelve children.

"Mama Dicie," as she was so affectionately called by her "grands" was a gentle, lovable person. A person everyone chose as a friend. She was willing to be a friend to all. She never pushed herself forward; but stayed in the background working and praying, and doing whatever she was called upon to do for the Master.

She leaves to cherish her memory, five sons, Monroe Powers, Jr., of South Pittsburgh, TN, George, Alfred, Donald, and Charles Powers, all of Huntsville, AL; five daughters, Ailean Wilkins, Mary Alice Johnson, Norma Jenkins, Susie Akins, all of Huntsville, AL, and Viola Ward, of Chicago, IL; one brother, Jeffie Jordan, of Huntsville, AL; one sister, Winland Taylor, of Huntsville, AL; six daughters-in-law; five sons-in-law; four nieces, and one nephew; thirty-three grandchildren; twenty great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

God did not promise "sun without rain,
"light without darkness" or "joy without pain"--
He only promised us "Strength for the Day"
when "the darkness" comes and we lose our way
For when we are happy and life's bright and fair,
we often forget to kneel down in prayer,
But God seems much closer and needed much more
when trouble and sorrow stand outside our door--
For then we seek shelter in His wondrous love
and we ask Him to send us help from above . . .
And that is the reason we know it is true
that bright, shining hours and dark, sad ones, too,
Are part of the plan God made for each one,
and all we can pray is "Thy Will Be Done"!

Helen Steiner Rice

Program

PRELUDE..... "It is Well With My Soul"
Mrs. Susie P. Gandy, Organist
Mrs. Blanch Stone, Pianist

PROCESSIONAL. "Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide"
Mrs. Susie P. Gandy, Organist
Mrs. Blanch Stone, Pianist

SELECTION "Jesus Keeps Me Near the Cross"
Senior Choir

SCRIPTURE

PRAYER..... Mrs. Louise Watts

SOLO "Precious Lord"
Mrs. Effie Gaines

TRIBUTE..... Mrs. Anita L. Burns

EULOGY..... Reverend Homer L. McCall

SOLO "I Trust in God"
Mr. Hundley Batts

MORTICIAN Royal Funeral Home

RECESSIONAL "Crossing the Bar"
Mrs. Susie P. Gandy, Organist

O B S E Q U I E S

For The Late

MR. MCNROE POWERS

Friday, December 9, 1960

3:00 P.M.



ST. JOHN A.M.E. CHURCH

Huntsville, Alabama

Rev. S.S. Hereford, Minister

OBITUARY

Mr. Monroe Powers, the son of Mr. Thomas Powers of Atlanta Georgia, and the late Mrs. Susie Mae Powers, was born February 14, 1905 in Madison County. He departed this life December 5, 1960 at 12:05 at the Huntsville Hospital.

Mr. Powers confessed hope in Christ in the year of 1935 and joined the African Methodist Episcopal Church under the leadership of the late Rev. Cook.

He was united in marriage on March 31, 1926 to Miss Dicie Mae Jordan. To this union was born ten children. Mr. Powers is survived by a devoted and loving wife Mrs. Dicie Mae Powers, a loving sister Miss Annie Eliza Powers, five daughters, Mrs. Robert Wilkins, Mrs. Ollie Johnson, Miss Susie Mae Powers, all of Huntsville, Ala., Mrs. Benford Ward, Miss Norma Powers of Chicago Ill., five sons, Mr. George Powers, Mr. Donald Powers, and Master Charles Edward Powers of Huntsville, Ala., Mr. Alfred Powers of Chicago Ill., Mr. Monroe Powers Jr. of Rogersville Tenn. A great aunt, Mrs. Lucy Swan of Huntsville and twelve grandchildren all of Huntsville, Ala. and a host of other relatives and friends.

LIFE'S RACE

Life's Race well run
Life's work well done
Life's crown well won
Now comes rest.

PROGRAM

Processional

Hymn

Choir

Scripture & Invocation

Rev. E. D. White

Selection

Choir

Eulogy

Rev. S. S. Herford

Solo

Mrs. Louise Scruggs

Mortician

Recessional

Interment in Glenwood Cemetery

APPRECIATION

The family wishes to express its sincere appreciation to everyone for their expressions of sympathy.

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HOMEGOING CELEBRATION

for

Mrs. Ethel Garner Richards



March 1, 1910

Sunrise

January 5, 2002

Sunset

Saturday, January 12, 2002

Twelve O'clock Noon

ST. JOHN A. M. E. CHURCH

Huntsville, Alabama

Reverend Dr. Homer L. McCall, Pastor
Officiant

OBITUARY

Jabez called on the God of Israel saying "Oh, that you would bless me indeed and enlarge my territory, that your hand would be with me, and that you would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain."

So God granted him what he requested.

~ 1 Chronicles 4:10

The life of **ETHEL GARNER RICHARDS** reflects in many ways the Prayer of Jabez. God did greatly bless her! He did expand widely her area of service, and as her health rapidly failed and in her final days, the Holy Spirit empowered her to keep her from evil.

A Story of Many Blessings

One of two children, Ethel was born to Lamar and Caroline Lewis Garner in Enterprise, Mississippi on March 1, 1910. The family relocated in Muscoda, Alabama, a mining town near Bessemer. Her early education was in the Bessemer School System but the family realized early that Ethel was an extremely bright child. Therefore for early Junior High School they sent her to the Spelman Laboratory High School in Atlanta, Georgia where she completed her ninth grade requirements.

For the tenth grade the family sent Ethel to the Alabama A and M Laboratory School where she remained until she finished the twelfth grade. After completing high school, she entered the Alabama A and M Institute, now known as Alabama A and M University and she received her Junior College Diploma in 1932.

During her college days at A and M she was a basketball player where she played the position of guard under the supervision of Z. C. Green. Because of her athletic ability, she was invited to join the athletic club and years later AAMU inducted her in 1993 into the Alabama A and M University Athletic Hall of Fame.

While Mrs. Richards was at Alabama A & M University, she sang in the choir and was one of the organizers of the Ben Marcato Club which was organized to enhance finer womanhood. Mrs. Richards was also elected in 1929 the first homecoming queen at A & M. While at A & M she met the love of her life, the late Mr. Joseph H. Richards. In June of 1936 they were married. Fifty years later in June 1986, they renewed their vows in a ceremonial affirmation at the First Missionary Baptist Church which was witnessed by friends and relatives from far and near.

After Mr. Richards entered the United States Army, Mrs. Richards traveled widely with him during his tour of duty. After his discharge, they returned to Huntsville, Alabama. Mrs. Richards entered A & M and earned the bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. Later she and her husband entered Columbia University where she earned the master's degree in early Childhood Education. Mrs. Richards' teaching career spanned thirty-two years including assignments in the Bessemer Public Schools, Madison County and Huntsville City Schools.

In 1950 she became a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter. She remained active until her health began to decline. She was also a member of the Lamron Club.

A Story of Expanded Service and Spiritual Empowerment

Mrs. Richards was a faithful member of St. John A.M.E. Church, Huntsville, Alabama for many years and she was supportive, devoted and active in carrying out its Mission until her health began to decline. She was an active Stewardess, a Deaconess and a member of the Fifty Plus Auxiliary. She was the chairperson at St. John for many years of the celebration for Women's Day. She and her late husband, J. H., were also foster parents of Marie Cutwright (deceased).

Her memory will also be cherished by two foster grandchildren: Juan and Maria Bartlett; one foster great grandchild, Bianca; two sisters-in-law: Mrs. Janie Shepherd, Birmingham, Alabama and Mrs. Ethel Garner, Buxley, Ohio; a niece, Mrs. Della M. Bryant (Addre Sr.) Montgomery, Alabama; a great nephew, Addre R. Bryant, Jr. (Mary), four great great nieces and many special friends.

The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace.

~ Psalm 29:11

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE.....Mr. Rufus Gilmore III, Director of Music

PROCESSIONAL

MUSIC....."Great Is Thy Faithfulness" • No. 84.....Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER.....Dr. Henry Bradford, Jr.

SCRIPTURE

- Old Testament (Psalm 29).....Dr. James R. Johnson
- Epistle (1 Thessalonians 4:13-19).....Reverend Kenneth D. Johnson
- Gospel (Matthew 5:1-11).....Reverend Claudewell Campbell

SOLO.....Mrs. Joyce Marshall

TRIBUTE.....Col. (Ret.) James O. Heyward

OBITUARY (Read Silently).....Medley of Hymns

EULOGY.....Dr. Homer L. McCall

MUSIC....."In Shady Green Pastures" • No. 391.....Sanctuary Choir

MORTICIAN.....Royal Funeral Home

RECESSIONAL....."Sing the Wondrous Love of Jesus" • No. 511.....Sanctuary Choir



"Lord when did we see you hungry and feed you or thirsty and give you something to drink?..."

Matthew 25:37



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Ushers

Senior Ushers

Interment

Valhalla Memory Gardens

Acknowledgement

The family of the late Mrs. Ethel Richards acknowledges with much appreciation all acts of kindnesses shown by everyone during her passing from this earth to God's Kingdom and the family requests that memorial donations be given to the *Reading is Fundamental Program* of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter.

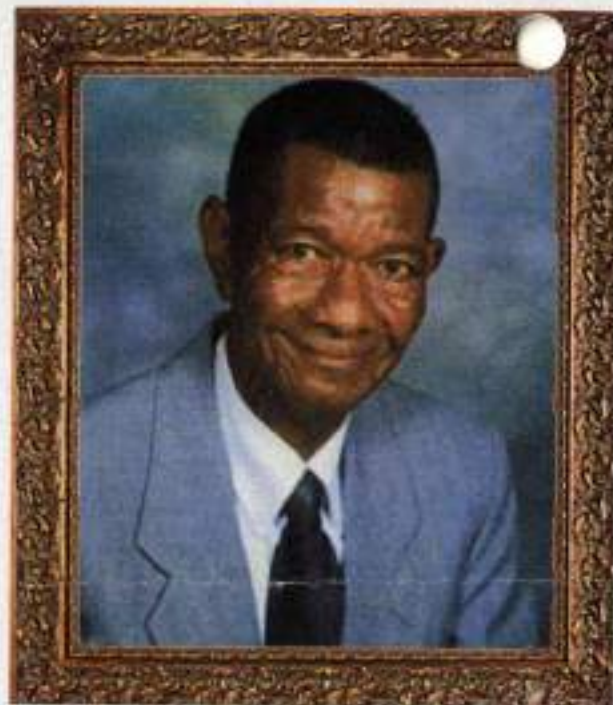
Perhaps you sang a lovely song, or sat quietly in a chair. **Perhaps** you sent beautiful flowers, if so, we saw them there. **Perhaps** you spoke the kindest words that any friend could say. **Perhaps** you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. **Whatever** you did to console the heart, we thank you so much, whatever the part.

~The Family

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SUNRISE:
June 5, 1926



SUNSET:
April 1, 2014



CELEBRATION OF LIFE

for

Mr. Ellie Russell

Twelve o'clock Noon
Monday, April 7, 2014

Saint John

African Methodist Episcopal Church
229 Church Street • Huntsville, Alabama 35801

Dr. Patrick Clayborn
Senior Pastor & Officiating Minister

Tributes

Obituary

Order of Service

GRANDPA



You're a warm and caring person
You're as priceless as can be.
You've always made us feel so good
Through the love you have always given us.
You've always been an influence;
You've been there as we've grown
You've always been so thoughtful,
through all the years we've known.
You're just more than a Grandpa;
You're a special person too,
Please remember, Grandpa,
We will always have a love for you...

Love,
Your Grandkids



To My Father-in-law

My Father-in-law accepted me as I am; no questions asked, he didn't care about my past.
He welcomed me with an open heart and mind, to me he was very kind.
God had a special plan in mind when he created someone so loving and kind.
A blessed man with understanding and love, a man with strong faith and guidance from above.
A man who lived according to God's plan, a man who held on to God's unchanging hand.
Even when times seemed to be hard, never from God's presence did he part.
Even though our eyes will see you no more, we'll see you again, when we reach the other shore.
We love you, we honor you, and we give God all the praise for blessing us with you.
My father in law will be truly missed, Love you...

-Greta

Tributes

Obituary

Order of Service

Obituary



ELLIE RUSSELL, affectionately known to many as "Hoss" was born June 5, 1926 in Madison County, Alabama to the late Annie and Peter Russell. He left this world to go home to his Heavenly Father on April 1, 2014 at Huntsville Hospital. He is preceded in death by his wife, Rosie Lee Russell.

Ellie was known for being such a warm hearted person. He wouldn't mind giving anyone the clothes off his back or the shoes off his feet. He loved to laugh and joke around with the people he loved most.

Ellie confessed hope in Christ at an early age. He attended Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church for over sixty years. There he participated on the usher board in which he retired when his health began to fail. He was also a member of Smith Grand Council Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masonry of the World.

He leaves to cherish his memories: two sons, Maurice (Greta) Russell and Anthony "Nip" Russell, both of Huntsville, Alabama; four grandchildren, Mario Russell, Rodricus Hammonds, Marquita Russell, and Candance Turner all of Huntsville, Alabama; three great grandchildren, Malik Russell, Jakaiya Acklin, and Tailyn Turner all of Huntsville, Alabama; a special cousin, Carl Whitman; and a host of cousins and close friends.



The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name sake. Yea, though I walk in the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Though thou preparest a table for me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

-Psalm 23



Obituary

Order of Service

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Prelude

Processional

Selection.....Congregation
"I'LL FLY AWAY"

Opening Prayer.....Pastor Troy Garner
FELLOWSHIP OF FAITH

Scripture Reading
I Corinthians 10:9-13.....Reverend Merlam Garrett

Selection.....Mrs. Mary Rankin

Letter from My Son.....Marquita Russell

Resolution.....Charles E. Briggins
ALABAMA GENERAL GRAND DEPUTY INSPECTOR

Words of Comfort.....Reverend McKinley Jones
BLACKBURN CHAPEL C.P.C.A.

Solo.....Tommy Toney

Eulogy.....Dr. Patrick Clayborn

Closing Prayer.....Dr. Patrick Clayborn

Mortician.....Royal Funeral Home, Inc.

Recessional



Order of Service

FLOWERS BEARERS

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PALLBEARERS

Trustees of Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church

INTERMENT

Meadowlawn Garden of Peace

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Family of Mr. Ellie Russell wishes to acknowledge with deep gratitude, all of our loved ones and dear friends for the many acts of kindness and expressions of love and concern.

May God continue to bless you.



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EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

The family of Mrs. Joyce Ann Hereford Sales would like to thank everyone for your expressions of love, concern and prayers. May God bless each and every one of you.

INTERMENT

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**Celebrating the Life
of**

Mrs. Joyce Ann Hereford Sales



**Sunrise
February 13, 1946**

**Sunset
July 5, 2018**

***Saturday, July 14, 2018
2:00 p.m.***

***St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church
229 Church Street - Huntsville, Alabama 35801***

Reverend Maurice Wright, II, Officiating

Obituary

Mrs. Joyce Ann Hereford Sales was born on February 13, 1946 to the late A.C. Nance, Sr. and Olivia Gustavia Hereford Brown in Huntsville, AL. She departed this life on July 5, 2018.

Joyce was raised in Nashville, TN and received her early education through the Metropolitan Nashville Public School System and was a graduate of Pearl High School. After high school, she matriculated to Tennessee State University where she received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1969, majoring in Spanish, with a minor in French. After graduating, Joyce returned to her roots in Huntsville, AL and was employed by the Huntsville City School System as an Instructor at Virgil I. Grissom High School from 1970 to 1972. In 1978, she made a transition in her career to social work and was employed by the Madison County Department of Human Resources until her retirement in 2006. As an Adult Service Social Worker, Joyce worked diligently to ensure that her clients received the required services and resources they needed to live a quality lifestyle.

Joyce made the decision to accept Jesus as her personal Savior. Upon returning to Huntsville, AL, she first joined St. Joseph Catholic Church, and then later joined St. John A.M.E. Church where she remained a faithful member for many years.

Joyce also served her community as a member of Rho Chi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents and siblings: Helen Bell, Ada Turner, Joyce Edwards, Edward Earl Hereford and A.C. Nance, Jr.

Those left to cherish her memory are her children: Eric Todd Sales (Huntsville, AL), Roslyn Olivia Sales (Madison, AL) and Courtney Leon Sales (Los Angeles, CA); sisters: Marjorie Hough (Detroit, MI), and Julia Bell (Cleveland OH); brothers: Leslie Earl Hereford and James Dewey Brown, (both of Nashville, TN), Ollie Matt Nance (Huntsville, AL), Herman Earl Nance (Chattanooga, TN) and a host of other family members and friends.

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional....."By and By".....Mortician

Selection....."Jesus Promised".....St. John AME Choir

Prayer.....Clergy

Scripture Readings.....LaTanya Turner
Psalms 34: 1-10, 17-19.....Philippians 3: 7-16

Expressions.....Pastor Claude Campbell

Obituary Reading.....Read Silently

Selection....."When I Get Home".....St. John AME Choir

Matthew 11:28 Come unto me and I will give you rest
Words of Comfort.....Rev. Maurice Wright, II
An invitation to Sweet Rest

Recessional....."When We All Get to Heaven".....Mortician



Repass

St. John A.M.E. Church
Immediately Following Burial

Homegoing Celebration
of

LANITA FORTE SLATON



MONDAY, JULY 27, 2020
11:00 A.M.

St. John A.M.E Church

229 Church Street
Huntsville, AL 35801

PASTOR MAURICE WRIGHT, II
OFFICIATING

- Obituary -

Lanita Forte Slaton was born to the late Oliver and Dixie Williams on December 12, 1949, in Ecorse, Michigan. She was lovingly adopted and raised by her Aunt Hattie Forte in Beloit, Alabama. Lanita earned her wings and transitioned to her heavenly reward July 21, 2020.

"Nita" as she was affectionately called, earned her high school diploma from Hazen Harrell High School in Beloit. After graduating from high school, Lanita enrolled at Alabama A&M University where she earned her bachelor's degree.

In Huntsville, she met her devoted husband of 25 years, the late Charles Slaton. To this union Vincent and Jennifer were born.

Lanita served Alabama A&M University in various capacities for more than 25 years. She loved her University and was committed to serving the students of AAMU. "Mama Slaton," as her student workers affectionately referred to her, was a beacon of love and affection for the many students with whom she interacted during her tenure. Lanita's proudest moments were giving life advice to students who needed a mother while away from home. She loved her Alabama A&M Bulldogs and spent many years traveling to sporting events with the Athletic Community Resource Group (ACRG).

Lanita was a proud 32-year member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter. She served as the chapter secretary and as the assistant advisor to the Gamma Mu Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated at Alabama A&M University. Lanita was a member of several chapter committees, including the Debutante Ball table arrangement committee, the Sisterly Relations committee and the Senior Concerns committee. She also volunteered wherever she felt she could provide service to all mankind.

Nita was a faithful member of St. Johns AME Church. Through the years, she served there as an usher, a member of the Fifty Plus Auxiliary Club, participated in noon Bible Study and other committees to serve the Lord. She was most proud of working with the church's Soup Kitchen. She looked forward to Tuesdays because that was the day she served in the soup kitchen. Lanita often said it warmed her heart knowing that she helped make sure people in need got a nutritious meal from the St. Johns AME family. For Lanita, working in the soup kitchen with her team members was a labor of love.

Lanita's personality was magnetic. Her perfect mix of compassion, wisdom and "sassy-wit" drew people to her for advice, comfort and of course, comic relief. She was a loyal, honest and supportive friend. Nita found immense pleasure in being Nana to her four grandchildren. Erin, Jordan, Tristan and Slaton each gave her joy. She would light up talking about each of them and knew they would all grow up to use their gifts to change the world.

Lanita Slaton leaves to cherish her memory two children, Vincent Slaton (Latasha) of Decatur, AL; Jennifer Anderson (Kindell) of Montgomery, AL; one brother, Leon Williams (Cora) of Tuscaloosa, AL; one sister, Narda Bruno (Keith) of Flat Rock, MI; a sister-in-law, Brenda Slaton of Decatur, GA; a brother-in-law, John Wesley Slaton of Atlanta, GA; three granddaughters, Erin Minor, Jordan Slaton and Tristan Slaton of Decatur, AL; one grandson, Slaton Anderson of Montgomery, AL; special friends, Sarah "Granny" Bell and Denise Chandler both of Huntsville, AL; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members, beloved AAMU students and friends.

Order of Service



Prelude

Processional

Musical Selection

Prayer Reverend Charles Glover

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Reverend Joretha Wright

New Testament Reverend Derwood Wilson

Musical Selection

Acknowledgements & Resolution Sister Pamela Whitehead

Reflections Jennifer Anderson (Daughter)

Musical Selection

Eulogy Reverend Maurice Wright, II

Mortician Royal Funeral Home



A Loved One's Lament - Ron Wood

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid you see.
I took His hand when I heard him call
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savoured much
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts, and peace to thee
God wanted me now; He set me free.



Acknowledgements

The family of the late Lanita Forte Slaton acknowledges with deep appreciation all of the kind expressions of sympathy extended to us during our time of bereavement. We will always remember your love, kindness and support.



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CELEBRATION OF LIFE

for

Bessie Mae Matlock Smith

September 4, 1933 - June 16, 2021



Bessie Mae Matlock Smith



Bessie Mae Matlock Smith was born on September 4, 1933 to the late John Matlock and Clara Bradley Matlock in Pine Bluff, Jefferson County, Arkansas. Bessie died peacefully on June 16, 2021 at Huntsville Hospital Hospice Family Center after battling COVID-19 complications.

In addition to her parents, Bessie is preceded in death by her husband of 68 years, Colonel Earnest C. (EC) Smith, Sr., Sisters, Irene Matlock Roach, Johnnie Bell Matlock and Dessie Matlock Thompson (Twin Sister) and Brother, Floyd Matlock (Twin-Flora Matlock Collins.)

Bessie learned responsibility and caring for others at an early age following the unexpected death of her 32-year-old mother Clara as a result of complications due to childbirth. Bessie and Dessie (Twin Sister) were both instrumental in helping raise three younger siblings. Bessie developed a phenomenal talent for cooking and sewing.

Talents she used to help others throughout her life.

Bessie attended Coleman High School in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. While attending Coleman, Bessie and Dessie led the Girl's High School Basketball Team in winning two back-to-back Arkansas State Championships. (1949 - 1950) Dessie was a standout defensive player. Bessie, a dominating scorer, won individual Girls High School Basketball All-American honors. Bessie later graduated from St. Peter's Catholic School in 1952.

Following high school graduation Bessie married her childhood sweetheart Earnest (EC) Smith Sr. Their union produced four boys (Earnest Jr, Keith, Karnie and Cydale). Bessie became a devoted housewife and loving mother. She fully supported her husband EC as he paved his way into history as an Aerospace Engineer with NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, Alabama during the United States race to put a man on the moon. She was always by his side and he always recognized her support.

As a mother, Bessie loved her four boys. Bessie and EC attended all their educational activities and sporting events they participated in over the years. Having lost her own mother at 7 years old Bessie was sensitive to the neighborhood children that lost one or both parents at an early age. She often attended their sporting events to help ease the empty feeling when they looked up into the stands. The same children commented about how refreshing it was to see her cheering them on. Bessie and EC would also help pay college tuition for neighborhood or church children without living parents.

Bessie loved the Lord. She was very active in church activities. She served on various boards and organizations. She often used her superb cooking skills to feed the sick and shut in. Bessie left her mark with the churches she called home: St. John AME, Huntsville, AL, Walking on Water Christian Church, Birmingham, AL, and Progressive Union Missionary Baptist Church, Huntsville, AL.

Bessie is survived by her four sons: LT Colonel (RET) Earnest C. Smith, Jr., Major (RET) Keith C. Smith, Reverend Dr. Karnie C. Smith, Sr. and Dr. Cydale C. Smith; eight grandchildren: Trouylica Battle, Marcus, Christie Sterling, Earnest III, Karnie Jr., Camryn, Karnell, and Kyle; and thirteen great-grandchildren: Tyler, Mya, Isaac, Micah, Kennedy, Courtney, Kiley, Camry, Karmyn, London, Caleb, Judah and Amara. Bessie leaves a brother, Mr. & Mrs. John D. and Peggy Matlock, Pine Bluff Arkansas and a sister Mrs. Flora Collins, Pine Bluff, Arkansas and sisters-in law Mrs. Rosie Lee Cargile, Mrs. Ida Jack, Akron, Ohio, Mrs. Delores Smith, Virginia Beach, VA. And Mrs. Elsie Smith, Chesapeake, VA. Bessie is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and loved ones.

Bessie will be missed by all who knew her.
Sorrowfully, The Family

Order of Service

11:00 AM
TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 2021

Meadowlawn Garden of Peace
450 Mount Lebanon Road • Toney, Alabama 35773
DR. PAUL HOLLMAN, OFFICIATING MINISTER
New Zion-Mt. Mariah Baptist Church

Prelude.....	Soft Music
Prayer.....	Dr. Maurice Wright ST. JOHN A.M.E. CHURCH
Scripture Reading	
Proverbs 31:10-31.....	Reverend Lisa Heard WALKING ON WATER CHRISTIAN CHURCH
John 2:1-5.....	Reverend Jerrell Hendon WALKING ON WATER CHRISTIAN CHURCH
John 19:25-27.....	Presiding Elder Bruce W. Hunter SOUTH BIRMINGHAM HUNTSVILLE BESSEMER DISTRICT
Romans Luke 10:38-42.....	Reverend Aaron Butler, Jr. NEW BEGINNINGS CHURCH INTERNATIONAL
Tributes:	
Sons.....	Earnest, Jr., Keith, and Cydale
Grandchildren.....	Earnest III, Keith Carl Marcus, Karnie, Jr., and Karnell
Solo.....	Marvin Neal
Eulogy.....	Dr. Karnie C. Smith, Sr. WALKING ON WATER CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Committal Service	
Mortician.....	Royal Funeral Home, Inc.
Benediction.....	Reverend Tyrone Moultry



MRS. BESSIE MAE MATLOCK SMITH

TWO TIME ALL AMERICAN PLAYER (2 YEARS IN A ROW)

HER SCHOOL WON TWO STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS BACK TO BACK



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The family of

Mrs. Bessie Mae Matlock Smith

gratefully acknowledges all acts of kindness shown during the illness and passing of our loved one. We are grateful for your phone calls, cards, flowers, and prayers. May God bless each one of you.



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February 8, 1957 – May 11, 2018

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Interment
Shoals Memorial Gardens
Tuscumbia, Alabama

Repast
Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church
229 Church Street • Huntsville, Alabama 35801
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Order of Celebration

Twelve Noon

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Asbury United Methodist Church

980 Hughes Road • Madison, Alabama 35758

Reverend Maurice Wright, II, Officiating

Prelude

Processional....."We Are Often Tossed and Driven"

Selection....."Abide With Me".....St. John A.M.E. Choir

Prayer.....Reverend Charles Glover

Scripture Readings

Old Testament *Psalms 23*.....Reverend Meriam Garrett

New Testament *Revelations 21:1-7*.....Reverend Dr. James R. Johnson

Selection....."It Is Well".....Ms. Renee Knight

Precious Memories.....Mrs. Clementine Pearson

Mrs. Brenda Adams

Dr. Bridget Floyd

Acknowledgements and Resolution.....Dr. Jeanette Jones

Selection....."Great Is Thy Faithfulness".....Dr. Clifton Pearson

Eulogy *Philippians 3:20 Cora's Big*.....Reverend Maurice Wright, II
1:21 Reveal

Mortician.....Royal Funeral Home, Inc.

Recessional....."When We All Get to Heaven"

I Am Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following paths God made for me
I took his hand I heard him call
Then turned, and bid farewell to all

I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to sing, to play
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found my peace... at close of play

And if my parting left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened... deep with sorrow
I wish you sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full I've savoured much
Good friends, good times
A loved one's touch

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with grief
Lift up your hearts and share with me,
God wants me now... He set me free.

-Anonymous





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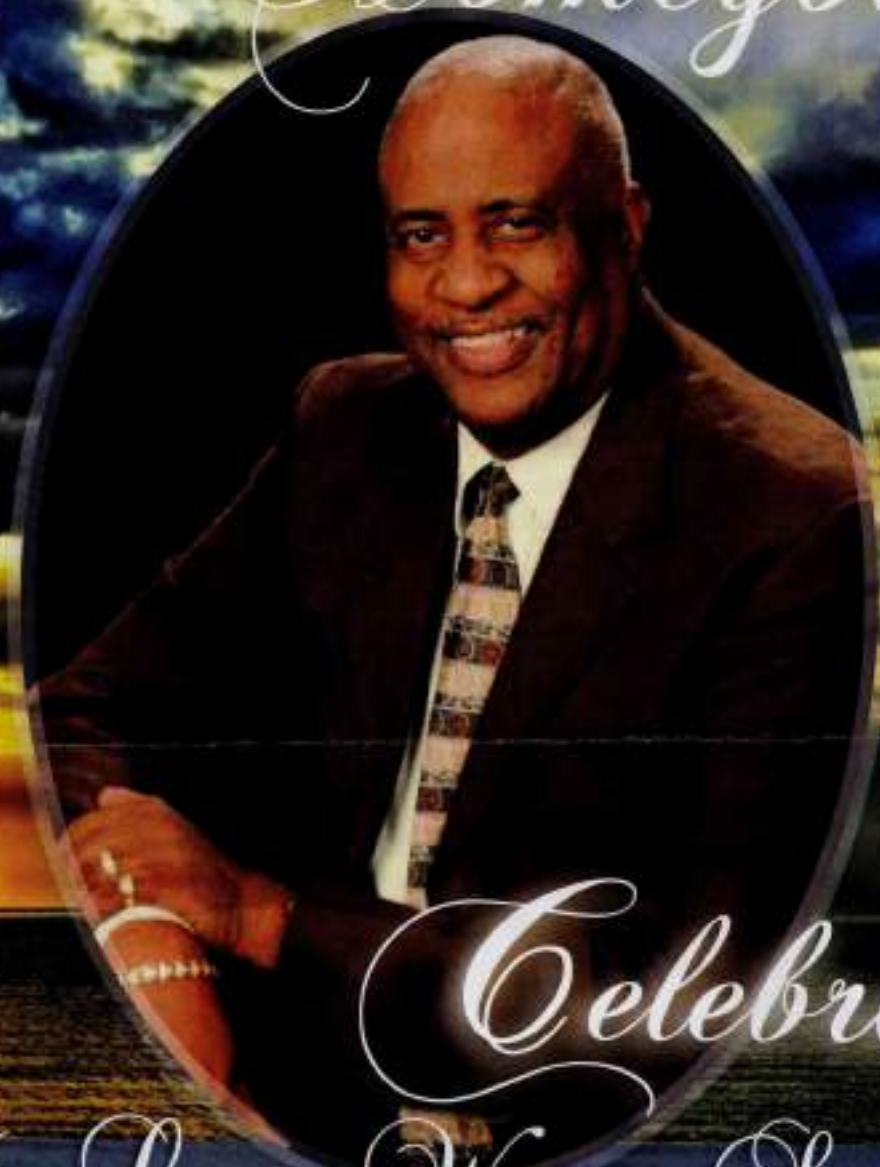
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A Homegoing



Celebration

Mr. Larry Wayne Stanley

February 24, 1956 - April 22, 2014

Monday, April 28, 2014

Eleven O'clock A.M.

St. John AME Church
Huntsville, Alabama

The Right Reverend James L. Davis, Servant Bishop
The Reverend Patrick D. Clayborn, Ph.D., Pastor

Obituary

Those who bloom in the hearts of others never fade away. They are like eternal flames which continue to glow brighter each day.

Mr. Larry Wayne Stanley, son of Calvin and the late Gloria Stanley, was born February 24, 1956 in Baltimore, Maryland. He departed this life on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at Huntsville Hospital, Huntsville AL. He was one of 2 siblings. Larry was baptized at an early age at Zion Baptist Church, Baltimore, Maryland.

Larry attended Baltimore City College High School in Baltimore, Maryland. Upon graduation from school, he worked for the family business CAFORO Ind. and other organizations in the Baltimore-Washington area. He entered the US Air Force in 1978 and served honorably until 1982 where he met Ramona Pritchett. From that loving relationship, their son, Larry Pritchett was born. Later, and upon returning from service as a government contractor in Iraq, Larry was reunited with his childhood love Templena Bates. They were wed June 27, 2008 and moved to Huntsville Alabama. When his kidneys failed and it was found that Templena was a perfect donor match, it was clear to everyone that this union was nothing but the grace of God.

Larry grew up as a faithful and loyal member of the Zion Baptist Church, in Baltimore, Maryland where he sang on the Men's Choir and served on numerous committees and ministries. Through that spiritual growth and learning Larry developed a sound foundation with our Lord and Savior. He carried that underpinning with him as he and Templena moved to Huntsville. Seeking a church home where the Word of God was preached to their hearts, they were led to St. John AME Church. He picked up where he left off at Zion, joining the choir and serving the Lord. His favorite saying was "For God I live and for God I'll die".

Larry studied political science and contract management. He worked as Corporate Procurement Manager for InfoPro Corporation. Larry was always ready for a "spirited" discussion. It didn't matter if it was about Super Bowl hopefuls, global warming or how to solve world hunger. He always had a strong opinion and yearned for an opportunity to express it.

Larry leaves to mourn his loss, devoted wife Templena; his father, Calvin M. Stanley Sr.; son Lal Pritchett (wife Gina); brother Calvin M. Stanley Jr. (wife Lorain); two step-daughters Janelle Steele (husband Tayvon) and Charesse Smith (husband Danny); five grandsons, Isaiah Mills, Larry Pritchett, Javon Hall, Tayvon Steele, Tiyon Steele; three grand-daughters, Jordan Hall, Jania Hall, and Jayla Steele; brother in-law Melvin Bates; mother in-law Leola Bates; uncle Lonnie Terry; aunt Connie Robertson-Terry, nephew Darnee Stanley, and a host of other relatives and friends.



Order of Service

The Reverend Patrick D. Clayborn, Ph.D., Officiant

Celude

Processional

Opening Hymn #137.....*The Blood That Jesus Shed For Me*Congregation

PrayerRev. Sheri Smith Clayborn

Scriptural Readings *New Testament: Romans 8:26-39*.....Rev. Meriam Garrett

Musical Selection.....St. John AMEC Music Ministry

Reflections on Mr. Larry Stanley as a Church Member.....Karl Gullatte
2-3 minutes
St. John AMEC Sons of Allen

Selection.....St. John AMEC Music Ministry

Eulogy.....The Reverend Patrick D. Clayborn, Ph.D.
Pastor, St. John AME Church -Huntsville

Closing Prayer

Recessional

The Repast will be held in the Fellowship Hall
of St. John AME Church
immediately following the service.

Interment

Garrison Forrest Veteran Cemetery
11501 Garrison Forest Rd. Owings Mills, MD 21117



In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the National Kidney Foundation in memory of Bro. Larry W. Stanley.

Pallbearers
The Stewards, Trustees, The Sons of Allen
and the Men of St. John AME Church - Huntsville

Flower Bearers
The Stewardess Board and Women's Missionary Society
St. John AME Church - Huntsville

An Expression of Love

My sister-in-law recently shared her belief that God put Larry and I together, and that neither one of us had anything to do with it. I've often heard that and must agree. Psalm 37:4 says, "Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart." God knew exactly what I wanted in a spouse. In fact, He gave me what I wanted AND needed in Larry: love; companionship; a God-fearing man; a man wrapped in the Word, passionate about my spiritual growth, offering sound spiritual guidance. Yes, God gave me everything I asked for and more. God definitely put Larry and I together. God is also the connector for Larry and I to Pastor Patrick Clayborn, Rev. Sheri and the St. John AMEC family. We often reminisced about the period of time before we joined St. John, and how we would be fed by the preached Word via television, or how we were edified through our own at-home bible studies. However, from the moment we walked in the doors at St. John, we knew we had found our church home. Larry always said God led us to St. John AMEC for a reason. I agree. There's not been one time I've come to church and not encountered a loving people with a genuine heart for us. There is no doubt, especially after the care and concern shown over this last week, that we were supposed to end up here. Larry loved everyone here. Thank you for letting me know how you've been touched by his time here. My heart is really heavy now, but I know that Larry is in a better place. I know beyond a shadow of a doubt, that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ greeted him with the words, "Well done, my good and faithful servant," because Larry truly loved the Lord and was a truly faithful believer. I smile knowing that Larry stepped into heaven picking up right where he left off in service here that appointed Sunday — singing praises to God! To God be the Glory!

-Templena Stanley

Acknowledgements

To the pastor and members of St. John A.M.E. and all participants who showed support through this difficult time, whether it was a visit that comforted us, a telephone call that consoled our hearts, or prayers that strengthened us. Thank you. We pray God's richest blessings to you in the days to come.

-The Family of Mr. Larry Stanley

*I have fought a good fight,
I have finished my course,
I have kept the faith.*

II Timothy 4:7



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Order of Service



Processional

Opening Hymn.....Congregation
"Every Praise" by Hezekiah Walker

Prayer.....Reverend Meriam Garrett

Scripture Reading
Old Testament.....Reverend Joretha Wright
Proverbs 3:5-6
New Testament.....Reverend Gloria Madison
2 Timothy 4:7-8

Reflections (5 minutes)

Colleagues.....Andrea Cohn-Jones
Shannon McCaskey
Candice Morris
Cynthia White

Lifelong Friends.....Sylvia Brown
Josephine Robbins

Musical Selection.....St. John Mass Choir
"For Every Mountain"

Resolution & Acknowledgements.....Dr. Jeanette Jones

Selection.....St. John Mass Choir

Eulogy.....*Luke 13:11-12*
Lauretta thou art Loosed.....Pastor Maurice Wright, II

Mortician.....Royal Funeral Home, Inc.

Recessional....."I Shall Wear a Crown"

Flower Bearers

Stewards and Trustee Boards of
St. John African American Episcopal Church

Active Pallbearers

Gerald Teague, Jr. • Joseph Teague • Michael Teague
Adam Cunningham • Reginald Moore • John Walker

Honorary Pallbearer

Cameron Teague, Jr.

Interment

Madison Memory Gardens

100 Hughes Road • Madison, Alabama 35758

Repast

St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church

229 Church Street • Huntsville, Alabama 35801

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Acknowledgements

The family of Lauretta Yvonne Teague would like to acknowledge all of the amazing acts of kindness extended to them during their hour of need. A special thanks to Pastor and Mrs. Maurice Wright, II for their time spent encouraging, praying, and lifting up our family in our most critical hours of need. There are no words to express our gratitude. It is our prayer that God continues to bless and keep all of you.

Regards,

Gerald Teague, Sr. & Family



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Homegoing Celebration



Lauretta Yvonne Teague

SUNRISE
April 29, 1951

SUNSET
May 29, 2017

11:00 a.m.
Saturday, June 3, 2017

St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church
229 Church Street • Huntsville, Alabama 35801

Pastor Maurice Wright II, Officiating

Lauretta Yvonne Teague

A native of Saint Louis, Missouri, Lauretta Yvonne Teague (Crawford) was born to Willie James Crawford and Laura Crawford on April 29th, 1951. She transitioned to be with the Lord on Memorial Day, May 29th, 2017 in Huntsville, Alabama. Lauretta lived a full life inspired by serving God, family, colleagues, and the community. She accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age and was baptized at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in St. Louis, Missouri.

Her primary life calling was dedicated to leadership and excellence in education. After graduating from Beaumont High School, she earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree (B.A.) in Elementary Education from Harris Teachers College. She later completed a Master of Arts Degree (M.A.) in Behavioral and Social Sciences from Webster University and a Masters of Arts Degree (M.A.) in Educational Administration from the University of Missouri-Saint Louis. As a continual learner, she earned a Education Specialist degree (Ed.S.) from University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, AL. Lauretta spent the early part of her career as a secondary education teacher with St. Louis Public Schools and later the Pattonville School District. She served as an Assistant Principal and later Principal of Chestnut Grove Elementary School for over 15 years.

Lauretta's leadership as Principal of Chestnut Grove Elementary School brought national recognition to the school and Decatur City Schools. During her tenure, the school started the first honors program, the Elementary National Honor Society and National Junior Beta Club. It also became the first school in Decatur to institute the Seven Habits of Highly Effective People and the eighth school in the nation and first in the state to gain The Leader in Me Lighthouse designation by Franklin Covey. In 2009, she was awarded with the Professional Women's Excellence of Leadership Award for being a Leader of Excellence for Education.

God was first place in Lauretta's life. She was an active member of St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church in Huntsville, AL for over 24 years. During this time, she served the ministry in many capacities, currently serving on the Board of Stewards, working with the newsletter staff, leading the Women's Ministry, and serving on the Stewardess Board. Her token saying to her children was "S.A.P." Say a Prayer, she believed in the power of prayer and the faithfulness of God. Lauretta had a passion for travel, interior design and spending time with family. In her spare time, she travelled domestically and internationally with her family and friends and she was always ready for the next adventure and road trip.

Lauretta was predeceased by her parents. She dedicated her life to her beloved husband of thirty-seven years Gerald Teague, Sr. who she leaves to cherish the memories of their life and love. Her survivors include two children; Lauren (Adam) Cunningham of Jacksonville, FL and Gerald (Gale) Teague, Jr. of Madison, AL, one grandson; Cameron Teague of Madison, AL, one aunt; Dorothy Hopson, two sisters; Jane Crawford (Ray) Ross of Enterprise, AL, and Deborah Crawford of Jacksonville, FL and one brother; John (Beverly) Walker of Portsmouth, Virginia, in addition to a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and family friends.



Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.
The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her,
so that he shall have no need of spoil.
She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.
She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.
She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.
She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household,
and a portion to her maidens.
She considereth a field, and buyeth it:
with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.
She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.
She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night.
She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.
She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea,
she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.
She is not afraid of the snow for her household:
for all her household are clothed with scarlet.
She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple.
Her husband is known in the gates,
when he sitteth among the elders of the land.
She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.
Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.
She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.
She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.
Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.
Many daughters have done virtuously,
but thou excellest them all.
Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain:
but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.
Give her of the fruit of her hands; and
let her own works praise her in the gates.

Proverbs 31:10-31

Celebration
of
Terrence Wayne Walton M.D.



Sunrise: January 23, 1965 - Sunset: October 8, 2013

Saturday, October 19, 2013
12:00 Noon

St. John A.M. E Church
229 Church Street
Huntsville, Alabama 35801
Rev. Dr. Patrick Clayborn, Pastor
Reverend Kannie Smith, Officiating

We Can't But God Can

Why things happen as they do
We do not know...
And we cannot always fathom
Why our spirits sink so low...
We flounder in the dark distress,
We are wavering and unstable...
But when we're most inadequate
The Lord God's always able,
For though we are capable,
God's powerful and great...
And there's no darkness in the mind
That God can't penetrate...
And all that is required of us
Whenever things go wrong...
Is to trust in God implicitly
With a faith that is deep and strong...
And while He may not instantly
Unravel all the strands...
Of the tangled thoughts that trouble us,
He completely understands...
And in His time if we have faith,
He will gradually restore...
The brightness in our spirit
That we've been longing for...
So remember there is no cloud too dark
For God's light to penetrate...
If we keep on believing
And have Faith enough to wait!

-Helen Steiner Rice



*For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime!
Weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning.
Psalms 30:5 (NLT)*

Life's Journey

Terrence Wayne Walton, M.D.

"Terry"

On January 23, 1965, God blessed Maria Ilene Jones Walton and Theodore Wayne Walton with the gift of a beautiful baby boy; **Terrence Wayne Walton**. 'Terry' as he was lovingly called completed his earthly journey on October 8, 2013 at his home in Manhattan, New York.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents; Preston and Mildred Jones and J. B. and Carrie Walton; an aunt; Nellie Elizabeth Jones-Maxie; 3 uncles; Henry 'Hank' Mace Jones, David Hunter Jones, and James Walton; a loving Godmother; Norma Jean Powers; and Special Cousin; Timothy Pickett.

He leaves to cherish his memory his Parents; Maria J. Walton and Ted W. Walton (Linda) Brother; Antonio Dewayne Walton (April); Sisters; Tamatha Maria Walton and Theadora DeShawnta Walton; Half-Sister; Seretta Slack; Step-Brother; Tarrius Sykes; Special Sister/Cousin; DeAnna J. Goodloe; 8 Nephews, 2 Nieces, 1 Great-Niece and a host of Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, and Friends.

Terry's began his formal education at Mrs. Catherine Elliott's Pre-School, from there he attended Highland Elementary School, Davis Hills Middle School, and graduated with honors in 1983 from J. O. Johnson High School. He was baptized by Dr. Homer L. McCall at St. John AME Church in Huntsville, Alabama at an early age and served on many youth groups and organizations within the church. Terry chose to further his education by attending The University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee. He graduated with a double major in English and Physics and a minor in Pre-Med, which included one year of study abroad at The University of Oxford in Oxford, England, United Kingdom. Terry then attended Harvard University Medical School in Cambridge, Massachusetts for one year before he was recruited by the medical program at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. During his matriculation at Duke, he secured a research grant allowing him and a team of fellow students to research the correlation between the kidney and diabetes. Upon completion of his studies at Duke, he was awarded the Doctor of Medicine (M.D.).

After graduation, he did a general surgery residency at UCLA Hospital in Los Angeles, California. Following his residency, he managed an Urgent Care Clinic in Los Angeles until he decided to move to New York and enter a plastic surgery residency at New York Downtown Hospital in Manhattan, New York. Dr. Walton, being sympathetic and concerned for others, joined a team of physicians who raised funds and secured medicine and medical supplies to perform surgical repairs on children with cleft lip and cleft palates in Ecuador. Upon returning to the United States, he made Manhattan his home and opened his first private practice medical office on Madison Avenue and a Plastic and Reconstructive Clinic in Brooklyn, New York. He resided in Manhattan, NY until he went home to be with the Lord. Terry will forever be loved, admired and cherished for his dedication and service to mankind.





TERRENCE WAYNE WALTON



Throughout his life, Terry never waited for a storm to pass he simply learned how to dance in the rain. I thank God for allowing me to be your father. Rest in peace; and never stop dancing in the rain.

A good name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one's birth. Ecclesiastes 1:1



Ted Madeline

Terry,
I know that you are in God's hands.
I will miss you and I will think of
you and smile at the thought of you
each and every day.

Love your little sister,
Theresa



I miss you Uncle Terry.
I love how you told me
history. I know I will
see you in heaven. I
wish I could watch
Turtleman with you.

Love-Miles



Terry - How do I say goodbye to my baby, my love, my brother, one of my favorite people on this earth? I will forever hold dear all the fun and crazy times we shared, the long, late night conversations that lasted until after the sun came up, all the laughs and all the fun. You have been one of the greatest blessings in my life and I will love you until I can no longer breathe. Rest in paradise my beautiful brother, until we meet again. -DeAnn



And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Revelation 21:4(KJV)

Before I had any knowledge of who I was & what role I had in my family, I knew I had a BIG BROTHER not because he was bigger. I knew because; when I was scared my brother held my hand, when I hurt my brother kissed it to make it better, even when it was just one left in the box he always made sure I got the last. So even as a little boy I knew the bravery, compassion, and love that he had for me was BIG. Terry was more than my brother & best friend. He was my BIG BROTHER!



....I miss you -Tony

My brother, my sweet,
sweet brother. You have
always been there for me.
I will always love and
cherish your memory.

I love you and I miss you.
Terry



To my loving Uncle,

Where do I start, my Uncle Terry was a great man, an inspiration, so talented and full of life and love. He was the type you couldn't help but be drawn to because his energy was so powerful. His heart was so big you had no choice but to love him and want to be near him. My favorite thing about my Uncle was how he encouraged us to be yourself because no one can tell you who you are. Uncle Terry was a leader, teacher, inspiration and the definition of a man. I love you Uncle Terry and you will always be in my heart.

Lance



Order of Service

Processional

Musical Selection.....'The Prayer'.....Joni Belle-Magwood

Prayer.....Evangelist Helen Drake

Scripture.....Reverend Carolyn Martin

Musical Selection.....'His Eye is on the Sparrow'.....David McBride

Reflections.....Mrs. Laura Hall
Alabama State Representative, House District 19

Expressions of Love.....Antonio Walton
Brother

Musical Selection.....'My Tribute'.....Jennifer Thomas

Parent's Expression of Love.....Maria Walton
Mother

Theodore Walton
Father

Musical Selection.....'Wind Beneath My Wings'.....Joni Belle-Magwood

Eulogy.....Rev. Karnie Smith
Walking on Water Christian Church-Birmingham, Alabama

Solo.....'My Souls Been Anchored'.....David McBride

Closing Prayer.....Reverend William C. Slade
Grady-Madison AME Church-Madison, Alabama

Recessional



When tomorrow starts without me

*When tomorrow starts without me, and I am not here to see
If the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me,
I know how much you love me as much as I love you,
And each time you think of me I know you'll miss me too.
But when tomorrow starts without me please try to understand,
That Jesus came and called my name and took me by the hand.
He said that my place is nearly in heaven far above,
And that I have to leave behind all those I dearly love.
But as I turned to walk away a tear fell from my eye,
For all my life I'd always thought it wasn't my time to die.
I had so much to live for, and so much yet to do,
It seems almost impossible that I was leaving you.
I thought of all the yesterdays the good ones and the bad,
I thought of all the love we shared and all the fun we had.
If I could have stayed for just a while,
I'd say kiss you, say goodbye, and maybe see you smile.
But then I fully realize that this could never be,
For emptiness and memories would take the place of me.
And when I thought of worldly things that I would miss tomorrow,
I thought of you and when I did my heart was filled with sorrow,
But when I walked through heaven's gate and felt so much at home,
As God looked down and smiled at me from his great golden throne.
He said "This is eternity, and all I've promised you,
Today your life on earth is past, but here it starts anew."
I promise no tomorrow but today will always last,
And since each day's the same here there's no longing for the past."*

Ushers

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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acts of kindness and love extended to us by family and friends
during this time of bereavement.
May God richly bless and keep each of you.*

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

Vanona Louise Walton

April 17, 1945 - July 30, 2018

Vanona Louise Walton

*Who can find a Virtuous Woman? For her price is far above rubies.
Proverbs 31:10*

Vanona was born to Mrs. Ruth Beacham and the late Mr. Floyd Beacham on April 17, 1945 in Birmingham, Alabama. Vanona was the oldest of five children, three girls and two boys.

Vanona received her formal education through the Birmingham Public School System and graduated from the Old Samuel Ullman High School which is now part of the University of Alabama in Birmingham. Vanona also received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Alabama A&M University in Computer Science. She was employed by Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC) as a Programmer/Analyst. After 25 years of service, she retired from CSC in 2002.

On March 12, 1966 Vanona was united in Holy Matrimony to the love of her life Mr. Lenel Walton. They spent 52 wonderful years together. To this union one daughter was born, Dominique Walton Brook. Before settling in Huntsville, they have lived in Minneapolis, Minnesota and Wilkesburg, Pennsylvania.

Vanona confessed her faith in Christ at an early age under the leadership of Reverend Reeves at Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church Birmingham, Alabama. After settling in Huntsville with her family, Vanona joined St. John A.M.E Church under the leadership of Reverend Dr. Homer L. McCall, where she served faithfully for over 40 years. Vanona was a Steward of the church, a member of the Senior Usher Board, the Fifty-Plus Auxiliary, and volunteered with the Soup Kitchen. She was a former member of the Sanctuary Choir and the Praise Dance Ministry. Vanona taught the Primary class in Sunday School for over 20 years.

In her spare time, Vanona enjoyed solving puzzles, reading and travelling.

Vanona made her transition from this earthly life to a home called glory on July 30, 2018. She was preceded in death by her father: Mr. Floyd Beacham and sister Annie Faye Parker.

Vanona leaves to cherish her memories, her husband, Mr. Lenel Walton, Huntsville, AL; daughter, Dr. Dominique Walton Brooks and Son-In-Law, Thomas Wesley Brooks; two grandchildren, Joshua Omwenga Walton Brooks, and Kendall Kemunto Walton Brooks, all of Sugar Land, TX; her mother, Ruth Beacham, Birmingham, AL; sister, Flossie Cobb, Birmingham, AL; two brothers, Floyd Beacham Jr., and Austin Beacham both of Los Angeles, CA; three God-children, Celeste Gilmore, Tommy Friend and Marcus Humphrey. As well as, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends.

Order of Service

11:00 a.m.
Saturday, August 4, 2018

St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church
229 Church Street • Huntsville, Alabama 35801
Pastor Maurice Wright, II, Officiating



Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn.....Congregation
"God's Unchanging Hand"

Prayer.....Pastor Cornelius Parker
First Baptist Church Warrior

Scripture Reading
John 14:1-6.....Reverend Meriam Garrett
James 4:6-10.....Reverend Charles Glover

Ministry of Music.....St. John A.M.E. Mass Choir

Resolution.....Dr. Jeanette Jones

Ministry of Music.....St. John A.M.E. Mass Choir

Eulogy.....Pastor Maurice Wright, II

Mortician.....Royal Funeral Home, Inc.

Recessional....."When We all Get to Heaven"

THE CELEBRATION OF

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Saturday,
September 18, 2021
10:00 A.M. - Service

Saint John AME Church
229 Church Street
Huntsville, AL 35801

Saturday,
September 25, 2021
11:00 A.M. - Service

Altheimer Memorial
Church of God In Christ
1121 S. Altheimer Street
Tacoma, WA 98405

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**REVEREND
DERWOOD DOYLE WILSON**

Loved beyond words. missed beyond measure

November 24, 1934—September 11, 2021



Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood

Chorus:
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels, descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.



Order of Celebration

Saturday, September 18, 2021
St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church

Presiding Reverend Dr. Ronald Phillips, *Nephew*
Pastor, New Beginnings Church - Missouri City, Texas

Processional "We Are Often Tossed and Driven" arr. Albert Tindley

Prayer Reverend Charles Glover

Hymn of Celebration "Blessed Assurance" Arr. Fanny Crosby

Scripture:

Old Testament - Psalm 91 Presiding Elder Oliver Allen, Jr.

New Testament - 2 Corinthians 5:1-8 Presiding Elder Bruce W. Hunter
South Birmingham Huntsville District

Selection St. John AME Church

Tribute Bishop Harry L. Seawright
Presiding Prelate, 9th Episcopal District African Methodist Episcopal Church

Reflections: (3 minutes)

Brother Bill Williams, *Trustee Board*
Brother Jesse Johnson, *Trustee Board*
Sister Stephanie Scott, *Soup Kitchen*

Selection St. John AME Church

Family Tributes: (3 minutes)

Mr. Marvin Wilson, *Brother*
Mrs. Deba Wilson McClelland, *Sister*
Mrs. Yolanda Clark, *Niece*
Ms. Dominique Wilson, *Granddaughter*
Elder Maurice Wright, Sr., *Son*

Acknowledgements & Resolutions Dr. Pamela Whitehead

Solo Sis. Megan Humphrey

The Proclamation of the Word *Fly Like an Eagle* Pastor Maurice Wright, II, *Grandson*

Recessional "Sing the Wondrous Love of Jesus" arr. E.E. Hewitt

Order of Celebration

Saturday, September 25, 2021
Alzheimer Memorial Church of God In Christ

Presiding Superintendent Dexter Clark
Pastor, Alzheimer Memorial COGIC - Tacoma, Washington

Processional "What Do You Want The Lord to Say" Congregational

Prayer Elder Johnnie Williams
Pastor, Last Day Ministries Pentecostal Church - Tacoma, Washington

Hymn of Celebration "Blessed Assurance" Arr. Fanny Crosby

Scripture:

Old Testament - Psalm 90 Superintendent Larry Carter
Pastor, Good Hope COGIC - Tacoma, Washington

New Testament - 1 Corinthians 15:51-58 Superintendent James T. Watson
Pastor, Greater Joy COGIC - Tacoma, Washington

Selection First Lady, Tralayne Davis

Tribute Mother Curlye Davis
Supervisor, Women's Department—Washington State Church of God In Christ

Reflections: (3 minutes)

Missionary Beverly Myers
Deacon James Thomas
Deacon Rufus & Missionary Debbie Kennedy
Pastor Paul Dawkins (*son in the ministry*)

Selection District Missionary Justine Mead

Family Tributes: (3 minutes)

Elder Maurice Wright, Sr., *Son*
Mr. Jessie Wilson, *Grandson*
Mrs. Dominique Wilson, *Granddaughter*

Acknowledgements & Resolutions Sis. Ann Jackson Hendy

Solo Sis. Crystal Akin

The Proclamation of the Word Pastor Maurice Wright, II, *Grandson*

Recessional "When We All Get To Heaven" arr. E.E. Hewitt

REV. DERWOOD DOYLE WILSON

LIFE

Obituary

Derwood Doyle Wilson was born on November 24, 1934 in Cuney, Texas to the late Taylor A. Wilson and Sim Wille Wilson. He was the fourth of seven children and was affectionately called "Lil Brother". He was educated in the public school system of Jacksonville, Texas and was a proud graduate of Fred Douglass High School, class of 1952. As a child, he attended the Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church and accepted the Lord as his personal Savior.

After high school, he attended Texas Southern University for two years and then he joined the United States Air Force. He served honorably for more than 20 years. During his time in the service, he served in Vietnam, Bermuda, Germany and North Africa. He served his country with distinction and was praised with dozens of honors, certificates and commendations.

In 1957, Derwood Married the love of his life, Erma Teen Washington. They were married for 34 years before her passing. They were both faithful members of Emmanuel COGIC and served under the pastorate of the Late Bishop R.E. Altheimer, Bishop T. L. Westbrook and Supt. Sherman David, Jr. In 1986, he and Missionary Wilson moved their membership to Emmanuel COGIC under the leadership of Elder Larry and Missionary Jean Melton.

Under the leading of the Lord, Elder Wilson founded the Ebenezer Church of God in Christ, where he served until he was lead to unite with Roosevelt Heights under the leadership of Elder John Wayne Penton. In addition to his service in the local church and the Washington State Jurisdiction, he served as one of the housing co-ordinators of the Progress House and volunteered in other state and federal prison ministries.

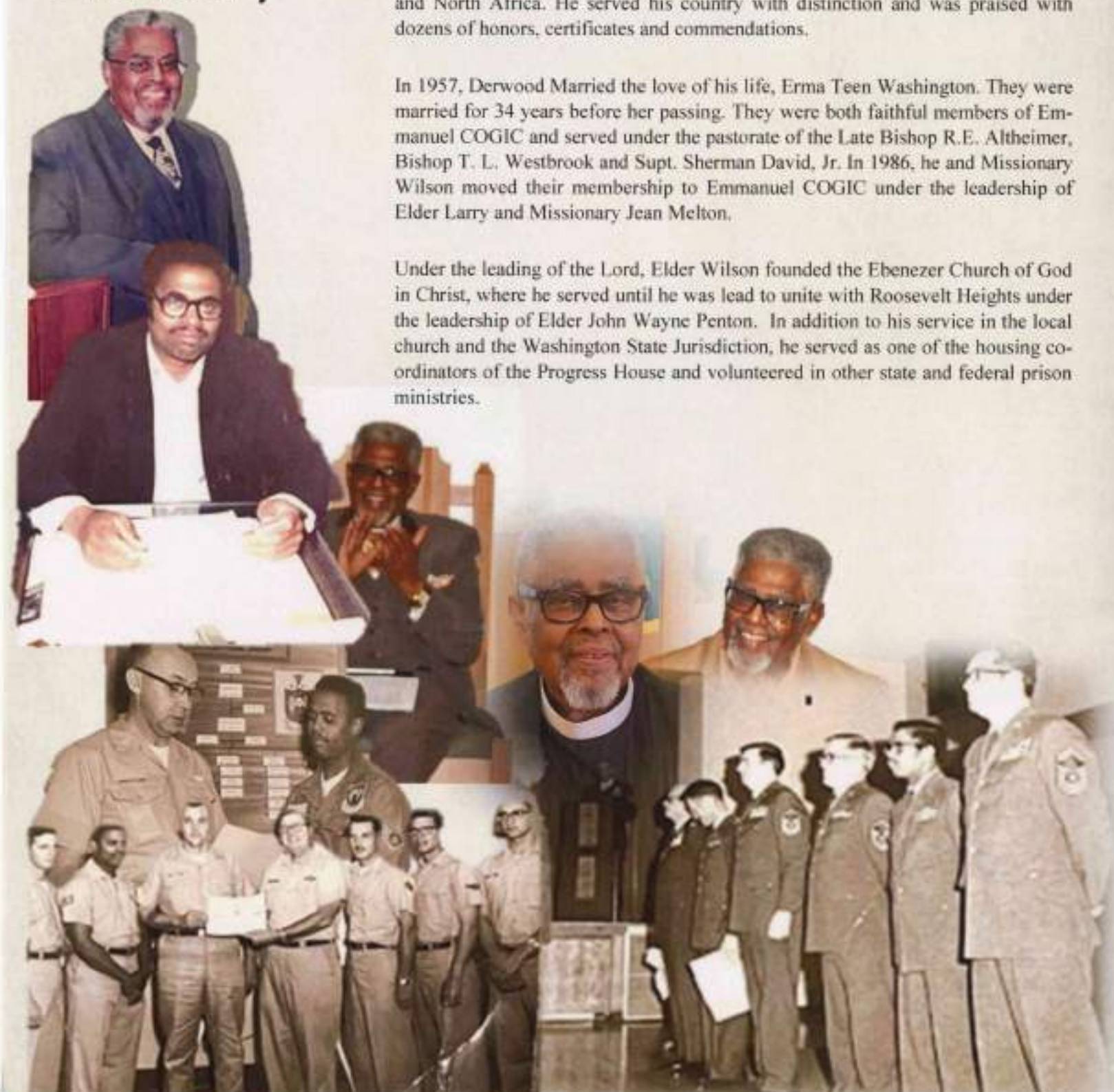
Rev. Wilson believed in the value of hard work. He had several jobs throughout his lifetime. In addition to serving in the United States Air Force, he worked for Tam Engineering for more than 25 years. After retirement from Tam, he worked for *The Tacoma News Tribune*. He was skilled with his hands and had a unique talent for building special projects. In the summer of 2019, he and Brother Jesse Johnson dug up a portion of the yard because he needed more driveway space. When Brother Johnson went back to look at the progress being made, to his surprise, Rev. Wilson had dug up more space than was needed. In addition to working in carpentry he was skilled in working with steel. One of the most prized possessions is a tool cabinet that he made more than 60 years ago, that he still used regularly.

In 2018, Rev. Wilson moved from Tacoma Washington to Huntsville, Alabama to live with his grandson, Maurice, due to declining health and unfortunate circumstances. He gladly united with the St. John AME Church and became affectionately known as "Grandpa". He served in the soup kitchen ministry, was active in the Fifty-Plus Axillary, and worked where- ever he was able. When asked why he did not unite with a COGIC church, he simply replied there is only one God, and St. John likes to have church. Rev. Wilson was loved and admired by the members of St. John and was faithful in his service to the church. He loved to dress up. Each week, the members would wait to see what he was going to wear to service and he always exceeded expectations.

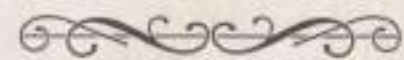
Rev. Wilson was the kind of man who believed in doing things his way and on his terms. He loved to travel and would often talk about the many cruise expeditions he experienced. In 2019, "Grandpa" decided to trade in his CRV for a big truck, as he called it. He drove to Chicago to visit his grandchildren: Jessie and Dominique; and then to Texas to visit his sister Debra, and brother Robert. He then ended up driving to Georgia to visit his brother, Marvin also. In July, he drove to Orlando on a solo expedition to attend the General Conference. Not only did he enjoy driving, he enjoyed driving fast. In fact, just three weeks ago, he was cited for going 79 in a 45-speed zone.

Rev. Derwood Wilson was a gentle, giving man who would put the needs of others before his own. He will surely be missed.

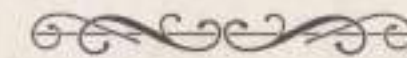
He was proceeded in death by his parents, stepmother-Josephine Wilson, three siblings, wife-Missionary Erma Teen Wilson, and son, Jesse Wilson. He leaves to cherish his memory, son-Elder Maurice Wright, Sr., three stepchildren, eight grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, two brothers-Marvin and Robert, one sister-Debra Wilson McClelland, and a host of nephews, nieces, relatives and friends.



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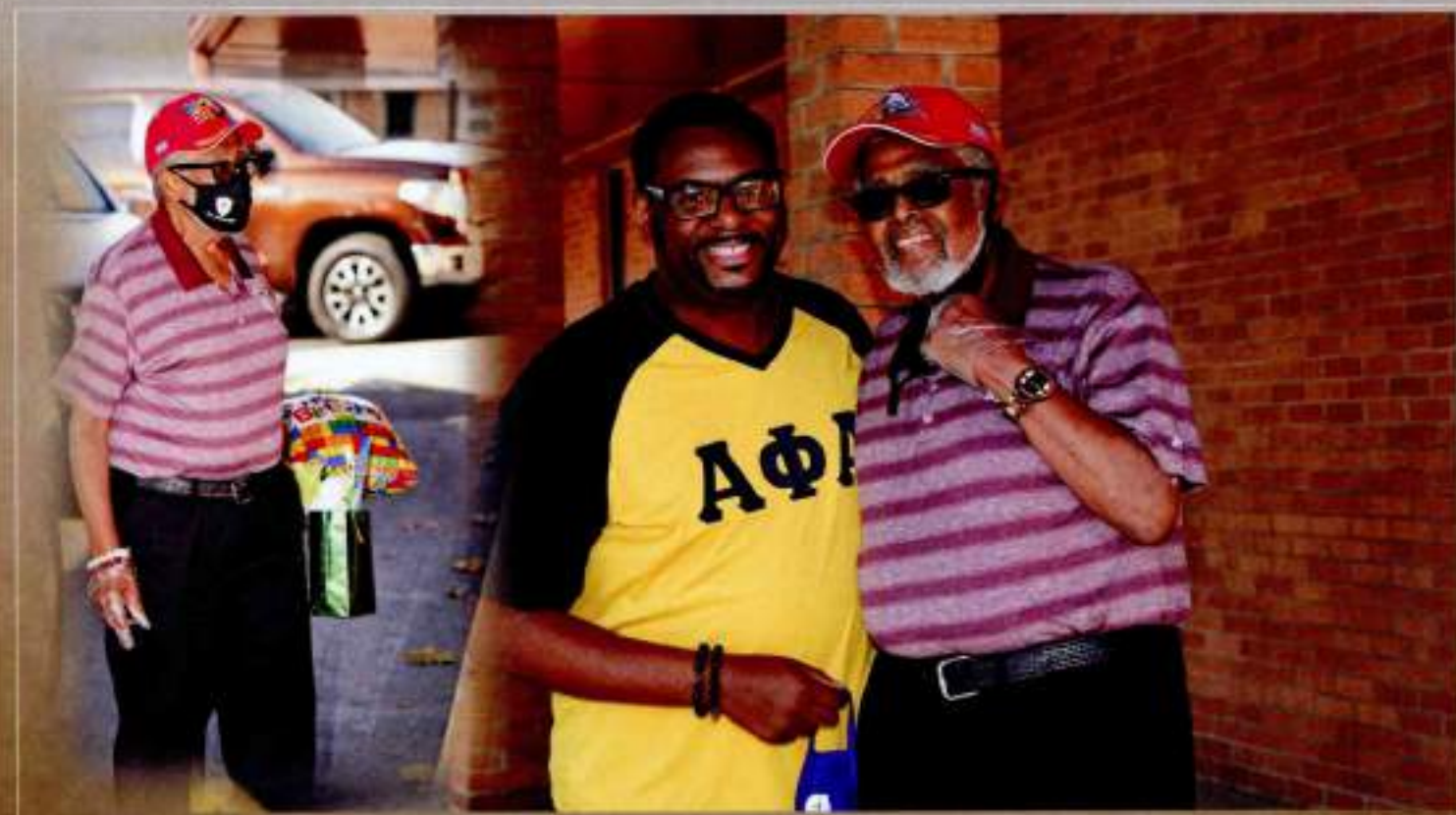
Your many acts of kindness and sympathy continue to be a great comfort to us in our time of sorrow. The family and many friends of the late Reverend Derwood D. Wilson wish to extend our sincere thanks for your many acts of kindness and for the condolences and support that we have received. May God continue to bless you is our prayer.



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But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. -Isaiah 40:31

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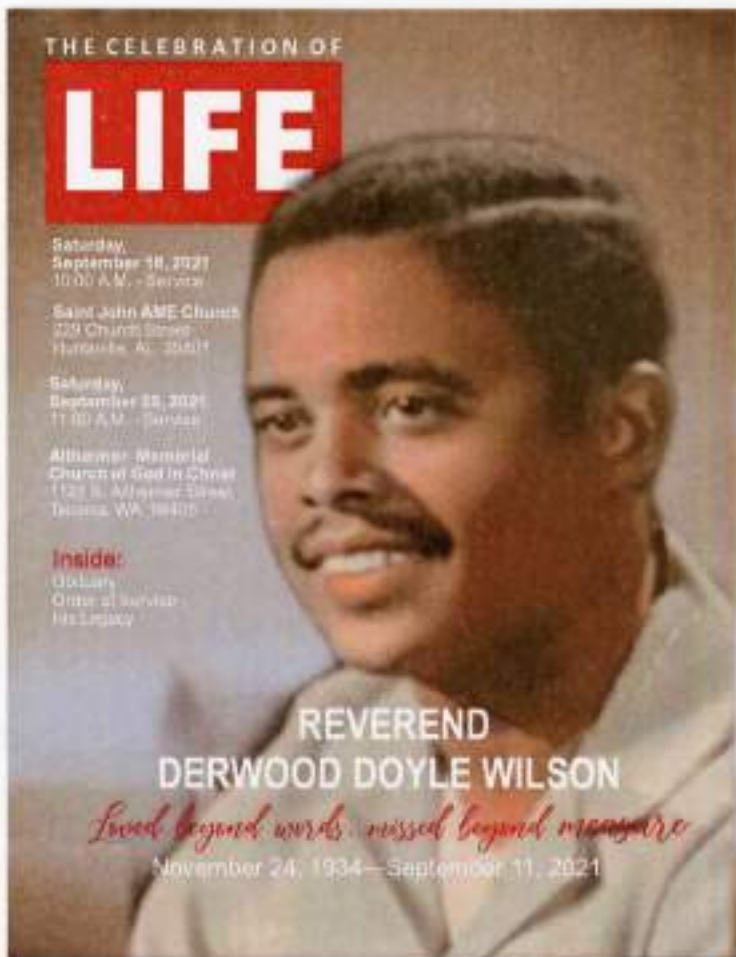
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The family of

Rev. Derwood D. Wilson

Wishes to convey our sincerest appreciation for
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tremendous change in our lives.

Your words have comforted us, your smiles
have cheered us and your prayers have
strengthened us.

We are grateful beyond measure for your
support.

Thank you,
Rev. Maurice Wright, II & Family

Memorandum

TO: *Family and Friends of Rev. Homer McCall*

FROM: **Rev. Dr. Albert R. Sampson**
Ordained by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

RE: **Rev. Homer McCall (February 01, 1941 – November 22, 2019)**
Ordained by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Pastor 41 years at St. John AME Church Huntsville, Alabama

SUBJECT: *"Life is One Event – No Replay, No Reruns – GOD'S PLAN!"*
Scripture: Ecclesiastes 9:1-13

TIME ON EARTH...

Years	78
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Dr. Benjamin Mays, former President of Morehouse College said it this way . . .

"I've only just a minute, only 60 seconds in it.

Forced upon me, can't refuse it, didn't seek it,

Didn't choose it but it's up to me to use it.

I must suffer if I lose it, give an account if I abuse it.

Just a tiny little minute but eternity is in it."

Celebrate the minutes under the plan of God!

Thank you for your minutes under the plan of God!

Don't you run out of minutes – running away from God!