

## 23 Psalm

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.

## Active Pallbearers

Roscoe Coates Jr.      Lathawn Ward  
Ladarius Campbell      Joseph Coates  
James Tavares Wynn      Tyrique Jamal Wynn

## Flower Attendants

Ushers & Family Friends

## Internment

Crawford & Edwards Cemetery  
Broxton, Georgia

## Repast

Tina's Place  
160 Railroad Street  
Douglas, GA 31533

## Acknowledgments

The family of the Late Willie J. Ward expresses their sincere thanks and appreciation to the presiding and officiating ministers, pallbearers, flower attendants, ushers and friends who served during this celebration of life service. We would like to thank all family and friends for their prayers, visits, telephone calls, and other expressions of kindness. That God will bless each of you is our prayer.

The Family

Final rites were entrusted to:

*Harrell's*  
FUNERAL HOME

Mr. Sidney Keith Harrell-  
Licensed Funeral Director & Embalmer  
400 E. Cherry Street  
Douglas, Georgia 31533  
(912) 384-2251

# *Celebration of Life*

## *For*



*Willie James Ward*

*Sunrise:      Sunset:*

*May 2, 1932      September 9, 2018*

**Sunday, September 16, 2018**

2:00 P.M.

**Overcomers Tabernacle**

**Faith and Praise**

1428 Iron Road  
Douglas, Georgia 31533

Pastor Elvenia Clay, Pastor  
Elder Clara Graham, Officiating

# Life Reflections

Mr. Willie James Ward was born on May 2, 1932 to the parents of the late Joe W. and Estella B. Ward in Broxton Georgia.

Mr. Ward served as Deacon at New Mt. Sinai Baptist Church in Broxton Georgia faithfully for many years. After relocating to Douglas Ga, He later joined Overcomers Tabernacle of Faith and Praise under the leadership of the Late Apostle Billy R. Clay Sr. and the present Pastor, Pastor Elvenia Clay. He loved singing in Gospel Quartet Groups and was a member of the Broxton Male Chorus.

Mr. Ward was a dedicated and hard worker. He did farm and field work, worked for Criders, Swift and Campbell Soup Company for many years. He retired and later went back to work for the Broxton Post Office until his health began to fail.

Mr. Ward departed this earthly life after an extended illness on September 9, 2018. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joe W. and Estella B. Ward; his wife of 65 years, Ruth C. Ward; four children, Cassandra Faye, Retha Mae, Mary and Sabastian Ward; three siblings, Annie, Lela and Charles A. Ward.

He leaves to cherish his loving memories, eleven children, James Willie (Evon) Ward of Douglas, Ga, Sammy (Patricia) Ward of Ambrose, Ga, Henry (Eloise) Ward of Ocilla, Ga, Ernest Ward of Broxton, Ga, Martha Williams of Fitzgerald, Ga, Sarah Ward, Minister Ella Weese (Min. Roscoe) Coates, Barbara McKiver, Elder Shirley (Pastor James) Hodge of Douglas, Ga, Dr. Betty (Johnny) Williams of Macon, Ga, and Karen Ward of Raleigh, NC; A devoted sister, Mary E. Ward of Hazelhurst, Ga; one brother, Joseph Ward of Jacksonville, FL; four sister in laws, Bonnie Ward, Doris Williams, Molly Randolph, and Louvenia Crockett; two brother in laws, Thurman Crockett and Willie Crockett; 29 grandchildren, 77 great-grandchildren, 3 great great- grandchildren; special family friends, Marie & Henry Metters and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and loving friends.



# Order Of Celebration

Officiating, Pastor James Hodge  
Greater New Heaven, H.O.G.S.I.C Inc., Waycross, GA

Processional/Viewing

Invocation.....Pastor Charles Andrews  
Temple of Refuge Church of God by Faith, Fitzgerald, Ga

Scripture Readings

Old Testament..... Minister Barbara Robinson  
New Testament.....Minister Linda Arnold

Selection.....The Ward Sisters

Reflections.....(Please limit to (2) minutes)  
Friend & Past church member- Quinton Arnold  
Anyone Desiring To Speak

Special Presentation.....Broxton Male Chorus

Acknowledgements.....Harrell's Staff

Selection.....Joshua Antione Hodge

Eulogy.....Pastor Clara S. Graham  
Vickers Temple House of Prayer, H.O.G.S.I.C, Douglas, Ga

Recessional