

The Measure of a Man

Not - How did he die? But - How did he live? Not - What did he gain? But - What did he give?

These are the things that measure the worth Of a man as a man, regardless of birth.

Not - What was his station? But - had he a heart?

And - How did he play his God-given part?

Was he ever ready with a word of good cheer?

To bring back a smile, to banish a tear?

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Not - What was his church? Not - What was his creed?
But - Had he befriended those really in need?

Not - What did the sketch in the newspaper say? But - How many lives did he touch each day?

Honorary Pallbearers

Rev. Elmer Hawk

Napoleon White

James Newberry

Johnny Wilson

The Family of Sherman and Bessie Walker

Active Pallbearers

James Gaskin

Jesse Redmon

Travis Gaskin

Troy Schley

Carlos Goodman

Roderick Thomas

Flower Attendants

Grandchildren and Nieces

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to thank you for your condolences and support shown to us during the sudden transition of our loved one. We sincerely appreciate the telephone calls, cards, silent hugs and embraces. We thank you for the floral expressions and your heart-felt prayers. Please continue to keep us up-lifted in prayer during the lonely days and nights ahead. May God forever keep you in his guarded care.

~The Family of Francis D. Lane~

Interment

Pleasant Grove Cemetery 101

Ocilla, Georgia

Final Arrangements Entrusted To:

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Homegoing Celebration for Francis Douglas Lane



Saturday, January 23, 2021 1:00 O'clock P.M.

The Lighthouse Pavilion
1601 South Gaskin Avenue
Douglas, Georgia, 31533
Reverend Dr. R.L. White, Eulogist
Mount Ephraim Baptist Church
Atlanta, Georgia

Life Reflections

For a Christian, death is just another step along the Pathway of Life. Great Mother Nature just opens up her arms and receives back the fleshy garments that clothed our loved one's soul. Then they rise unencumbered to meet God, and they wait for us in that place where there are no separations and time is not counted by years. Francis lived seventy-five years; yet we were the ones blessed for having known him.

To everything there is a season, and time to every purpose under heaven: Ecclesiastes 3:1

A Time To Be Born... Francis Douglas Lane was born in Detroit, Michigan to Rev. David Julius Lane and Arlene White Lane on January 4, 1946.

A Time To Plant...He spent some of his early formative years in Irwin County, Georgia where he attended Holt Elementary School. In addition, he attended school in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Francis, being an avid reader, excelled in his studies. His parents also instilled in him biblical teachings. He accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior at an early age. Francis was a devout Christian as evidenced in his obedience to God and His Word. His love was exemplified by how he treated others. When his family relocated to Douglas, he attended Young's Chapel Baptist Church. As an adult residing in Atlanta, He joined Mount Ephraim Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Dr. R.L. White. Francis was a faithful member and supported the Robert Owen Missionary Unit. He was described by Rev. Charlene Gilliam as "a quiet spirit, a rock in the prayer group. When he spoke, we listened." In 1963, Francis graduated from George Washington Carver High School in Douglas, Georgia. He enrolled in Albany State College, Albany, Georgia earning Dean's List status. Francis joined the Armed Forces of the United States of America receiving training as a Radio Operator. Upon being honorably discharged on January 4, 1971, he returned to ASC earning his Bachelor of Business Administration degree. He was a member of Alpha Mu Sigma Fraternity. Francis was employed for thirty-four years with the State of Georgia Department of Drivers' Services serving as Chief Examiner in Sandy Springs and Forest Park, Georgia. He retired in December 2001, enabling him to devote more time to his family and church.

A Time to Love...On Saturday August 4, 1985, Francis was joined in Holy Matrimony to Earline Davis Lott thus becoming parents to seven children as a blended family. He dearly loved and supported his children with praise and encouragement, his presence and time, as well as monetarily. He was actively involved with his children and grandchildren, never using the term "step" to identify them.

A Time To Mourn... In addition to his parents Rev. David Julius Lane and Arlene White Lane, Francis was preceded in death by five sisters and six brothers.

A Time of Peace... According to Matthew 5:9 "Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God." Francis' peaceful spirit and endearing memories will be forever cherished by his wife of thirty-five years: Earline Davis Lane; seven children: Sherry (Michael) Hawk, Dexter (Erica) Lane Sr., Russell (Diana) Lane, Calvin Lane, Shuwanna (Roderick) Thomas, Yolanda (Travis) Gaskin and Ed Lott; twenty-grandchildren: Jessica Hawk, Amanda (Kyle) Dohme, Rachael Hawk, Ja'Mirah Lane, Dexter Lane Jr., Lakesha (Jamar) Mathewson, Terrell (Gentiana) Lane, De'Jon Lane, Lance Lane, Jalen Lane, Amaris Lane, Rashad Thomas, Ja'Quavius Thomas, Tra'Veonte Gaskin, Katrina Gaskin, Tania Johnson, and Erielle Smith; five great-grandchildren: Evangeline Dohme, Aaron Dohme, Khalif Johnson, Shareese Mathewson, and Aniya Mathewson; one sister: Delphine Jackson; one brother: Norris Moffett; mother-in-law: Pauline E. Davis; four sisters-in-law; five brothers-in-law; five god-children, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Precious Memories



The Order of Service

Bishop Richard Denning Jr., Presiding

The Processional......Ministers and Family The Final Glimpse The Invocation......Bishop Craig Johnson The Song of Inspiration......Alexis Scott Brown The Scripture Readings: Old Testament.....Bishop James McElhaney New Testament......Pastor Timothy Warren The Song of Comfort......Minister Rashad Thomas The Family's Tribute.....Raymond Tomblin Anyone Desiring to Speak The Family's Words of Gratitude and Appreciation The Song of Worship......Alexis Scott Brown

The Eulogy......Reverend Dr. R.L. White

The Committal Service

The Recessional

