

# Life

*Life is just a stepping-stone  
A pause before we make it home  
A simple place to rest and be,  
Until we reach eternity.*

*Everyone has a life journey,  
A path to take with lots to see  
God guides our steps along the way,  
But we were never meant to stay.*

*Our final destination is a place  
Filled with love, His majesty and grace.  
Today we celebrate the life of a loved one  
Who has gone before us, the race he has won.  
His journey has now ended,  
His spirit has ascended  
Claiming the great reward  
With Jesus, our Lord.*



## *Active Pallbearers*

McKorie Baskin  
Jamez Reives  
William D. Baskin  
Prince Newsome

McKenzie Baskin  
Jordan Crawford  
Jerry L. Newsome Jr.  
Zachary Newsome

## *Flower Bearers*

Friends of Family

## *Acknowledgements:*

The family of the late Reverend David Lee Newsome are grateful for all the acts of love, kindness, and sympathy shown them during this time of bereavement. Your thoughtfulness, sympathetic, smiles, silent embraces, prayers, and loving words have all helped to sustain us during this grief period. May God continue to bless each of you for your kind expressions of love  
-The Family

## *Interment*

Willacoochee City Cemetery  
Willacoochee, Georgia, 31650

## *Repast*

House of Deliverance Social Hall  
235 Old Florida Road  
Willacoochee, Georgia, 31650  
\*Please pick up a to-go- plate\*

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## *Celebration of Life*

*for*

*Reverend David Lee*

*Newsome*

*Happy Birthday*



*Sunrise - January 16, 1940 Sunset - January 11, 2021*

## *Graveside Service*

Saturday, January 16, 2021  
3:00 P.M.

*Willacoochee City Cemetery*

McCranie Avenue - Willacoochee, Georgia 31650

Elder Harvey Williams Jr., Officiating  
Reverend Stanford Anderson, Eulogist

# Obituary

Mr. David Lee Newsome, 80, of Willacoochee, Georgia, passed this longevity of life on Monday, January 11, 2021, at Coffee Regional Medical Center. He was born on January 16, 1940, in Eastman, Georgia, to the late David Newsome and the late Annie Mae Folson.

Rev. Newsome received his education in Eastman and Atkinson County School Systems. He was employed at Harry Brown Body Shop in Willacoochee while working on the police force in Nashville, Georgia, and Willacoochee, Georgia, where he was the first African-American police officer. He was later employed as a truck driver with Guthrie, Pope and Vickers Logging Co. for many years until his health failed him and forced him into retirement.

Rev. Newsome accepted Christ and the call to ministry, where he later served as senior pastor at Emmanuel Baptist in Nashville, Georgia, Mt. Olive Baptist in Baxley, Georgia, St. Stephens in Enigma, Georgia, and St. Mary in Mora, Georgia. After relinquishing his pastoral services in Nashville and Baxley, he continued as senior pastor at St. Stephens Baptist Church in Enigma and St. Mary's Baptist Church in Mora, Georgia, where he was also a faithful member.

He was joined in holy matrimony to Alma Moore Newsome, the love of his life, on March 9, 1963, who survives him. Rev. Newsome had a heart of gold and was always willing to help others. He was a loving and caring husband, father, papa, brother, uncle, and friend. When he entered the room, everyone knew he was there with his uplifting spirit. He never met a stranger and had encouraging words with everyone he encountered. Rev. Newsome was preceded in death by his parents, David Newsome and Annie Mae Folson; five brothers: Printis Newsome, Carson Newsome, Eugene Folson, Terry Newsome, and Nathaniel Folson; one sister, Barbara Newsome.

He leaves to cherish his heart-felt memories: his sweet and devoted wife of 57 years: Alma Moore Newsome; three sons: Jerry Lee (Melissa) Newsome of Dayton, Ohio, David James of Enigma, Georgia, and Keith Newsome of Tampa, Florida; four daughters: Miranda Crawford of Valdosta, Georgia, Felecia (Joe) Reives of Ambrose, Georgia, Pamela (Anthony) Baskin of Douglas, Georgia, and Kim (Derrick) Jackson of Valdosta, Georgia; three brothers: Samuel (Valerie) Newson of Willacoochee, Georgia, Ernest Newsome of Tampa, Florida, and Joseph Newsome of Miami, Florida; four sisters: Betty Ann Libby of Providence, Rhode Island, Bernice Newsome, Jean Newsome, both of Alma, Georgia, and Shirley Ann Folsom of Willacoochee, Georgia; one sister-in-law: Sharon Folson of Atlanta, Georgia; nineteen grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, that thought the world of their papa; a special friend: Rev. Willie Perkins; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

# In Loving Memory...



# Order of Service

Elder Harvey Williams Jr., Presiding

- Processional.....Ministers and Family
- Final Glimpse
- Invocation.....Minister Dexter Taylor
- Selection.....The Jackson Brothers
- Scripture Readings:
  - Old Testament.....Deacon Roosevelt Daugherty
  - New Testament.....Deacon Kenneth Moore
- Expressions of Love.....Two Minutes Please
  - As a Brother.....Samuel Newson, Willacoochee Mayor
  - As a Friend.....Reverend Rudolph Porter
  - As a Grandfather.....Grandchild
- Reading of Poem.....Sega M. Reives
- Reading of Obituary.....Read Silently
- Selection.....The Jackson Brothers
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend Stanford Anderson
- Acknowledgments.....Harrell's Funeral Home Staff
- Committal Service
- Benediction