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.

Graveside Service
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3:00 P.M.
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Willacoochee, Georgia 31650

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

Active Pallbearers
McKorie Baskin
James Reives
William D. Baskin
Prince Newsome

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

Flower Bearers
Friends of Family

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-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

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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) Newsome 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...