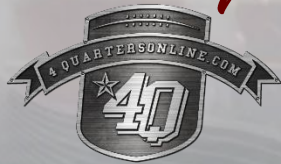


# THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE

HONORING



*Johnny Carl Cofield, Jr.*



*"Carl"*



**FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2026 | TWELVE O'CLOCK NOON**

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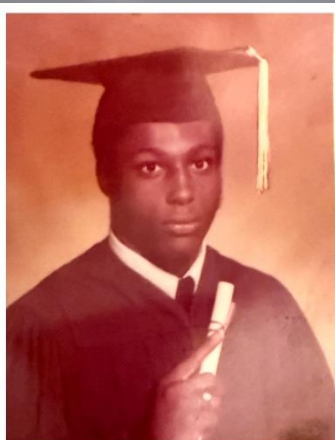
**THE RIGHT REVEREND DR. MARVIN C. ZANDERS II, PRESIDING PRELATE**

**THE REVEREND DR. CARLTON TAYLOR, PRESIDING ELDER**

**THE REVEREND WILLIE MERRICK, PASTOR – OFFICIATING**

**FLIPPER CHAPEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH \* TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA**

# CHERISHED MEMORIES



# THE ORDER OF SERVICE

*The Reverend Joseph Love, Presiding*

Prelude..... *“Over In Zion”* ..... Flipper Chapel, Family & Friends Choir

Processional ..... Pastor, Clergy, Officers & Family

The Parting Glance & Seating of Family ..... The Tillman Staff

Hymn of Celebration ..... *“Farther Along”*

Prayer of Comfort ..... Elder Charles Wilkins  
GALILEE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH, CAPITOLA, FL

Selection ..... *“O How Precious”* ..... Choir

## THE HOLY SCRIPTURES:

Old Testament..... *Psalm 90* ..... Elder Doc Ward  
ST. PETER PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH, TALLAHASSEE, FL

New Testament ..... *1 Corinthians 15:51-58* ..... Pastor Laura Adams  
KINGDOM COVENANT MINISTRIES, THOMASVILLE, GA

Selection ..... *“Hold To God’s Unchanging Hand”* ..... Choir

## REFLECTIONS/TRIBUTES/PROCLAMATIONS ..... Three Minutes Each, Please

As A Classmate..... Reverend Tony D. Hansberry  
PRESIDING ELDER, ALACHUA-CENTRAL DISTRICT AME CHURCH  
CLASS PRESIDENT (’73, ’75, ’76), JAMES S. RICKARDS HIGH SCHOOL

As A Coach/Friend ..... Brother Ira Eugene Reynolds

As A Business Partner..... Brother Marc Adams  
4QUARTERSONLINE

As A 4Quartersonline Alumni/Coach/Friend..... Brother Terrell Logan  
BRANCH CHIEF, SSA

As An Entrepreneur/Friend ..... Brother Garry Simmons  
DATA SET READY, INC.

As A Member of the “Gathering” ..... Brother Michael Thompson

Resolutions & Acknowledgements ..... Sister Marissa Henderson

Selection ..... *“Total Praise”* ..... Choir

## WORDS OF COMFORT ..... Reverend Willie L. Merrick

Recessional..... *“Heaven Belongs To You”* ..... Choir

# REFLECTIONS OF LIFE

## EARLY LIFE, FAMILY, AND EDUCATION

**Johnny C. Cofield, Jr.**, known lovingly as “**Carl**” to those closest to him, was born on August 3, 1958, in Tallahassee, Florida. He was the first of four children born to Johnny C. Cofield, Sr. and Freddie Mae Wiggins Cofield. **Johnny** grew up surrounded by deep family bonds and a strong sense of love and belonging. Their home was filled with stories, laughter, and a deep devotion to family. Even after the passing of his father, the lessons and love they shared stayed with Johnny, shaping the man he would become.

**Johnny’s** educational journey began at Bond Elementary School, where the seeds of his lifelong passions for sports, community, and entrepreneurship first took root. He continued on to Nims Middle School and later James S. Rickards High School. During his years at Rickards (1972–1976), **Johnny** became a proud and dedicated member of the football team. One of his standout accomplishments was rushing for 1,000 yards during the 1975–1976 season, a milestone that reflected both his talent and determination. These early experiences shaped not only his athletic spirit but also the way he approached life with heart, grit, and an eagerness to grow.

**Johnny** went on to study at Bethune-Cookman University (BCU) and Florida A&M University (FAMU), majoring in Political Science. During this time, he was recruited by A.L. Williams Insurance Company, marking his first meaningful step into entrepreneurship and hinting at the path that would later become his calling.

## FAMILY LIFE

On June 21, 1980, **Johnny** married the love of his life, Edna Lucille Armstrong. Together, they built a beautiful life marked by devotion, partnership, and joy. Their union was blessed with three children; Janine, Candice, and Michael, who were the pride of Johnny’s heart. **Johnny** and Lucille shared 45 wonderful years filled with laughter, growth, and unwavering commitment.

## FAITH AS A GUIDING FORCE

Faith was never something **Johnny** had to search for; it was woven into him from the start. As a young boy, he found community and grounding at Mount Zion Primitive Baptist Church and St. Peter Primitive Baptist Church. Those early Sundays shaped his understanding of compassion, service, and humility.

Later, he continued his spiritual journey at Flipper Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, where he deepened his connection to the values that guided him. **Johnny** didn’t wear his faith on his sleeve; he lived it in the way he treated people with kindness, patience, and sincerity.

## PROFESSIONAL LIFE, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, AND PERSONAL INTERESTS

### *Coaching and Mentorship*

**Johnny’s** professional journey began on the football field, where many of his deepest passions came together. As an Assistant Football Coach at FAMU Developmental Research School (DRS) under Head Coach Ira Reynolds, he poured his heart into mentoring young athletes. For fifteen years, he did far more than teach the game—he helped shape character, build confidence, and inspire young people to believe in themselves, leaving a mark that endured far beyond the field.

# REFLECTIONS OF LIFE (CONT'D)

## *Entrepreneurship and Community Impact*

**Johnny's** entrepreneurial spirit continued to grow and ultimately led him to co-found **4Quartersonline** with his partner, Marc Adams. What began as an idea became a groundbreaking digital media platform that transformed coverage of high school sports in Tallahassee and across the North Florida/Big Bend region. The digital platform included:

- Live game streams that expanded access to local sports coverage
- Season previews and coach interviews that highlighted teams and leadership
- Annual Media Day events for football, flag football, and basketball that celebrated student-athletes

Through this work, **Johnny** did more than cover sports; he honored the stories of young people, celebrated their accomplishments, and created something that brought the community closer together.

## *Personal Interests*

In his free time, **Johnny** found joy in all things sports, especially football, as well as good conversation, good food, and time shared with friends. He also cherished fellowship with a group called *The Gathering*, whose mission is to encourage men to honor God's faithfulness and remain grateful in all seasons. What began as a gathering of Rickards alumni has since grown to include men from all backgrounds, reflecting the welcoming spirit Johnny valued so deeply.

## LEGACY AND IMPACT

**Johnny's** legacy will live on not only in his children and grandchildren, but also in the countless lives he touched: the athletes he encouraged, the coaches he supported, the families he uplifted, and the community he helped strengthen. His story is one of passion, generosity, and a deep belief in the power of people and their stories.

Because of **Johnny's** vision, preseason Media Days became a tradition that athletes and coaches looked forward to every year in Tallahassee and Panama City. It wasn't just an event; it was a stage where young people could feel proud, recognized, and inspired.

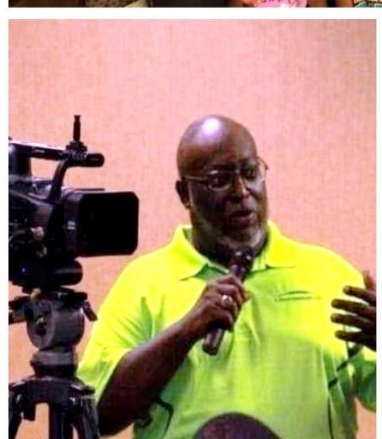
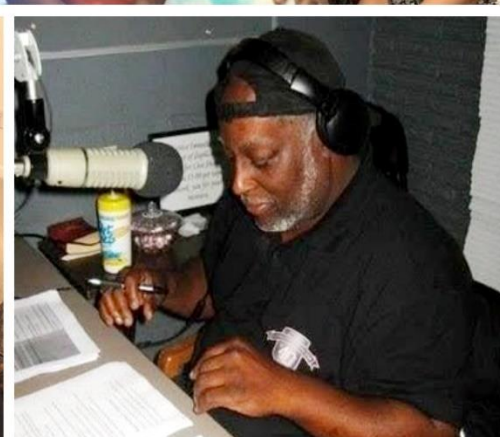
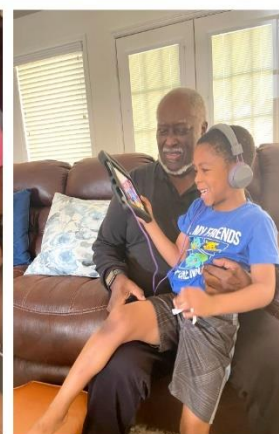
Through those traditions and the people he poured into, Johnny's influence will continue to be felt for generations.

**Johnny** is survived by his devoted **wife**: Edna Lucille Cofield; **two daughters**: Janine R. (Luqman) Falah and Candice N. (Duane) Griffiths; **one son**: Michael D. Cofield; **four grandchildren**: Samiyah and La'Riyah Falah, Jasmine Griffiths, and Luqman Amer Falah II; **mother**: Freddie Mae Cofield; **mother-in-love**: Ruth Bradley Armstrong, all of Tallahassee, FL; **one brother**: Cedric G. (Toni) Cofield of Beaufort, SC; **two sisters**: Sharon (Derrick) Donaldson and Natasha (Charles) Wilkins, both of Tallahassee, FL; **two uncles**: Freddie Cofield, Philadelphia, PA, and Willie (Gaby) Wiggins of Fairfield, CA; **four aunts**: Willie Mae Fedd and Lillie Mae Dixon, both of Tallahassee, FL, Idella (Willie) Fort and Christine Calloway, both of Douglasville, GA; **one adopted brother**: Charlton Irvin; **two adopted daughters**: Tonetta Scott and Lacacia (Brandon) Swan; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family members, friends, and business associates who will forever cherish his memory.

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## HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Cedric G. Cofield  
Michael D. Cofield  
Derrick Donaldson

Luqman A. Falah I  
Duane A. Griffiths  
Charlton Irvin

Eddie "Boo" Williams

## ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Robert Charles, Sr.  
Willie Ferrell  
Dario Harris

Terrance Williams

Lamar Metz  
Brandon Sampson  
Charles Wilkins, Jr.

## FLOWER ATTENDANTS

Stewardesses & Missionaries, Flipper Chapel AME Church  
James S. Rickards Class of 1976  
Friends of the Family

## THE SERVICE OF COMMITTAL & INTERMENT

Southside Cemetery \* Tallahassee, Florida

## REPAST

There will be NO Repast.

## THE FAMILY'S MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

We are truly blessed to have family and friends like you. The outpouring of love and support which you have so generously shared with us has exceeded our imagination. We are indeed grateful for your calls, cards, florals, food, visits and prayers. Each has served as a source of strength for us. We ask that you continue to pray for us as we endeavor to accept God's Will. Please know that as you are praying for us, we will be praying for you. May God bless and keep you in His loving care.

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