

Pallbearers

Aloysius Brown
Jawara Brown
Adrian Dennard

Emery Fulks
Robert Grant
Gaylin Lowe

Honorary Pallbearers

Gerrick Blutcher Richard Edwards Milton Warren

Flower Attendants Family & Friends

Words of Gratitude

The Family of Frederick D. Way Sr. thanks everyone for their LOVE and SUPPORT during this difficult time. Your KINDNESS and PRESENCE have brought COMFORT and STRENGTH to our hearts. Mr. Way's light will continue to shine through each of you. We are truly grateful.

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Celebrating the Life of Honoring

Frederick Douglas Way, Sr.



January 29, 1953 - October 30, 2025
Saturday, November 8, 2025
2:00 PM

1440 Camp John Hope Rd
Fort Valley, GA 31030
Officiant, Dr. Bishop Timothy Deas, Sr.

A Little Bit of My Story

Mr. Frederick Douglas Way Sr., age 72, of Fort Valley, Georgia, passed away peacefully on Thursday, October 30, 2025. Born on January 29, 1958, in Lumpkin, Georgia, Frederick's life was a testament to resilience, love, and an unwavering commitment to his family and community.

Frederick was born and raised in Lumpkin, GA, where he attended Lumpkin High School and graduated with the class of 1970. His formative years in Lumpkin shaped the values and work ethic that defined him throughout his life.

In 1974, Frederick answered the call to serve and enlisted in the United States Army. His dedication and discipline during his military service were evident to all who knew him, and he carried these qualities with pride throughout his life.

After his time in the Army, Frederick became a pillar of Fort Valley State University, where he worked as a Logistics Coordinator for over 30 years. His reliability and expertise ensured that operations ran smoothly, and he earned the respect and admiration of colleagues and students alike.

Frederick was a skilled mechanic; there was nothing he could not fix. He found joy in collecting coins and always had a story to tell about his latest find. His love for music was infectious—he spent countless hours fiddling with his guitar and loved to dance, bringing laughter and liveliness to every gathering.

Frederick was preceded in death by his son, Travis Bernard Way, mother, Lessie Wyle Way, father, Samuel McCluster Sr., nephew, Shantavius Blutcher, sister, Claudette McCluster, and brothers: Samuel McCluster Jr. and Arlandra McCluster.

He leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife of 50 years, Dollie Ruth Way; his son, Frederick D. Way Jr. (Charlesette); his daughter, Crystal Howard; grandson, Jayden Frederick Way; granddaughters: Minah Way and Cadence Webber.

Frederick is also survived by his brothers: Gerrick Blutcher (Sharon), James Woodson (Mary), Marcellus McCluster, and Oscar McCluster (Renaë); sisters: Gwendolyn B. Warren (Milton), Norma Jean Way, Annette Jackson-Hubbard (Al), Rebecca McCluster, and Wauline McCluster-Brice (Jean France); sisters-in-law: Melinda Edwards (Richard), Deborah McCluster, and Jennie Bell McCluster; special niece, Keondria Blutcher; special cousin Wesley Way; and a host of nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends.

Frederick's presence was a blessing to all who knew him. His kindness, humor, and wisdom will remain in the hearts of his family and friends forever. He leaves behind memories of laughter, love, and strength—a legacy that will endure through generations.

He will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered.



Tribute to Our Dad

Our father was my hero, my protector, my guiding light. Even now, we feel the imprint of his strong, steady hand on my shoulder, steering me through life's uncharted waters.

He taught me how to be a man of honor through his humble, compassionate example.

This is my tribute to the most remarkable soul who shaped me with his wisdom, resilience, and unwavering love. Dad radiated a quiet inner strength.

As children, we felt invincible in his reassuring presence.

When fear crept in, he'd say, "Courage lives in every heartbeat, sons. Listen to yours. It will guide you."

Whenever we stumbled, his hand lifted us back up.

He sought to uplift others, not himself. His integrity and quiet courage in defending what was right inspired us daily.

"A man's worth lies in what he gives, not takes." Dad would remind us. This humble morality guided him. Losing our father left a void words cannot convey.

A lighthouse in our heart extinguished forever. But his spirit lives on as our guiding star — a lifetime of wisdom condensed into moments shared over the years.

Though he's gone, Dad is still teaching us every day.

We strive to mirror his quiet strength, morality, and constant nurturing of life. Myriad small choices embroidered together can reflect the tapestry of his soul.

Dad gave so selflessly — now we must give in turn.

To all fathers everywhere, know the seeds of wisdom you plant in your children bloom across generations you'll never meet. But your fingerprints forever imprint their lives.

Thank you, Dad, for shaping us with your tender care.

Frederick Jr & Travis

Bishop Timothy Deas, Officiant

Prelude

Processional.....Clergy & Family

Song Selection.....GCOP Choir/Praise Team

Opening Prayer

Old and New Testament Scriptures.....Minah Way and Jayden Way

Solo.....Helen Williams

Reflections

(Two minutes please)
Family and Friends

Song Selection.....GCOP Choir/Praise Team

Eulogy.....Bishop Timothy Deas Sr.

Recessional

Postlude

INTERMENT

Willow Lake Memorial Gardens

1854 Willow Lake Road
Fort Valley, Georgia 31030



REPAST

Wootson Thompson Fellowship Hall

1440 Camp John Hope Rd
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Tribute to My Husband

The Moment That You Left Me
The moment that you left me
My heart split in two
One side filled with memories
The other side died with you.

I often lay awake at night
When the world is fast asleep
And take a walk down memory lane
With tears upon my cheek.

Remembering you is easy
I do it everyday
But missing you is a heartache
That never goes away.

I hold you tightly within my heart
And there you will remain
As my life goes on without you
But will never be the same.



Forever Love,

Dollie