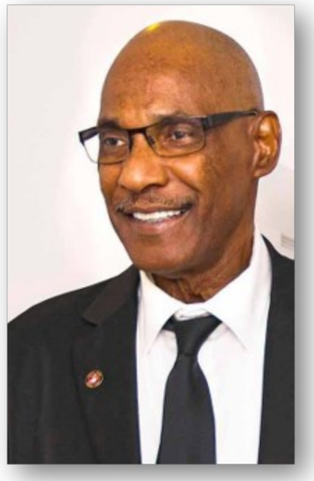
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With grateful hearts, we, the family of Donald R. Lockhart Sr., acknowledge all the heartfelt expressions of sympathy during our time of bereavement. Thank you for your love and support. Your thoughts and prayers were felt by us all. Special Thanks to his nephews (Carlos, Curtis, Michael, Ricky & Troy Jr.), Southern Regional Medical Center Staff, Stefanie Sandifer, Aretha Berry, J&M Funeral Home, Mendenhall, Mississippi and St. Peter M.B. Church.

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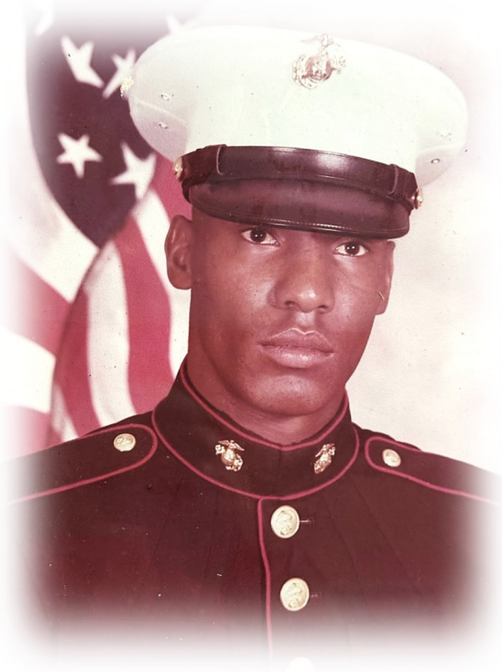


Celebration of Life

for

Donald Ray Lockhart, Sr.

Alpha ***Omega***
September 24, 1953 ***September 1, 2024***



Saturday, September 14, 2024
11:00 a.m.

St. Peter M.B. Church
248 Hawpond Church Road
Magee, Mississippi 39111

Reverend Troy Durr, Sr., Pastor



“My father didn’t tell me how to live.
He lived and let me watch him do it.”
—Clarence Budington Kelland



The best father and grandfather
a girl could ever ask for.
He supported me in whatever I decided to do.
We bickered a lot but I would never have it any other way.
We traveled together and he even drove us to Cleveland
to help move me into my first apartment.
Upon leaving he asked, “who will I have to bother now?”
In the couple weeks since I moved, we chatted a couple times
and we would sit on the phone in silence.
“What did you do today?” he would ask.
“Nothing really, what about you?”
to which he replied nothing much.
He called me before they boarded the plane to let me know
that he loved me and would see me later.
I am so thankful that I was able to spend his last summer with him,
cooking his meals, taking him to his doctor’s appointments,
and helping with his to do list.
I am so grateful to those on the trip that spent his last days with him
because I know he wouldn’t have it any other way.
Though I believe the situation is unfair,
I take comfort in being able to share
the positive thoughts and reflections
during this time of grief
and I know he is in
a better place now.



Corrin C. Dixon












































What Matters

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When life ends unexpectedly
The pain is great to bear
No chance to say a last goodbye
Unable to prepare

The bravest thing that we can do
Is try to understand
That even though it's very hard
It always was God's plan

We cannot change what's come to pass
We only can move on
Our loved one would have wanted that
Be strong and face the dawn

He'll always live within our heart
Forever by our side
Take comfort in his memory
Where always he'll abide

And as we move on with our lives
Now knowing what we know
Tomorrow isn't promised us
So love we've got to show

It's all that really matters
It's the only thing at stake
When we end our earthly journey
The love we share, we take...

Donald, you will forever
be in our memory and heart.
Mendenhall High School Class of 1973

The Obituary

Donald Ray Lockhart Sr., age 70, passed away on Sunday, September 1, 2024, at Southern Regional Medical Center in Riverdale, Georgia. He was the 9th of 13 children born September 24, 1953, in Simpson County, Mississippi. He was preceded in death by his wife, Laureen Hardy Lockhart; his mother, Genora Edwards; his father, Walter Thomas Durr; and five siblings, Walter, Oscar, Preston, Clefston and James.

He was a 1973 graduate of Mendenhall High School where his basketball team won a State Championship. He married Laureen Hardy Lockhart May 13, 1978, in Mendenhall, Mississippi, and they were married for 42 years until her passing in 2020. To this union, two children were born.

Donald graduated from Mississippi Industrial College in 1977 before joining the United States Marine Corps in 1978. Upon retirement as a Gunnery Sergeant, the family moved back to Mendenhall where he later retired for the second time from Boswell Regional Center. He also moonlighted as a referee for Junior High and High School Basketball games. He was a member of St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church in Magee, Mississippi.

Donald was known by his family and friends as a quiet and calm man. His voice was rarely raised unless it was in laughter. He was always quick with a smile and never short on encouragement. He loved to travel and experience the world. Most of all, he loved his family. His quiet devotion to his wife of 42 years, his care for his two children and the way he doted on his two grandchildren defined who he was as a pillar of his family.

He leaves to cherish his memory: two children, Diedra Dixon of Conway, Arkansas and Donald (Magdalena) Lockhart, Jr. of Killeen, Texas; a granddaughter, Corrin Dixon and a grandson, Gabriel Lockhart. He is survived by two sisters, Doris Buckley of Gulfport, Mississippi and Helen Lockhart of Magee, Mississippi and five brothers, Thomas Charles (Sandra) Lockhart of Magee, Mississippi; Gary (Sue) Durr of Concord, Massachusetts; Jerry (Fay) Durr of Magee, Mississippi, Troy (Susanne) Durr, Sr. of Magee, Mississippi and Roy Durr of Hattiesburg, Mississippi and a host of nieces and nephews.



The Order of Service

Processional

Military Funeral Honors–USMC

Scripture Reading

Prayer

Acknowledgments

Obituary

Eulogy

Funeral Directors in Charge

Recessional

