

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Morton family extends their gratitude to all of those who showed compassion during our hour of bereavement, you are greatly appreciated. May the love of God surround you and your families now and always.

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

The Morton Family

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Terrance Baldwin
Devin Riley
Tremaine Baldwin
Jeffery Porter
Kameron Baldwin
Cleron McCullough

FLOWER BEARERS

Family & Friends

INTERMENT

Mt. Pleasant Church Cemetery
713 Deasonville Road
Vaughan, MS 39179

REPAST

The Home of Josie Garrison
9199 Vaughan Rd.
Vaughan, MS 39179

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



Earnest Lee Morton

SUNRISE

January 14, 1951

SUNSET

January 13, 2026



"Gone from our presence...never from our hearts."

Sunday, January 18, 2026 | 1:00 p.m.
Big Bethel Missionary Baptist Church
9277 Vaughan Road - Vaughan, MS 39179
Rev. Michael Gatson, Officiating Pastor

LIFE'S REFLECTIONS

Earnest Lee "Fate" Morton

*The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD
will bless his people with peace. | Psalm 29:11*

Earnest Lee Morton was known as "Fate" by family and friends, was born to Ida and Willie Morton on January 14, 1951, in Vaughan, MS. He was the fifth of seven children born to this union.

Earnest grew up in Vaughan and was known as the life of any party. He received a moderate education at Linwood, while at the same time contributed to the family economy during some difficult times in the south. At an early age he confessed his life to Christ at Big Bethel Church.

He was called to his final resting place on January 13, 2026. He leaves to cherish his memory, his only daughter, Christine Simpson of Irving, TX; two sisters: Josie Garrison and Diane Barton, both of Vaughan, MS; one brother, Murry Morton of Vaughan, MS; and his oldest great great nephew who he helped raise, Kameron Baldwin. He also reared his special nephews and a niece: Donyell Barton, Jason Morton, Murray Heath Morton, and Tina Harris as his sons and daughter; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister, two brothers and nephews.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Anjanette Stiff, Mistress of Ceremony

*Prelude Clergy and Family
Hymn of Praise..... Choir
Scripture & Prayer..... Pulpit
Musical Selection Choir
Expressions(Two Minutes Please)Family & Friends
Words of EncouragementHenry Barton
Obituary..... Read Silently.....Soft Music
Acknowledgements..... Anjanette Stiff
Solo Ora Weatherspoon
Eulogy Pastor Michael Gatson
Scott Memorial Funeral Directors in Charge
Recessional Clergy, Family and Friends*

TRIBUTES

Dad, My Heart Wasn't Ready to Say Goodbye

*Those words linger in my heart,
a reminder that we had to part.*

*The moment when you slipped away,
left me with a void that's here to stay.*

*I wished for more time, just one more day,
to hold you close, to hear what you'd say.*

*To tell you all the things I never said,
to cherish the memories we once shared.*

*But time waits for no one, and you had to go,
leaving me with a pain that continues to grow.*

*With a heavy heart I said my final goodbye,
wishing for just one more moment to try.*

*Now you're gone and I miss you so, wishing for just one
more chance to show, how much I love you, and always will,
and how your absence leaves me still.*

*But though you're not here, I feel you near,
and I hold onto the love that we shared so dear.*

*So, goodbye my dad, but not for too long, for in my heart,
you will always belong.*

Love your baby girl, Rochelle

To Our Dear Brother

We gather here to remember you, a man whose laughter could light up the darkest room. His sense of humor was infectious, and he always enjoyed making everyone around him smile. He was not just our brother but our closest friend. His love of life and the joy he brought to our lives will never be forgotten. We'll miss his jokes, that slick smile, and even his smart mouth. Today, as we say goodbye, let's honor his memory by living life to the fullest, just as he did. Rest well brother.

Love, Lee, Dude and Murry

Missing My Uncle

Today, we gather to honor and remember my great great uncle. A man whose presence brought strength, wisdom and laughter to our family. He lived with quiet dignity and left an impact that will continue through the stories we share and the values he passed on. Though he is no longer with us, his love and guidance remain in our hearts.

We will always remember him, and he will never be forgotten.

I'll miss you Uncle Fate.

Love, Kam "Kutter"