

*Celebrating The Life & Legacy of*



# Carl Lydell Pace

*Earthly Arrival*

January 26, 1968

*Heavenly Departure*

June 14, 2025

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2025 | SERVICE TIME | 2:00 PM**

**Goodway Missionary Baptist Church**

**255 ATKINS STREET | PHILADELPHIA, MS 39350**

**Reverend Walter Patrick - Officiating**

**Beck Funeral Home, Inc. - Directing**

# Order of Service

*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."*

*~Philippians 4:13*

Mistress of Ceremony.....	Tonie Horton
Prelude.....	Soft Music
Processional.....	Minister And Family
Scripture Readings	
Old Testament.....	Rev. Tracy Beamon
New Testament.....	Rev. Prentis Horton
Prayer of Comfort.....	Rev. Joe Buckley
Solo.....	Denise Rush Edwards
Expressions of Love.....	Cynthia Diane
Poem.....	Paulanna Henson
Class of 1986.....	Alice Lewis
Former Pastor.....	Jarvis Rush
Solo.....	Rachel McClendon
Silent Reading of Obituary.....	Soft Music
Acknowledgements.....	Tonie Horton
Expressions.....	Two Minutes
Solo.....	Toni Horton
Words of Comfort.....	Dr. Derek Henson
Eulogy.....	Reverend Walter Patrick

## *Funeral Directors In Charge*

Benediction.....	
Recessional.....	
Repast.....	Senior Citizens Building

# Obituary

***"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith"***

***~ II Timothy 4:7***

***Carl Lydell Pace*** was born January 26, 1968, to Edna Mae Haynes and L. J. Pace. Carl transitioned from his earthly home on Saturday, June 14, 2025, at his residence surrounded by family.

Carl accepted Christ and was baptized in 1982 at Goodway Missionary Baptist Church where he was a member for many years. He faithfully attended Little Mountain Missionary Baptist Church of Union, Mississippi. Although dealing with hardship and pain, his strong Christian faith gave him the strength to endure. Never giving up Carl was a living example of what endurance means.

Carl graduated from Philadelphia High School in 1986 where he enjoyed basketball and was a proud member of the Philadelphia Marching Band. He loved his 1986 classmates as well as his underclassmen. He could always be found with a smile on his face. Carl was loved by many and held several nicknames, including ***"OD," "Weazel," "Pace,"*** and lovingly known by his sister, Jesette as ***"My Baby, My Boy."***

Carl loved the outdoors and gardening was his specialty. People would travel near and far to purchase his produce. He enjoyed fishing, mowing the lawn, grilling with his brother Terry, and spending time with his family. Carl loved him some ***"Fly Eagles Fly"***! He would always be glued to the television during any ***Eagles*** football game. He enjoyed picking with his sister, Jesette when the ***Eagles played the Cowboys*** and there was never a time they talked where he didn't ask about his chicken and dumplings, ***"Chantice and Chauncy."***

Carl was united in companionship 34 years with Cynthia Diane where they shared six children.

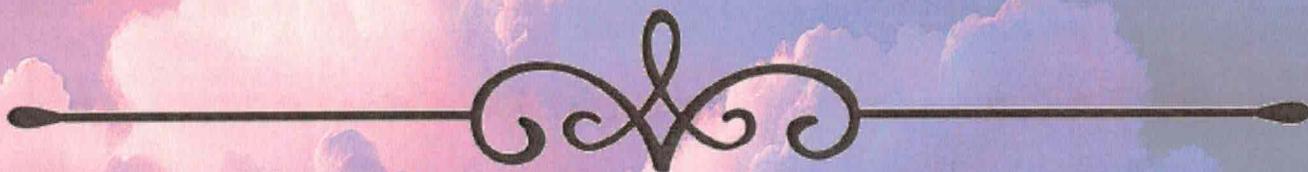
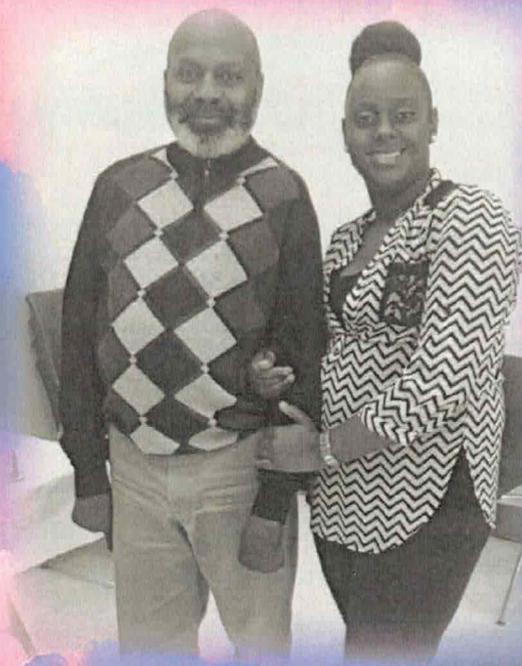
Preceding Carl in death is his mother, Edna Mae Pace, Godparents, Clayton, and Zenobia Clemons, two sons, Carlus De'Nell Stephens and Johnny Larry Burnside, Jr. and his sister, Latasha Griffin.

Forever cherishing his memory, his companion, Cynthia Diane, daughters, Charla ***"Punkin"*** Stephens, Ashley and Paulanna Henson, sons, Paul Lydell and Ja'Carlos Henson, grandsons, Z'Charion and Christian Stephens, granddaughters, Jhordin Stephens and Ka'Chassiya Carter, Treasure Henson, and D'arie Anderson, his siblings, Jesette (*Jarvis*) Rush, Terry (*Shaneice*) Pace, Julius Riddle, Vicky Wooten, Derek Henson, Shawn Henson, Monica O'Neil, Mikita Griffin, Cassie Henson, Myia Miller and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

***Daddy,***

It's been lonely down here without you. The days have been long, and the nights have been restless. I find peace in knowing that although our story was rocky, our ending was **"Perfect"** and I'll forever be thankful for the love, laughter, tears, and most of all the forgiveness. We would always talk about the kids, their sports, and grades, and how much you loved hearing me tell you about me and Nika going fishing and how we'd laugh at even with gloves on I still can't bait my own hook... Lol! I'm so glad I got to feel the love a father has for his daughter. Even in the midst of the hurt, I know you left knowing I loved you just as much. All of that itself is enough for me. Take your rest daddy. You'll forever be the strongest man I know.

***Love Always,  
Punkin***



*"For I know the plan I have for you," declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11*

My heart is full of pain due to your absence, but there is consolation in knowing we **LOVED** each other. Countless stories have been told how you were my protector, helping to teach me so many things. The talks, laughs, and even the moments we cried together will never be forgotten. The phone calls were priceless, the **"just because"** text messages always made my day. Physically gone but eternally in my heart.

***Love,  
Jesette***



Daddy, I can't believe I'm writing you to say goodbye. You said we're not going to say goodbye anymore, just start saying "*See You Later.*" I been thinking about all the talks we had. The things you taught me about working in the garden, about being a man. You said "Paul, when I see you walk across that stage; I'll feel like I did my job as a father!" I know I made you proud. Thank you for being my Daddy. Thank you for all the talks and all the praying for me. Daddy you have been in pain for years but now there is no more pain. I'm gonna carry you one last time. And Daddy, I got Momma!!

*Love You Daddy,*  
*Paul*



There are so many things I wished I had said and done but sadly can no longer do now that you are gone. But I want you to know that although you're out of sight, you'll always be in my heart. I want you to know that I'll always cherish, love, and remember you. You are too precious to be forgotten, and to ever be replaced. You were one in a million and will always be the precious and unique Dad I cared for so dearly. Forever will you live on in my heart and thoughts and will never die. Until the day when we shall meet again, I'll continue to cherish all my memories of you. Thank you for loving not only me, but my daughter because you were her Papaw!

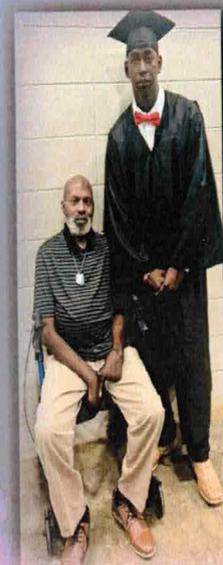
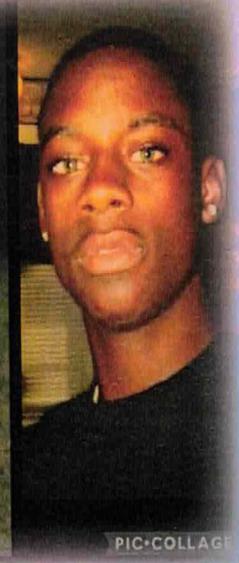
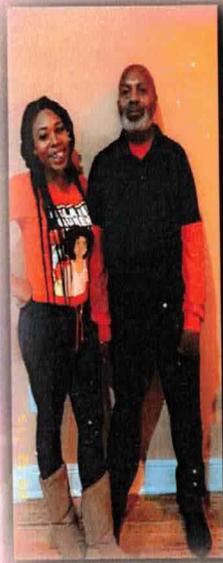
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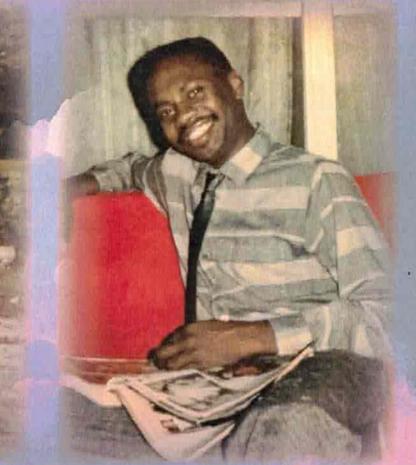
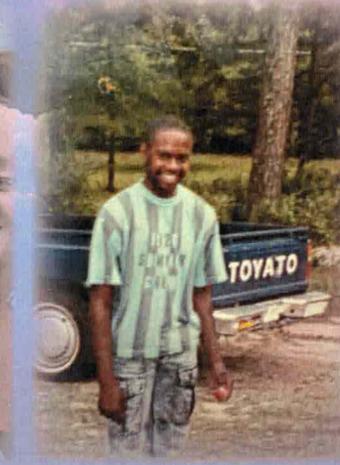
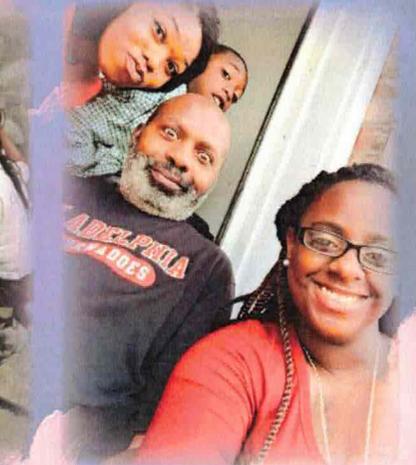
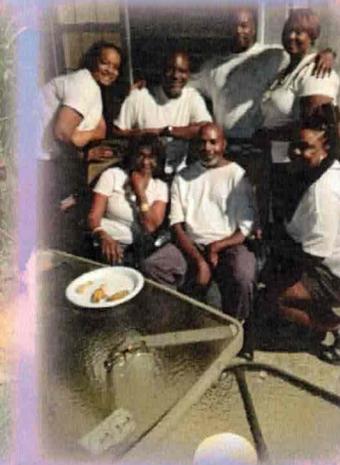
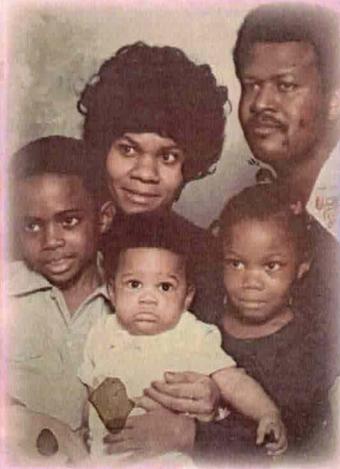


*Brother*

You gave no one a last farewell, nor ever said goodbye. You were gone before we knew it, and only God knows why. A million times we will miss you. A million times we will cry. If love could have saved you, you never would have died. In life we loved you dearly. In death we love you still. In our hearts you hold a place no one else can fill. It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone; for part of us went with you, the day God took you home. We will meet again someday; I know in a better place. I thank God he made you our brother while you were here on earth.

*Terry*





# *Flower Bearers*

**Nieces And Grandchildren**

## *Pallbearers*

**Paul Henson  
Andre Malone  
Anthony Hopson**

**Edrick McClendon  
Dennis Davis  
Z'Charion Stephens**

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

**Sammie Nichols  
Vaughn Steele**

**Andreal Tabb  
Rafeon McClendon**

## *Acknowledgements*

**The family of *Carl Lydell Pace* wishes to express our appreciation and gratitude for the many acts of kindness shown in our time of need. The calls, texts, kind words, and forms of communication--- none went unnoticed.**

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