A Celebration of Life

honoring



John L. Ross

JULY 22, 1935 - JANUARY 28, 2026

Saturday, February 7, 2026 | 12:00 Noon

St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church
215 West Fifth Street
D'Lo, Mississippi 39062

Reverend Darius Rhodes, Pastor
Reverend Percy Moore, Eulogist



The Order of Service

Sister Yolanda Lee Brown, Mistress of Ceremonies

Processional ..... *Clergy and Family*

Scripture Reading

Old Testament ..... *Reverend Carl Burton*
New Testament ..... *Reverend Darnell Tatum*

Prayer of Comfort ..... *Pastor Darius Rhodes*

Selection ..... *Choir/Soloist*

Acknowledgments and Obituary ..... *Read by Designee*

Remarks ..... *Family and Friends*
(Limited to Two Minutes)

Selection ..... *Choir/Soloist*

Eulogy ..... *Reverend Percy Moore*

Words of Comfort ..... *Brother Dennis Rhodes*

Recessional ..... *Funeral Directors of J&M in Charge*

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:1-3



In Loving Memory of John L. Ross

The Obituary

John L. Ross was born on July 22, 1935, in Amite County, Mississippi, to the late John L. Ross, Sr. and Gertrude Ross. At an early age, he moved with his family from Gloster, Mississippi, to Jackson, Mississippi, where he spent much of his youth.

John after graduating from high school, relocated to D'Lo, Mississippi, where he built a life rooted in hard work, faith, and family. He began a long and dedicated career at Universal Plant in Mendenhall, Mississippi, where he worked as a forklift operator and proudly served as a Union Steward for 35 years. His leadership, integrity, and unwavering commitment to his fellow workers earned him lasting respect and admiration.

John was united in Holy Matrimony to Vivian Lee Ross. Together, they built a family grounded in love, faith, and devotion. John was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend, always offering guidance, encouragement, and support.

John, a true sports enthusiast, loved all games, with a special passion for the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Los Angeles Dodgers. He could often be found cheering enthusiastically at games throughout Mendenhall and surrounding communities. His love for sports reflected his zest for life—energetic, joyful, and full of heart.

John also enjoyed the simple pleasures of life. He found joy in working in his yard, tending to his garden, and spending time outdoors. He loved sharing meals with family and friends, and his favorite food was simply everything.

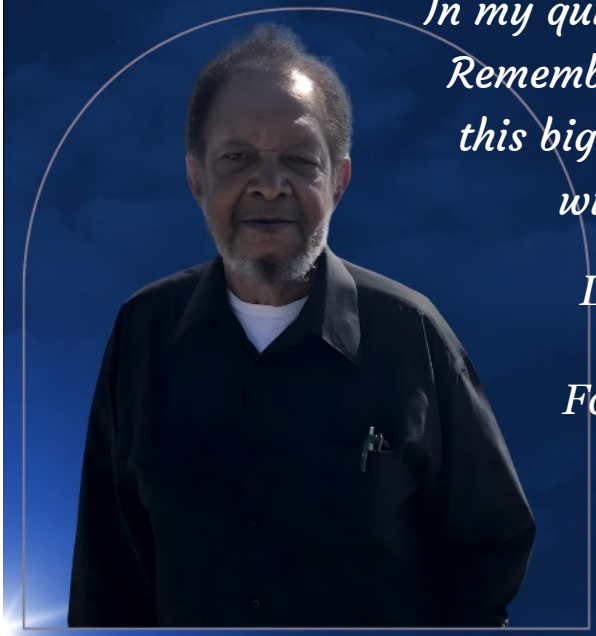
John was a faithful and active member of Saint Mary Missionary Baptist Church in D'Lo, Mississippi, under the leadership of Senior Pastor Darious Rhodes. He served faithfully as a Deacon and Superintendent of Sunday School, mentoring younger generations and leading by example. His faith, generosity, and dedication to service were central to his life and touched everyone he encountered.

John was preceded in death by his wife, Vivian Lee Ross; son, Glen Ross; brothers, Pete Ross, and Willie Strait; and sisters, Thelma Ross Johnson, Georgia Ross Wilson, and Louise Ross Johnson.

John's memory will be lovingly cherished by children: Gwendolyn Ross of Detroit, Michigan, Vantory Miles of Sacramento, California, Sandra Drummond of Mendenhall, Mississippi, Stephanie Wilson Magee of Jackson, Mississippi, John Ross (Shundra Ross) of D'Lo, Mississippi, Dennis Rhodes (Melanie Rhodes) of D'Lo, Mississippi, Raymond Ross (Valerie Ross) of Byram, Mississippi, Erica Griffin of Mendenhall, Mississippi, Roshland Ross (Simone Dampier Ross) of Warner Robins, Georgia, Robbie Lee of D'Lo, Mississippi, and Darius Ross of D'Lo, Mississippi. Also cherishing his memory are a loving host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends.

One Final Thing

As everyone gathers here
We know the feelings that loom.
Even though I'm gone, I can still read the room.
I know I will be missed even though I am near.
My sight and my vision are now much more clear.
As you all gather around here for my sake,
I watch from above and see your hearts break.
There is one final thing I would like to ask from you
It may be the hardest thing I could ever ask you to do
I need you to stand tall and try to find strong.
For I know right now those feelings feel wrong.
Grief is a feeling that must be faced.
The emotion of grief that cannot be replaced.
I don't ask you to replace me in that place of your heart.
I just ask that you face me since now we must part.
I'll be sure to say there wherever you are
In my quiet way, I won't be that far.
Remember as you wonder through
this big test, these are my wishes
with one final request.



Loving You Always,
John L. Ross
Father ● Grandfather
● Uncle ● Friend

Tributes to Our Beloved



You Meant So Much

Cassie Mitchell

You meant so much to all of us
You were special and that's no lie
You brightened up the darkest day
And the cloudiest sky
Your smile alone warmed hearts
Your laugh was like music to hear
I would give absolutely anything
To have you well and standing near
Not a second passes
When you're not on our minds
Your love we will never forget
The hurt will ease in time
Many tears I have seen and cried
They have all poured out like rain
I know that you are happy now
And no longer in any pain.

Whispers of Goodbye

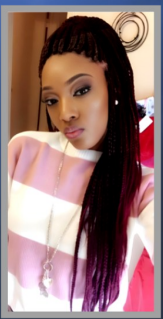
The winds carry whispers of goodbye,
As we gather, teary-eyed,
To honor the life you led,
To cherish the words you said.

In the flowers' gentle sway
We see your smile light the way,
In the sun's warm, gentle glow,
Your kindness continues to show.

Though you're gone, you're always near,
In every laugh, in every tear,
Your spirit lingers, ever bright,
Guiding us through the darkest night.

Forever in Our Hearts
Your Loving Family

Memories…









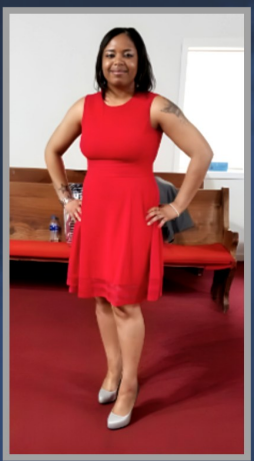








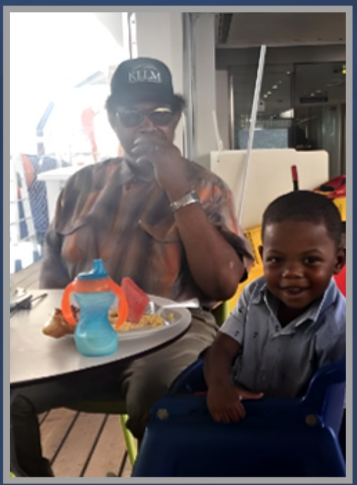


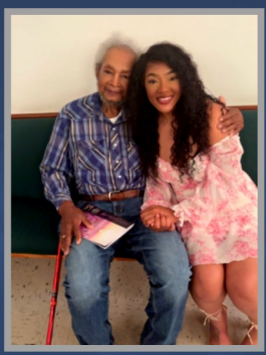








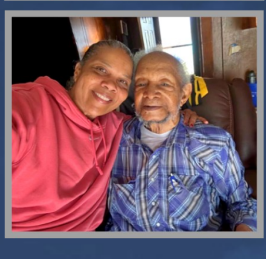














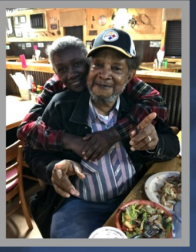
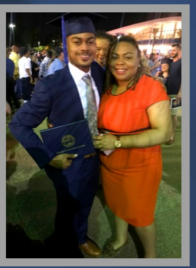
Memories…



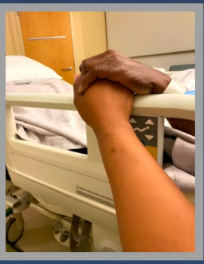


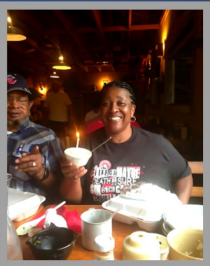









Acknowledgments

The family of John L. Ross sincerely appreciates all prayers, kind words, calls, visits, floral arrangements, food, and every expression of love shown during this time of bereavement. Your compassion and support have brought comfort and strength and will forever be remembered.

Thank You

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
Or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent flowers,
If so, we saw them there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
As any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts
And ease our sorrow through,
Know that every gesture was felt deeply—
We sincerely appreciate your love.

Pallbearers

Joshua Ross
Larry Camper
Raymond Ross, Jr.
Stan Jones
Gerod Ross
Davis Hooker

Honorary Pallbearers

Dennis Rhodes
Raymond Ross
John Ross

Flower Bearers

Granddaughters & Nieces

Interment

Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery
New Hebron, Mississippi

Professional Services Entrusted to

J & M Funeral Home, LLC
732 Dixie Avenue • P.O. Box 475
Mendenhall, Mississippi 39114
(601)847-2911 • www.jandmfuneralhome.com
"Your Trust, Sacredly Kept"



Programs—Prints by Danora, LLC—(601)214-6806—printsbydanora@gmail.com