

## *The Order of Service*

<i>Officiating</i>	<i>Pastor Freddie Little Cedar Creek Missionary Baptist Church</i>
<i>Processional</i>	<i>Clergy and Family</i>
<i>Scripture Reading</i> <i>Old Testament, New Testament</i>	
<i>Prayer of Comfort</i>	
<i>Silent Reading of the Obituary</i>	<i>Congregation</i>
<i>Remarks &amp; Tributes</i>	<i>Selected Friends and Family</i>
<i>Acknowledgements</i>	<i>Mr. Ken Caulder Leavitt Funeral Home</i>
<i>Eulogy</i>	<i>Pastor Zack Little Resurrection Christian Church</i>
<i>Service of Committal</i>	<i>Pastor Zack Little</i>
<i>Benediction</i>	<i>Pastor Freddie Little</i>
<i>Interment</i>	<i>Full Military Honors Sandy Ridge Missionary Baptist Church Morven, North Carolina</i>

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family wishes to express our heartfelt gratitude for the many expressions of love, sympathy, and support during this difficult time. You all have been a source of comfort and strength. We are deeply touched by the outpouring of care and we feel blessed to be surrounded by such loving people.*

*With sincere appreciation,  
Linda Waring and Family*

## *The Obituary*

*Carl Waring, age 75, of Indian Trail, North Carolina passed away peacefully at his residence on September 10, 2025. Carl was born November 18, 1949 in Morven, North Carolina. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War where he worked as a helicopter maintenance specialist. After completing his tour of duty he joined the U.S. Army Reserve in Albemarle, North Carolina with the 227th Transportation Company. He retired from the U.S. Army in 1996 after completing 27 years of service to his country.*

*Carl spent the majority of his civilian career as a truck driver. He had an incredible work ethic, a great sense of humor, and he was a gifted and well-read scholar. He enjoyed a spirited intellectual debate, often changing his viewpoint midstream just to keep the other party on their toes. He graduated from Bowman High School in Wadesboro, North Carolina in 1968, and later completed his Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice at Richmond Community College while working full time. He was most proud of supporting his family's academic aspirations, and while his own personal academic plans were altered when he was drafted to the military, he saw his dreams realized by sending one daughter to Duke University and the other to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His son Alex followed in his footsteps and joined the U.S. Army before becoming a truck driver. His oldest granddaughters both earned their 4-year Bachelor's degrees from University of North Carolina at Charlotte and Fayetteville State University in less than three years. It was well known that he might skip a birthday party, but he never missed a graduation! In a full circle moment, his granddaughter Meghan now works as a chemist at a company he once delivered freight to. Carl was a lifelong Nascar fan and loved cars. In 2012 he crossed another item off his bucket list when he purchased his dream car, a red Corvette. With much affection, his favorite people call him Da or Papa. He is deeply loved, and greatly missed.*

*Carl leaves behind a strong legacy in his loving family, now led by his wife and best friend of 52 years, Linda Jean Waring, son Carl Alexander Waring (Keisha) of Charlotte, North Carolina and daughters, Tonya Flowers of Charlotte, North Carolina and Regina Waring of Indian Trail, North Carolina, his grandson Alex 'Bishop' Waring and granddaughters Madison Flowers, Meghan Flowers, Charlotte Garcia, Juliana Garcia, Tomi Flowers and Alaina Waring. He enjoyed a close bond with his son (in law) Maurice Flowers. His family cherishes the many memories, and will go forward with his drive, intellect, wisdom, and dedication as a guide for generations to come.*

*He was preceded in death by his parents Joe Alexander and Pauline L. Waring, and eldest brother Napoleon Waring. He is survived by brothers Lee Waring and Mike Waring; sisters Jay Pegues, Joanne Campbell, Lynn Sturdivant, Jean Tinsley, Paulette Green and Valinda Waring; and a host of nieces and nephews.*

*Carl was a simple and humble man. In lieu of flowers, we ask that donations be made in memory of Carl Waring to the Black Veterans Project at [blackveteransproject.org](http://blackveteransproject.org).*

*A special thank you to his nurse Kristen Silva and VIA Health Partners hospice care.*

## *When Great Trees Fall*

*When great trees fall, rocks on distant hills shudder,  
lions hunker down in tall grasses,  
and even elephants lumber after safety.*

*When great trees fall in forests,  
small things recoil into silence,  
their senses eroded beyond fear.*

*When great souls die, the air around us becomes  
light, rare, sterile. We breathe, briefly.  
Our eyes, briefly, see with a hurtful clarity.  
Our memory, suddenly sharpened,  
examines, gnaws on kind words  
unsaid, promised walks never taken.*

*Great souls die and our reality, bound to  
them, takes leave of us. Our souls, dependent  
upon their nurture, now shrink, wizened.  
Our minds, formed and informed by their  
radiance, fall away. We are not so much maddened  
as reduced to the unutterable ignorance of dark, cold caves.*

*And when great souls die, after a period peace blooms,  
slowly and always irregularly. Spaces fill  
with a kind of soothing electric vibration.  
Our senses, restored, never to be the same, whisper to us.  
They existed. They existed.  
We can be. Be and be  
better. For they existed.*

— Maya Angelou

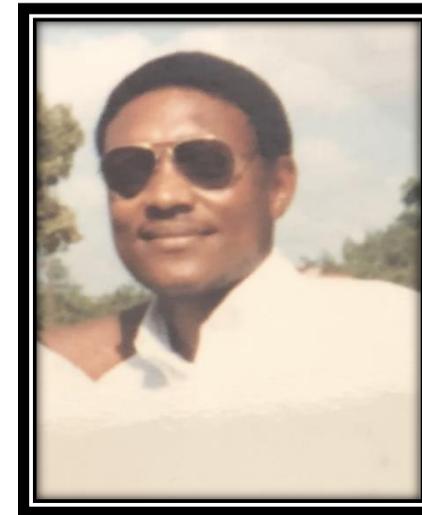


## *A Homegoing Service*

*Celebrating the Life*

*of*

*Carl Waring*



*1:00 PM Visitation*

*1:30 PM ~ Eulogist Service*

*Wednesday, September 17, 2025*

*Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home*

*2036 Mowen Road*

*Wadesboro, North Carolina*