



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
*To know you are with us in our time of sorrow,
 sharing our prayers, today and tomorrow.
 God gives us comfort in the form of family and friends.
 May His peace be with you, His love never ends...
 The family of the late David Joe Starling, Sr. is grateful
 beyond measure for the generous outpouring of support,
 intangible expressions of love and sympathy, prayers, calls,
 text messages, cards, in-person visits, and all other acts of
 kindness which has been a source of comfort and consolation.
 We thank God for you and may the abundant blessing of the
 Almighty God be showered upon each of you.*

HONORARY PALLBEARERS
*Yazoo County Constables
 (Past and Present)*

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS
*Kenneth Washington | Ricky Harris
 Dunbar Henry | Roger Murphrey
 John Meeks | Tony Williams
 The 21 CLUB, INC*

FLOWER BEARERS
Community Members of Yazoo City

INTERMENT
*Glenwood Cemetery
 395 Mike Espy Drive
 Yazoo City, MS 39194*

REPAST
*The Pointe
 618 Center Park Lane
 Yazoo City, MS 39194*

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ENTRUSTED TO


SCOTT MEMORIAL
 FUNERAL HOME
"A Higher Standard of Professional Service"
 1401 E. Broadway Street
 Yazoo City, MS 39194
 662.746.0046

IN LOVING MEMORY OF



David Joe Starling, Sr.

SUNRISE:
 November 29, 1941

SUNSET:
 February 7, 2024

Saturday, February 17, 2024 | 1:00 p.m.
YAZOO CITY HIGH SCHOOL
 1825 Dr. Martin Luther King Drive
 Yazoo City, MS 39194
Reverend Willie E. Smith, Officiating

LIFE'S REFLECTIONS

David Joe Starling, Sr.

On November 29, 1941, David Joe Starling was born in Benton, MS to the late John Wesley and Bertha Wilburn Starling. He was the fifth of seven children.

He accepted Christ as the head of his life at an early age and became a life-long member and trustee of Wesley United Methodist Church.

He graduated from Linwood High School in 1959. While there, he played the trumpet and was on the football team. He went on to earn a Bachelor's degree in Education in 1963 from his beloved alma mater, Alcorn State University. Not only a teacher, but also a student, he would later go on to receive a Master's degree in Education from Thee Jackson State University.

He began his professional career as a 6th grade teacher in the Yazoo City Municipal School District and it was here where he met and fell in love with the love of his life, Lula Richardson. The two were united in holy matrimony on December 22, 1968. To this union, two children were born, David Termell and Alva Lutrell.

After spending over 40 years of his life as an educator, molding the minds and expanding the horizons of countless children, David retired from education July 1, 2004, but not from giving to this community. He was first elected Constable in 1996 and faithfully served Yazoo County for the next 24 years, retiring January 5, 2020. David Joe was a true servant both personally and professionally. In all that he endeavored to do, the goal was to help someone, and he took great pleasure in it. Throughout his life, he wore many different hats besides educator, including lifeguard at the community pool, real estate agent, bartender, club and committee member.

On the morning of February 7, 2024, God called David home to take his rest after a lifetime of service to Christ, his family, the many lives he touched, and this community.

He was preceded in death by his parents: John Wesley, Sr. and Bertha Wilburn Starling; his brothers: Curtis Starling, John Wesley Starling, Jr. and Horace Starling; and his sister: Marian Wilson.

David leaves to mourn his passing and cherish his memory, his loving and devoted wife of 55 years: Lula R. Starling, their children: David "Mel" (Veronica) Starling and Alva L. Starling of Conyers, GA; three grandchildren: Donovan Starling, Fabiana Robinson, and Quianna Harrington; one great-granddaughter: Nevaeh Landrews; two sisters: Barbara S. Ricks and Alva S. Cobb; two sisters-in-law: Lela Starling and Yvonne Starling; a beloved sister-in-law and friend: Mattie P. Richardson; two brothers-in-law: Ellis Wilson and Arthur Richardson, Jr.; a godson: Devie (Atlene) Freeman; and a host of nieces and nephews whom he loved dearly, cousins, and friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Program Guide - Tamika Holloway

PreludeSoft Music
ProcessionalClergy and Family
Selection..... New Zion Male Choir
Scripture Reading.....Old & New Testament.....Reverend Jackie Hudson
Musical SelectionMichelle Dixon
PrayerReverend Gregory Taylor
Musical SelectionD'Avia Henry-Peyton
Words of ComfortReverend Gregory Taylor
Musical SelectionDerrick Patton

Reflections & Expressions

Coworker & Friend | Joe Henry Smith
Coworker, Student & Friend | Benny K. Warrington
Club Brother & Friend | John Meeks

Resolutions

Church Resolution | Wesley United Methodist Church
Proclamation | Representative Timaka James-Jones
House of Representative - District 51

ObituaryRead Silently.....Soft Music
Musical Selection Terrance Freeman
EulogyReverend Willie E. Smith

Scott Memorial Funeral Directors in Charge

Recessional..... Clergy, Family & Friends

God IS OUR Refuge
AND Strength

Remember me as you pass by.
As you are now, so once was I.
As I am now, so will you be.
Prepare yourself to follow me.

TRIBUTES

"Loving Memories"

Your gentle face and patient smile, with sadness we recall,
You had a kindly word for each, and died beloved by all.
The voice is mute and stilled the heart, that loved us well and true.
Ah, bitter was the trial, to part from one as good as you.
You are not forgotten loved one, nor will you ever be,
As long as life and memory last, you will be here with me.
We miss you now, our hearts are sore,
as time goes by we'll miss you more.
Your loving smile, your gentle face,
no one can fill, your vacant place...

Your Loving Wife Lula

"My Hero"

You held my hand when I was small, you caught me when I fell.
You're the hero of my childhood and my later years as well.
And every time I think of you, my heart still fills with pride.
Though I'll always miss you daddy I know you're by my side.
In laughter and in sorrow, in sunshine and through rain,
I know you're watching over me, until we meet again.

Love Nuchi

Dad, no long fancy poem or elaborate speech, just two simple but profound sentences; You were my Role Model. You were my Hero.
I will love you always Daddy.

Love Mel

"Memories"

If we could have a lifetime wish,
A dream that would come true,
We'd pray to God with all our hearts,
For yesterday and you.
A thousand words can't bring you back,
We know because we've tried...
Neither will a thousand tears,
We know because we've cried...
You left behind our broken hearts,
And happy memories too...
But we never wanted memories,
We only wanted You.

Love, Donovan, Fabiana, Quianna, & Nevaeh