

**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**  
 The family of the late John Jefferson wishes to extend our sincere expressions of gratitude for your prayers, flowers, visits, phone calls, cards, food and acts of kindness shown during our time of mourning. We would like to thank the Yazoo County E911 dispatchers, Yazoo City Fire Department, Pafford, Baptist Hospital in Yazoo City and Jackson, MS, and MS Home Health. Special thanks to all doctors, nurses and support staff that had a role in taking care of John. We appreciate you all. May God continue to bless each and every one of you. Special thanks to Sadie Dunwoody (granddaughter) for her guidance as we navigated the many health challenges we faced during John's (Poppa) illness. She was just a phone call away. Sadie checked on John and his family all the time making sure he had everything he needed.

**ACTIVE PALLBEARERS**  
 Carlos McCullum | Cedric Richardson  
 Willie Jefferson | Travis Mayze  
 Richard Griffin, Jr. | Walter Richardson

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 Charles Jefferson | Frank Gregory  
 C.L. Gregory | Lee Arthur Cox

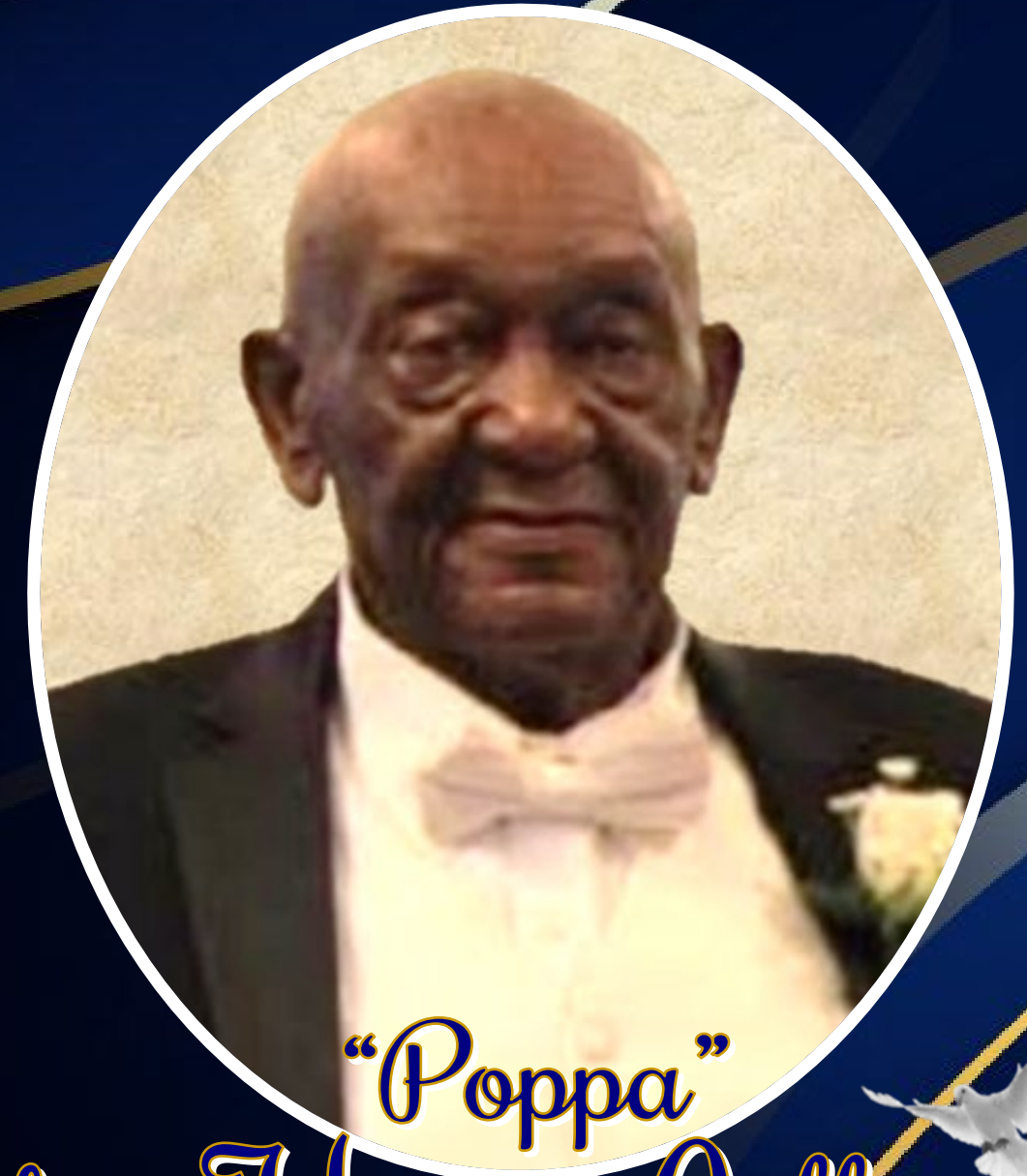
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REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF



"Poppa"

*John Henry Jefferson*



ALPHA: MAY 9, 1943 ♦ OMEGA: JANUARY 7, 2026

Saturday, January 17, 2026 | 2:30 p.m.  
**ST. MATTHEW CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**  
 729 Calhoun Avenue - Yazoo City, MS 39194  
 Administrative Asst. John H. Scott, Sr., Host Pastor  
 Reverend Ceasar Felton, Eulogist

## CELEBRATION OF LIFE

# John Henry "Poppa" Jefferson

John was born in Holmes County on May 9, 1943 to the late Lillian Gathers and Dossie Gregory. He was lovingly nurtured and guided by Lillian and Jack Jefferson Sr. John later moved to Yazoo City.

He was known to some as Dad, Granddaddy, Sambo, John Doe, Sam, and Jeff, but most passionately known as Poppa! He loved outdoors. Fishing, rabbit and squirrel hunting were some of his favorite pastimes. He was a very hardworking man who took great pride in providing for his family. He was a man that showed great compassion, dedication, and generosity. He never met a stranger and was loved by everyone. He was very outspoken and didn't care whose feelings he hurt; even though sometimes it was just what you needed to hear. He shared his life experiences and wisdom with all. He left behind life lessons that will guide our family for generations to come. John was employed with Mississippi Chemical Plant for over 35 years while working part-time at John Deere (MS AG) for 30 years. After retirement he could be found dabbling around his shop and working on cars.

John was married 34 years to the late Lena Mae Jefferson. Two children, Mary Richardson and James Henry Jefferson were born to this union. He helped in the upbringing of many of his grandchildren; one that he raised as his own, Willie Jefferson.

John entered eternal rest on January 7, 2026, at the Baptist Hospital in Jackson, MS.

Preceding him in death are Diane Mayze (daughter), Marquita McCullum (granddaughter), Lillian Gathers (mother), Dossie Gregory (father), Jack Jefferson Sr. (bonus father), brothers Arthur Jefferson, James Jefferson, Henry Jefferson, Dale Jefferson, Donald Gregory, Gene Gregory, Dossie Gregory Jr., sisters Coria B. Green and Joann Jefferson.

John leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife of 17 1/2 years, Daisy King-Jefferson; Francis Gregory (bonus mother), five children: Mary Richardson, James Henry Jefferson, Kimberly King, Tranessa Lowery, and Loretta (William) Stiff, two Godchildren: Lee Arthur and Gladys Cox; twenty-four (24) grandchildren, fifty-five (55) great-grandchildren, and twenty (20) great great-grandchildren; brothers: Jack (Gloria) Jefferson Jr, Johnny (Sarah) Jefferson, Frank (Emimely) Gordon, C.L. (Pat) Gregory, and Charles Jefferson; sisters: Corina Gregory, Barbara Gregory, and Lynetta Gregory; six sisters-in-law, and three brothers-in-law. John also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### Gladys Cox, Program Guide

Processional .....	Clergy & Family	
Prayer of Comfort .....	Rev. Ceasar Felton	
Scripture Reading		
Old Testament .....	Ronald Hall	
New Testament .....	Lee Arthur Cox	
Solo.....	Chikita McCullum	
Expressions .....	Two Minutes Please .....	Family and Friends
Acknowledgements .....	Gladys Cox	
Obituary .....	Read Silently.....	Soft Music
Solo.....	Jennifer Cox	
Eulogy.....	Rev. Ceasar Felton	

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Recessional .....

Clergy, Family and Friends

## TRIBUTES OF LOVE

### My Dear Husband

Dear John, it's hard to believe you are no longer here. Words cannot describe how I'm feeling.

You've passed on to the other side, though I wish you could still be here.

John, you were a wonderful, dependable, loving and caring man.

You were the center of my world. You were my companion and dear friend.

Your love showed me the goodness of life; your death showed me it's cruelty.

I will always remember our fun memories.

### Your Loving Wife, Daisy

Dear Poppa, as my tears fall I think back to times long ago.

You were the strength that my life was built upon.

I remember all the happiness you brought throughout these years.

They were some of the sweetest memories. I cannot stop my tears.

You were always my protector, my advisor and my guide.

Life will never be the same without you to walk beside.

Poppa as I pay this visit to your resting place today;

I'd like to thank you for the care that I never can repay.

### Love you Always, Loretta and Tranessa

Words cannot describe the loss I feel. Heaven chose to give you wings and now it's time for you to fly.

I wish I had one more chance to see that tender smile; to laugh with you again my Dad.

Gone too soon but never forgotten. Forever you will remain my guiding light, my shining star.

### Love, James, Mary and Kim

Of all the special gifts in life, however great or small, to have you as my Granddad was the greatest gift of all. May the winds of love blow softly and whisper in your ear. I love you and miss you Granddad and wish you were here.

Deep in my heart, your life is kept to love and cherish and not forgotten. No more tomorrows we can share but yesterdays are always there. A silent thought, a secret tear keeps your memories. Every year in my heart forever.

### Your loving grandson, Carlos McCullum

### To My Family

Just close your eyes and you will see. All the memories that you have of me.

Just sit and relax and you will find. I'm really still there inside your mind.

Don't cry for me now I'm gone. There is no pain, there is no fear. So dry away that silent tear.

Don't think of me in the dark and cold. For here I am no longer old.

I'm in that place that's filled with love known to you all as "Up Above".

### Love, John/Poppa