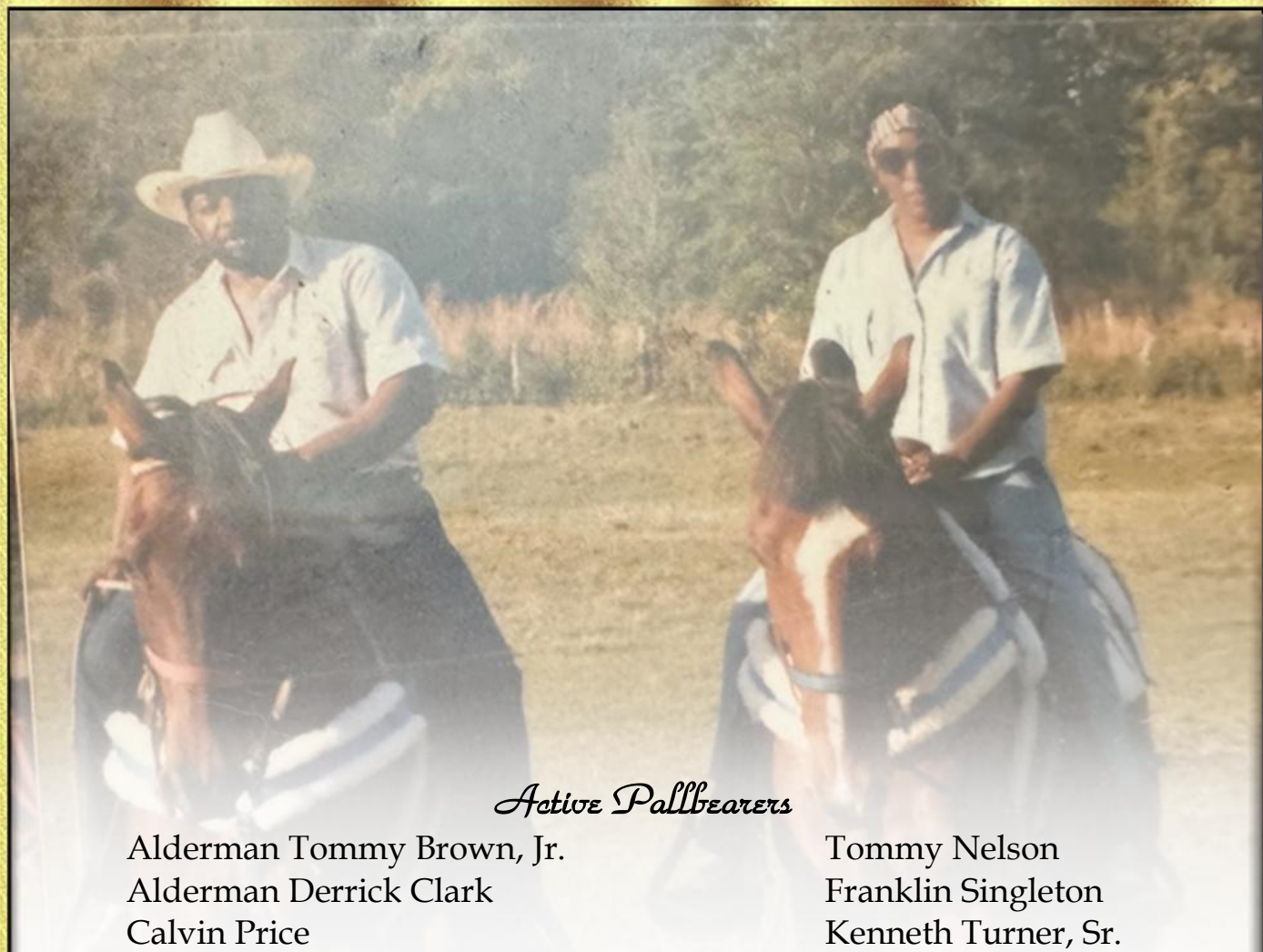




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Alderman Derrick Clark
Calvin Price

Tommy Nelson
Franklin Singleton
Kenneth Turner, Sr.

Honorary Pallbearers

Montgomery Cook
Charles E. Hill Jr.
James Walter Hill Jr.
Willie Hill Jr.

Akerius B. Jones Sr.
Akerius B. Jones Jr.
Michael Jones
Michael (Lil Mike) Jones

Tyrone Walker

Flower Bearers

Nieces and Cousins



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*"For I am now ready
to be offered, and the
time of my departure
is at hand. I have
fought a good fight.
I have finished my
course. I have kept
faith: henceforth
there is laid up for
me a crown of
righteousness, which
the Lord, the
righteous judge,
shall give me at that
day: and not to me
only, but unto all of
them also that love
his appearing."
2 Timothy 4:6-8*

Forever in our Hearts!

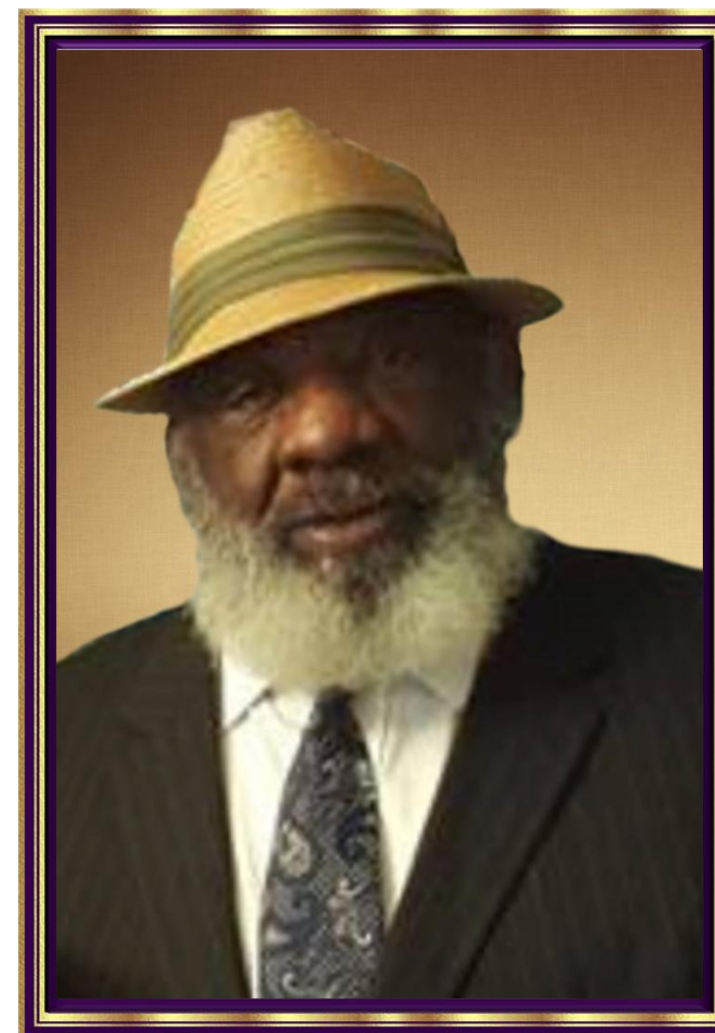
DEACON WILSON BELL "LARRY" JONES, JR.

January 16, 1952

August 2, 2025

Our Gift

God's Gift



Saturday, August 9, 2025 · 11:00 a.m.

St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church

704 Cemetery Road

Edwards, Mississippi 39066

The Reverend Isaiah Jackson, Pastor/Officiating

Deacon Jones's Story

Deacon Wilson Bell (Larry) Jones was born, January 16, 1952, to the late Wilson Bell Sr. and Lenora Jones in Vicksburg, Mississippi. He was the eldest of four children blessed to this union. He loved sports. He attended Rosa A. Temple High School where he played varsity basketball. As a point guard, he was known for his 3-point fade-away jump shot.

At an early age he joined Clover Valley Missionary Baptist Church where he confessed his belief in Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior.

He married his high school sweetheart, Earnestine Thomas. Their union was blessed with two daughters, Janice Jones and Angela Jones.

Later in life, he married Linda Johnson. Their union was blessed with a son, Michael Jones.

In the spring of 1983, he met Beulah Kelly of Edwards. They married and were blessed by raising three children, Vivian Kelly, Cedrick Kelly, and Sharon Kelly.

Wilson was a welding engineer at Waterways Experiment Station in Vicksburg. He received many accolades for his expertise as a TIG welding specialist. He retired after 25 years of service. But he didn't stop there. He began a new career at Hinds County Public Works. He worked there until he retired a second time. During the same time, he served as an Alderman in the Town of Edwards. He served in this position for 28 years, the longest anyone has ever served in an elected position for the Town of Edwards.

He actively served in the community by founding and coaching a youth basketball team, the "Edwards Tigers." But one of the roles he most revered was his installation as Deacon of St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of Reverend James Shoulders. He served as a Deacon until his passing.

Wilson was a man who loved his family and community. He was deeply dedicated to the ideals he believed in. He will be deeply missed by his wife for 43 years, Beulah Kelly Jones; his two sons - Michael Jones and Cederick (Stephanie) Kelly; his three daughters - Janice Jones, Vivian Kelly and Sharon Kelly; three brothers - Pastor Elvin (Mary) Ferguson, Michael Jones and Michael Brown; seven sisters - Cynthia (Montgomery) Cook, Ouida (Bruce) Edwards, Pearl Jefferson, Tina Marie Fultz, Sharon (Eddie) Martin, Johnnie Ruth Brown and Tawanda Davis; his aunts - Doris Anderson, Vivian Ann (Boyd) McNeil, Savanna Hill and Jannie Hill; grandchildren - Amber (Donald) James, Akerius Jones, Sr. (Tommicena), Ebony Jones, Indigo Kelly, Marquette Williams, Jakiya Jones and Myra Jones; thirteen great grandchildren; his sister-in-love, Pearl Myles and a host of other relatives and friends.

Deacon Wilson Bell (Larry) Jones was welcomed home with a great cloud of witnesses including his parents Wilson Bell and Lenora Jones, his daughter, Angela Jones, grandson, Cedrick Kelly Jr., brother Lee Arthur Flowers and the rest of his ancestors.

A Celebration of Life and Love

Jean White, Mistress of Order

Processional ~~~~~ Clergy and Family

Closing of the Bier ~~~~~ Family and Funeral Directors

Musical Selection ~~~~~ St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church Choir

Scripture Reading of Old Testament ~~~~~ Reverend Robert Bryant

Scripture Reading of New Testament ~~~~~ Reverend Samuel Jones
Pastor of Clover Valley Missionary Baptist Church, Vicksburg, Mississippi

Prayer ~~~~~ Cederick Kelly, Son

Solo ~~~~~ LaDonna Sanders Smith

Words of Encouragement ~~~~~ Reverend Douglas Lacery, Sr.
Ratliff Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Edwards, Mississippi

Reflections of the Life & Legacy of Deacon Wilson Bell "Larry" Jones, Jr.

As a Deacon ~~~~~ Deacon Robert Sanders
As a Former Alderman Ward 4 ~~~~~ Mayor LeKentric "Ken" Caston, Town of Edwards Mayor
As a Neighbor ~~~~~ Franklin Singleton
As a Former Edwards Tigers Basketball Coach ~~~~~ T. O. Richardson, Former Player
As a Family Member ~~~~~ Pastor Elvin Ferguson, Brother

Resolutions and Acknowledgements

Sermonic Selection ~~~~~ Robbie Anderson

Words of Comfort and Healing ~~~~~ Reverend Isaiah Jackson, Pastor

Recessional ~~~~~ Funeral Directors of Willis and Sons in Charge

Awaiting the Resurrection
Henry Cemetery
Edwards, Mississippi

Acknowledgements

We, the family, wish to express our deepest appreciation for the outpouring of love, support, and heartfelt condolences we have received during this difficult time. Your kind words, comforting presence, and thoughtful gestures have brought us strength and solace as we mourn our loss. Your prayers and acts of kindness, comfort and support have meant the world to us. We are grateful. As we celebrate the life and cherish the memory of our loved one, we are comforted by the knowledge that his spirit will live on in the hearts of all who knew him. Thank you for standing beside us and honoring his life with your presence and prayers. May the love and kindness you have shown be returned to you in abundance. With sincere thanks,

The Family