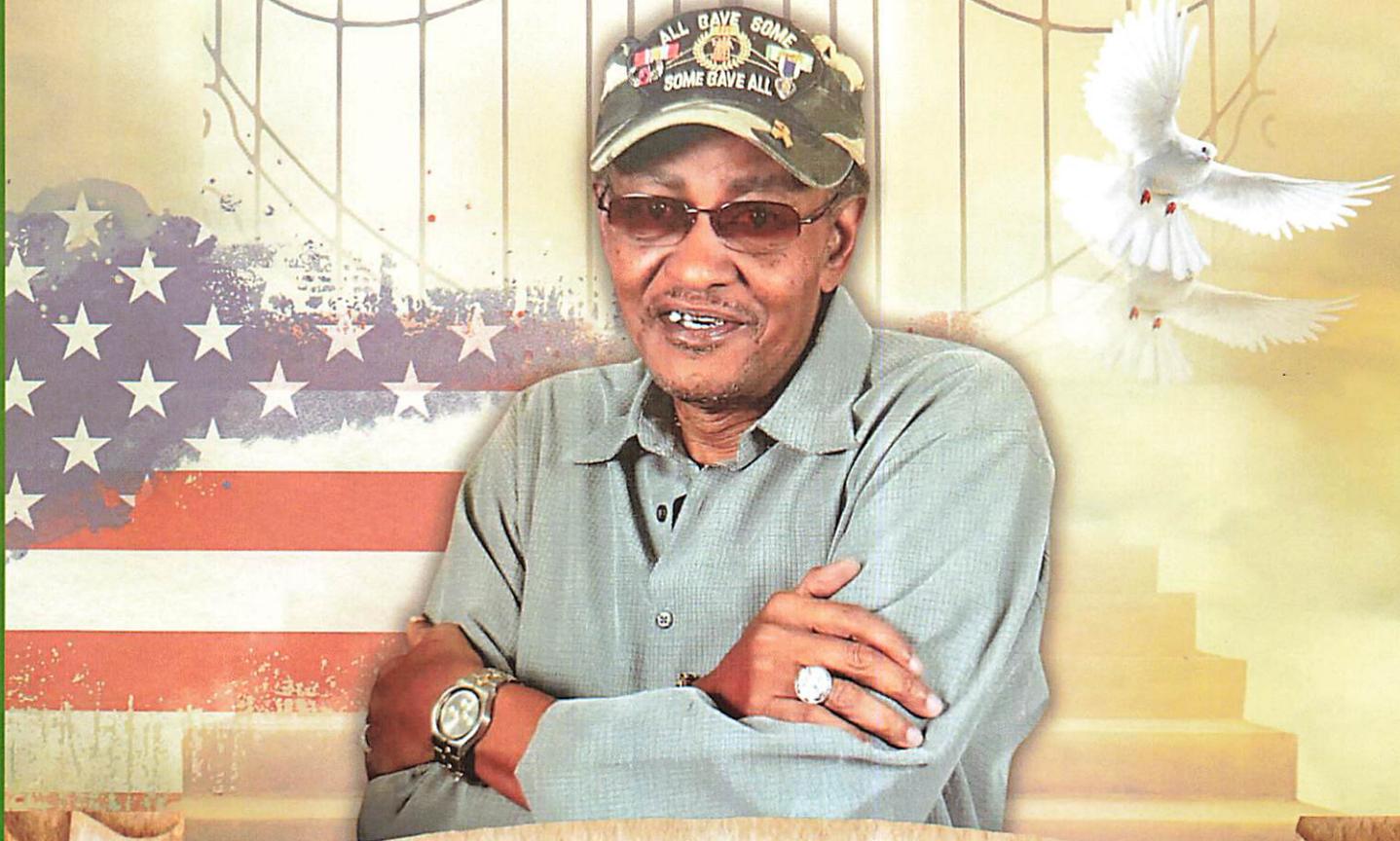


CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF



Harold "Tank" Tanksley

FIRST WATCH
FEBRUARY 21, 1954

END OF WATCH
APRIL 2, 2025

LIFE CELEBRATION
SATURDAY APRIL 12, 2025
3:00 PM

ZION CHAPEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
612 E M.L.K. JR BLVD, TAYLOR, TX
REVEREND JOHNNY SPENCE, PASTOR

My Journey...

“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. **John 14:27**”

“A Time To Be Born”

Harold Tanksley was born in Taylor, Texas on February 21, 1954, at 3:30 AM, to Houston and Annie Mae Tanksley. At a young age, Harold accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior at Zion Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Taylor, Texas.

“A Time To Plant”

Harold attended O. L. Price School in Taylor, as part of segregation in 1969, he entered Taylor High School and graduated in 1971. He was known as a strong man who enjoyed life, and his family especially his grandkids, who deeply loved him. His radiant smile could light up any room he stepped into. **Harold** touched so many people and families that he came in contact with.

“A Time to Work and Play”

Harold joined the United States Army in 1971, completing a full tour duty as a Block 25 Welder. In 1973, Harold was injured and was given an Honorable Discharge. **Harold** had numerous jobs such as Welding, Roofing, Daycare Worker, and many other jobs, which earned him the name of “a jack of all trades”. On March 15, 1990, **Harold** was united in Holy Matrimony to the love of his life, Beverly Morgan. This union blended two families into one.

“A Time To Die”

On the early morning of April 2, 2025, at 12:12 AM at Ascension Seton Medical Center, **Harold's** earthly journey was complete with his wife, Beverly, daughter, Glorious, and Grandson, Ryan at his bedside.

Harold is preceded in death by his parents, Houston and Annie Mae Tanksley, daughter, Natasha Tanksley, three sisters: Sarah Blackwell, Ora Vincent, and Emma Logan; four brothers: A.B Blackwell, Troy Tanksley, Monroe Blackwell, and James H. Blackwell; brother-in-laws: Reverend Eddie R. Tealer Sr. and Loe Logan; and one grandson: Kenan Vincent.

“A Time To Weep”

Left to cherish **Harold's** Legacy are his wife, Beverly Tanksley of Elgin; three sons; Lincoln Tanksley, of Keller, Texas, De'Randy Morgan and his wife, Tamika of Lancaster, California, and AJ Tanksley, five daughters: Twanna Williams and Glorious Franklin both of Elgin, Constance Franklin of Austin, Texas, Special Granddaughter, whom **Harold** raised as a daughter: Sha'Qualla “Nune” Franklin of Brownsville, Texas, Felicia Tanksley, of Manor, Texas, and Tina Marie; one bonus daughter: Diana Villalobos, of Smithville, Texas, and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren; one sister: Ruby Tealer of Taylor, Texas, Mother in law, Janie McFarlin of Bastrop. His in-laws included the McFarlin and Monroe families. His special sisters: Earlene, Nadine, Christine, LaReda, Denice, Evelyn, and Freda; special cousin: Brenda Benford. **Harold** also leaves his four-legged daughter (cat), Sweetie; and a host of extended family and friends.

Harold's spirit and loving nature will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

*“ You come as a visitor,
and you leave as his son,
daughter, friend, and family.
Harold never met a stranger.”*

Celebratory Service

Officiant~ Minister Ozie Monroe Jr.
Reverend Claudell Monroe, Eulogist

Musical Prelude

Musicians

Processional

Clergy, Casket Bearers, and Family

Crowning Ceremony ~ Brother Michael Spivey Jr.

Sealing of the Casket

Harold's Wife and Family

Scripture Readings

Old Testament
New Testament

Pastor Johnny Spence
Pastor Johnny Spence

Prayer

Reverend D.W Townsend, Pastor
Winns Memorial Baptist Church Elgin, Texas

Celebration Song

Resolutions

Reflections

2 Minutes, Please!

Sermonic Solo

Brother Ryan Green, Grandson
"My Soul Has Been Anchored"

Words of Comfort

Reverend Claudell Monroe

Closing Remarks

Joshua Hausladen, Funeral Director

Recessional

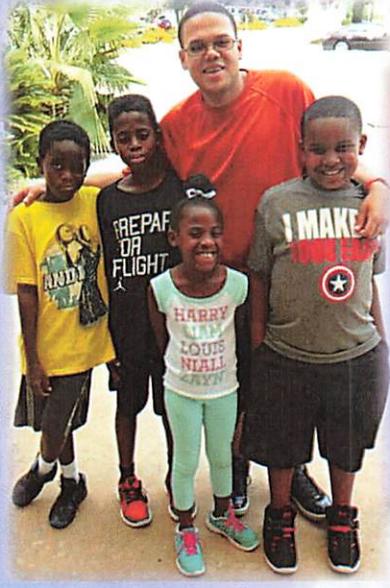
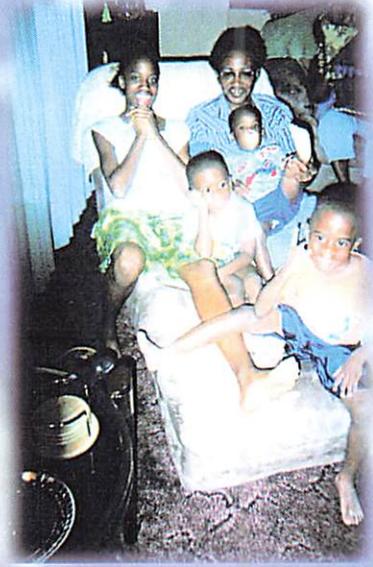
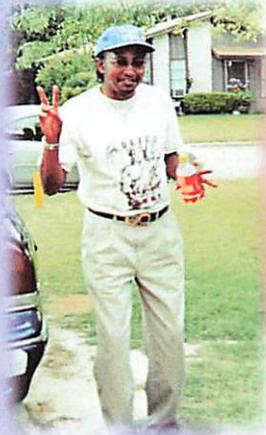
Clergy, Casket Bearers and Family



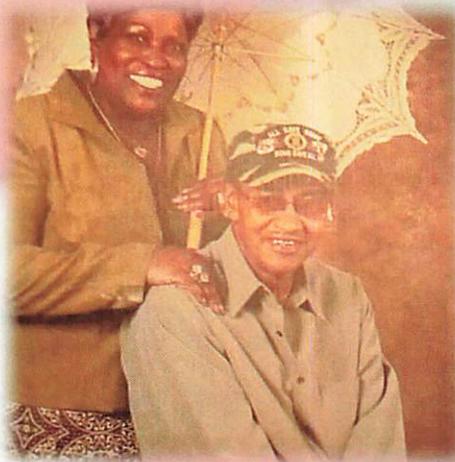
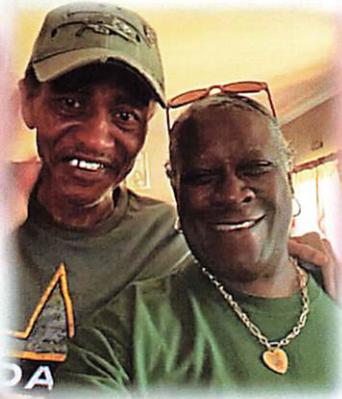
*One died for our Freedom
One died to set us Free.
One died on the Battlefield
The other One hanging on a Tree.
One of them took a bullet
The other One a piercing sword.
But both gave their lives
And so the Story is told.*



Precious Memories



Precious Memories



Letter from Heaven

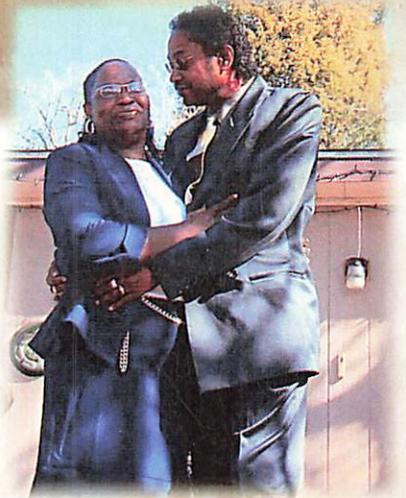
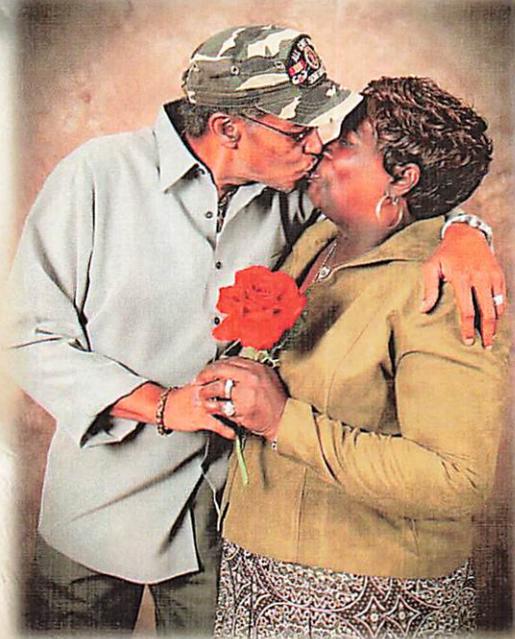
My Dearest,

As I write to you from this beautiful place, I want you to know that I am always with you, watching over you and sending you all my love. The light here is unlike anything we experienced on Earth, and it fills my heart with warmth and peace. I find solace in the thought that our love transcends even the boundaries of life and death.

I often think of the moments we shared—the laughter, the quiet evenings, and the dreams we built together. Those memories are treasures that I hold dear. I want you to remember that our love is eternal, and though I may no longer be by your side in the way we once knew, I am still a part of you. Every beat of your heart carries a piece of me.

Please take care of yourself and continue to live fully. Cherish the love we had but also allow yourself to embrace new joys and experiences. I will always be with you, guiding you and cheering you on. Until we meet again, know that my love for you is boundless.

With all my love,
Your Honey,
“Tank”



Tributes

To my other Mother, Janie E. McFarlin,

In 1990 I married your daughter, Beverly and at that time I became your son-in-law. As time passed on we became close, Son - In - Love! You were the one to help me understand myself. When I am no longer here, I want you to know that you will always be "Mother".

Your other son who loved you,

"Tank"



To My Children and Grands ...

As I sit here in this peaceful place, looking down upon you, my heart is filled with an overwhelming love for each of you.

Though we are apart in body, our souls are forever intertwined.

I want you to know that I am still with you, in ways you might not always see, but in ways that will never fade. I watch over you, and every little moment of your life is precious to me. When you laugh, my heart soars with joy. When you cry, I am right there beside you, wishing I could wipe away your tears.

Remember that love is eternal. It doesn't end with physical distance or time.

Keep me in your heart, and I will always be with you, guiding you in ways both big and small.

Live your life with kindness, with courage, and with the belief that the love we shared is unbreakable. Never doubt your worth, for you are everything to me.

I am so proud of the people you are and will continue to become.

I watch over you with love and joy every single day.

Until we meet again, know that my love for you is endless.

With all my love,

Daddy/Pawpaw



Serving With Grace And Honor

Casket Bearers

Garry Jefferson Sr. | Carl Tealor | Barry Tealor
Marcus Love | Gorge Villalobos | Hector Villalobos

Men of Honor

Tay'shon Vincent | Ayden Vincent | Ryan Green | Savion Gatewood

A'Quad Rose | Ashton Williams | Liam Tanksley | Darius Morgan

| De'Randy Morgan | Lincoln Tanksley | Quallan Tanksley

| Zion Collins | Carsan Franklin |

AJ Tanksley | Deacon Moore

Final Call of Duty

April 15, 2025, at 2:00 PM

Central Texas State Veteran Cemetery

11463 Texas - 195

Killeen, Texas 76542

Our Heartfelt Appreciation

The family of Harold Tanksley acknowledges with sincere appreciation, the many messages, phone calls, food, tributes, and the many other expressions of kindness shown during this time of bereavement for our loved one. Special thanks to Ascension Seton Medical Center, Elgin Funeral Home, Pastor Spence, and Zion Chapel Baptist Church and to all Family and Friends. May God continue to bless and keep you in His care.

~ The Tanksley Family



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Service and Compassion from a Family that Genuinely Cares

We are deeply mindful of the confidence you have placed in us and we sincerely hope that our services have been satisfactory and comforting to you.

Most Respectfully,

Josh, Jamie, and Staff
info@elginfuneralhome.net