

*Celebration of Life*

**HONORING A GOOD & FAITHFUL SERVANT**

*Dr. Pink Sightower, Jr.*



**SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2026  
TWO O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON**

*Old West Florida Enrichment Center*

**2344 LAKE BRADFORD ROAD \* TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32310**

*The Reverend Dr. Isaac Manning, Jr., Eulogist - Officiating*

**PASTOR, BETHPAGE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH \* MONTICELLO, FLORIDA**



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# ORDER OF SERVICE

*Bishop Quincy Griffin, Presiding*

PASTOR, FAMILY WORSHIP AND PRAISE CENTER \* TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

Prelude ..... Brother Anthony Williams & Family Worship and Praise Choir

Processional ..... Eulogist-Officiant, Clergy, Officers & Family

The Parting Glance and Seating of Family ..... The *Tillman* Staff

Invocation ..... Bishop Alvin Stewart  
ALARM INTERNATIONAL CHURCH

## THE HOLY SCRIPTURES:

Old Testament ..... Reverend Kevin Robinson, Pastor  
SALEM AME CHURCH, GREENSBORO, FL

New Testament ..... Elder Joseph Manning, Pastor  
CATHEDRAL OF FAITH MINISTRIES, COGIC, TALLAHASSEE, FL

Selection ..... Choir

## REFLECTIONS & TRIBUTES: ..... Limit Two Minutes Each, *Please*

As An Educational Leader ..... Messrs. Reginald James, Bill McRae,  
Bill Montford, Michael Johnson & Jackie Pons

As Our Principal ..... Sister Angie K. Wiggins, Jefferson County High School  
Dr. Marlon Williams, James S. Rickards High School  
Sister McClain Stroud, Florida A&M University DRS

As A Church Leader ..... Brother Toraino Owens

Selection ..... Choir

## TRIBUTES OF LOVE:

As An Uncle ..... Sister Carlissa Hightower-Harvey & Dr. Malasha Norton

As A Brother ..... Brother Freddie Hightower

As A Grandfather ..... Brother Brandon Hightower & Sister Devyni Hightower

A Father's Love ..... Brothers Michael & Terence Hightower

Resolutions & Acknowledgements ..... Sisters Diane Hall & Melissa Howard

Special Acknowledgement ..... Commissioner Diane Williams-Cox

Solo ..... Sister Antavia Williams Jackson

**EULOGY** ..... Reverend Dr. Issac Manning, Jr.

Recessional ..... Clergy, Family & Friends

# REFLECTIONS OF LIFE

With hearts filled with gratitude and reverence, we celebrate the remarkable life and enduring legacy of **Dr. Pink Hightower**. He was a loving son, devoted husband, cherished father, beloved brother, proud grandfather and great-grandfather. **Dr. Hightower** was a distinguished educator whose passion, perseverance, and unwavering commitment to purpose profoundly impacted the lives of countless students, colleagues, and communities.

Born to Pink Sr. and Gussie Green Hightower in Wacissa, Florida, on September 10, 1946, **Dr. Hightower** entered the world with humble beginnings and values that would become the foundation of an extraordinary life. Raised with a deep appreciation for hard work, faith, and family, he learned early the transformative power of education and the opportunities it creates. As a child, he displayed a curiosity for learning and a determination that foreshadowed the path he would later travel.

Education was not merely a pursuit for **Dr. Hightower**; it was a calling. He embraced that calling with dedication and excellence, beginning with his graduation from Howard Academy High School and continuing his educational journey at Suwannee River Junior College in Madison, Florida. He then entered Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU), where he laid the foundation for a distinguished academic career. His desire for knowledge and commitment to intellectual growth continued through his graduate and doctoral studies. These achievements equipped him not only with credentials, but with a mission to open doors of opportunity for others and to inspire generations to believe in the power of education.

**Dr. Hightower** honorably served his country in the United States Army Military Police Corps from January 12, 1971, to October 14, 1974. During his tour of active duty, he received numerous honors and commendations, including the National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and Good Conduct Medal. He also earned recognition for his weapons proficiency as a Rifle Sharpshooter, Grenade Expert, and .45 Caliber Pistol Marksman, reflecting his discipline, dedication, and commitment to excellence in service to his country.

**Dr. Hightower** pursued a lifelong career in education, dedicating his life to leadership, service, and the success of students. He began as a teacher at Jefferson Elementary School, later serving as Assistant Principal at Jefferson High School and Principal at Howard Middle School. He continued his service in the Leon County School District as Principal of James S. Rickards High School. After retiring from Rickards, he continued his passion for education as an adjunct professor at FAMU. His journey then led him to Gadsden County, where he served as Human Resources Director, Deputy Superintendent, and later, Interim Superintendent. As his career came full circle, he returned to Leon County, where he completed his distinguished educational journey as the proud Principal of FAMU's Developmental Research School.

**Dr. Hightower** always possessed a love for coaching. He began coaching Little League Baseball when his sons were young and continued coaching throughout their childhood, all the way until they graduated from high school. He also served as the baseball coach at Jefferson High School. Although his formal coaching career came to an end when he became a principal, his passion for coaching never faded. Throughout his educational journey, he continued to mentor, guide, and inspire students, teachers, and administrators, carrying the spirit of a coach into every leadership role he held.

## REFLECTIONS OF LIFE (CONT'D)

Throughout his life and career, **Dr. Hightower** exemplified the values of scholarship, integrity, leadership, and service. He believed deeply in the transformative power of education and dedicated his life to mentoring students, uplifting communities, and encouraging others to pursue excellence with determination and humility. His wisdom, compassion, and steadfast commitment to empowering others earned him the admiration and respect of all who had the privilege of knowing him.

**Deacon Dr. Pink Hightower** accepted Christ at an early age, joining Union Hill African Methodist Episcopal Church. He later became a faithful member of Bethpage Missionary Baptist Church, where he served diligently and selflessly, giving generously of his time, talents, and resources. His steadfast faith and servant leadership were evident through his many areas of ministry and service. He faithfully served as a Deacon, a dedicated member of the Finance Committee, and an active participant in the Men of Purpose Ministry. In addition, he served with distinction as Finance Director of the 1st Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Association, Inc., where his wisdom, integrity, and commitment to stewardship greatly benefited the church community and all who worked alongside him. Through his unwavering devotion to God, his church, and his community, **Deacon Hightower** exemplified a life of faith, humility, and service, leaving behind a spiritual legacy that will continue to inspire generations to come.

Cherishing his memory and honoring his enduring legacy are his **loving and devoted wife of fifty-five years**: Dr. Pam Hightower; **two wonderful sons**: Michael Hightower and Terence Hightower, both of Tallahassee, FL; **five cherished grandchildren**: Devyni Hightower and Christopher Hightower, both of Orlando, FL, Brandon Hightower, Brooklyn, NY, Alan Hightower and Aryn Hightower, both of West Palm Beach, FL. He also leaves to treasure his memory his **beautiful great-grandchildren**: Zariah Hightower-Shuler, Orlando, FL, Aleya Hightower, Alan Hightower Jr., Auzi Hightower, and Aunyx Hightower, all of West Palm Beach, FL, along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, loved ones, cherished friends, colleagues, and former students whose lives were forever touched by his kindness and guidance.

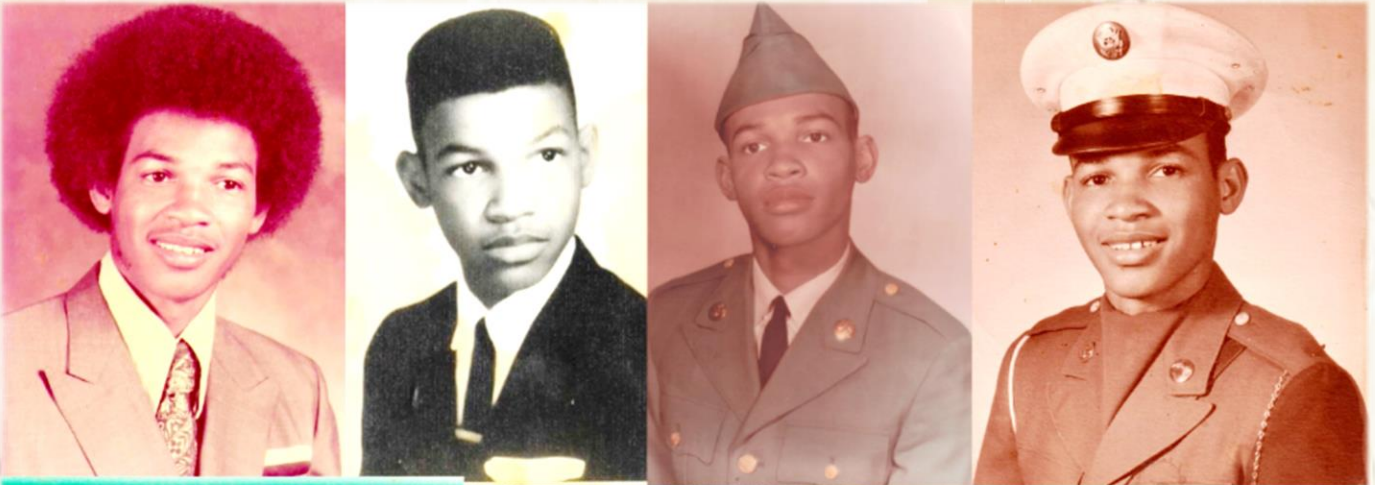
**Dr. Hightower** was especially blessed to share a lifelong bond with his **beloved mother**: Gussie Lee Hightower, who reached the remarkable age of 100 years. He is also survived by his **two loving sisters**: Angela (James) Lockley, Orlando, FL and Patricia Jordan of Wacissa, FL; his **three devoted brothers**: Freddie (Betty) Hightower and Thomas Hightower, both of Wacissa, FL and Kenneth Hightower of Tallahassee, FL. Cherishing memories of him are his **brothers- and sisters-in-law**: Rev. Dr. Issac (Constance) Manning Jr., Wacissa, FL, Wilbur (Regina) Manning, Tallahassee, FL, Dwayne Manning, Wacissa, FL, Lisa (Alvin) Stewart and Patricia (Cornelius) Jackson, both of Tallahassee, FL, Willie Mae Manning, Jacksonville, FL and Mary Ann Hightower of Wacissa, FL. Preceding him in death were his beloved father: Pink Hightower Sr.; his sister: Annie Doris Mathis; his brother: John Hightower Sr.; sister-in-law: Lola Hightower; and brothers-in-law; Horace and Jacob Manning.

Though his earthly journey has come to its close, the legacy of **Dr. Hightower** will continue to live on through the countless lives he inspired; the wisdom he imparted; and, the love he shared so freely. His life stands as a testament to faith, perseverance, scholarship, and service, a legacy that will forever remain etched in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

Indeed, his life reflected the words of Scripture: *“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.”* Through unwavering faith, perseverance, and a lifelong commitment to serving others, he fulfilled his calling and leaves behind a legacy of love and enduring impact.

“Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant” - Matthew 25:23

# CHERISHED MEMORIES



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## **A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO MY LOVING HUSBAND OF 55 YEARS**

My love, for fifty-five beautiful years, you were my heart, my partner, and my greatest blessing. You stood beside me through every season of life with unwavering love, patience, kindness, and strength. Your love was steady, gentle, and true, a love that brought me comfort, peace, and protection in every moment we shared.

You were more than my husband, you were my best friend, my protector, and my safe place. You led our home with wisdom and grace, always putting our family first and showing us what real love and commitment truly looks like. In your arms I found comfort, peace, and protection, and in your love, I found home.

I am forever grateful for the life we built together, the memories we shared, and the beautiful love that will live in my heart always. Your final words to me were: "We all know the power of prayer... I am going to be alright. I love you." Gone too soon, but forever and always in my heart. You will always be my forever love, my heart, my everything.

With all my love,

*Pam*

## **THE LOVE OF OUR FATHER**

Daddy, we are so grateful for the love, time, and wisdom you poured into our lives. You made us feel special, valued, and deeply loved. Your presence was steady, your words were kind, and your heart was always open to us.

You led by example in everything you did, showing us what it means to work hard, stay humble, and treat others with respect. You encouraged us, believed in us, and always reminded us that we could achieve anything we set our minds to accomplished.

You always gave us what we needed and wanted, not just in things, but in love, guidance, and support. We will forever cherish the memories we shared with you, the laughter, the lessons, and the love. Thank you for loving us unconditionally, guiding us gently, and always making us feel safe, deeply cared for and valued.

Your legacy lives on in each of us, and we will continue to honor you each day in the way we live our lives.

We Love You, Daddy

*Michael and Terence*

## FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS, GRANDDADDY

Granddaddy, we will forever cherish the love, kindness, and strength you poured into our lives. You were always there for us, believing in us, encouraging us, and showing us what it truly means to love unconditionally.

You led us by example through your actions, your sacrifice, and your steady presence in our lives. Granddaddy, you epitomized and personified strong principle, leadership, and conviction. You taught us the value of hard work, education, and integrity, and you showed us how to live with quiet strength and deep compassion.

You provided us with what we needed and wanted, always making sure we were cared for, supported, and loved beyond measure.

We are deeply grateful for the love you gave us, the lessons you taught us, and the beautiful life you shared with us. Your example will continue to live in our hearts and guide our steps always. Granddaddy, you will always be the “Wind Beneath Our Wings.”

We love you always, Granddaddy,

*Deeyni, Brandon, Alan, Aryn, Christopher, Zariah, Aleya,  
Alan Jr., Augi and Aunyx*



## **A FAMILY TRIBUTE TO OUR BELOVED SON, BROTHER, UNCLE, AND COUSIN**

We celebrate the life of our beloved son, brother, uncle, and cousin, who was truly the rock of our family. His presence brought strength, comfort, and stability to all of us, and his love held our family together in so many beautiful ways.

He was a source of wisdom, encouragement, and unwavering support. Through his kindness, loyalty, and steady spirit, he showed us what it means to love deeply and stand firmly for family. We could always depend on him; he was always there with a helping hand, a listening ear, and a loving heart.

We are forever grateful for the love he gave, the example he set, and the bond we shared. His strength, love, and spirit will continue to live within our family, guiding us, comforting us, and keeping us united.

He will always be remembered with deep love, gratitude, and honor as the foundation of our family.

Forever in our hearts, always loved and never forgotten. We will continue to keep your legacy alive through the way we love, live, and care for one another.

We All Love You!

*Mamma, Brothers, Sisters, Nieces, Nephews & Cousins*



## HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Deacons & Officers, Bethpage Missionary Baptist Church

Michael Hightower  
Wilbur Manning  
Thomas Hightower  
Alan Hightower

Terence Hightower  
Cornelius Jackson  
Dwayne Manning  
Brandon Hightower

Kenneth Hightower  
Alfreddie Hightower  
Alvin Stewart  
Christopher Hightower

## ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Michael Lockley  
Rodrico Manning  
Issac Manning III  
Darryl Harvey

Jarred Stewart  
Jerrod Stewart  
Donald Mathis  
Janeil Jackson

Carlos Hightower  
Donald McCloud, Jr.  
Leon Manning  
Jessie Banks

## HONORARY FLORAL BEARERS

Mothers & Deaconesses, Bethpage Missionary Baptist Church

Pam Hightower  
Angela H. Lockley

Gussie Green Hightower  
Patricia H. Jordan

## ACTIVE FLORAL BEARERS

Former Students, Family & Friends

## FINAL EARTHLY RESTING PLACE

**MONDAY, MAY 25, 2026 \* 9:00 AM**

Tallahassee National Cemetery

5015 Apalachee Parkway \* Tallahassee, Florida 32311

## THE FAMILY'S MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

We are truly blessed to have family and friends like you. The outpouring of love and support which you have so generously shared with us has exceeded our imagination. We are indeed grateful for your calls, cards, florals, food, visits and prayers. Each has served as a source of strength for us. We ask that you continue to pray for us as we endeavor to accept God's Will. Please know that as you are praying for us, we will be praying for you. May God bless and keep you in His loving care.

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