



CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

*John Henry Dawson, Jr*

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# *Celebrating the Journey of a Remarkable Man*

*John Henry Dawson, Jr., a beloved father, friend, and mentor, passed away peacefully on December 5, 2025, at the age of 94. Born on August 8, 1931, he was the cherished only child of Mary Frances Adams and John Henry Dawson, Sr. He was born in Talbotton, Georgia, and spent his formative years in Thomaston, Georgia, where he graduated from Drake High School in 1951.*

*After high school, John proudly joined the Air Force, serving his country with dedication. In 1953, he married the love of his life, Sara Lucille Walker, embarking on a journey of love and companionship that would span decades. Together, they raised four sons, creating a family filled with love and laughter.*

*John devoted a significant part of his life to serving his country in the United States Air Force. During his military career, he found his passion for electronics and shared his knowledge by teaching others, leaving a lasting impact on those around him. His time in the Air Force exemplified his dedication and commitment to excellence.*

*After his honorable service, John transitioned to a successful career in the furniture business in Wisconsin. Known for his integrity and friendly nature, he earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues and customers alike. His work was a testament to his diligence and creativity, leaving behind a legacy of value and quality.*

*Upon his retirement, from Hacks Furniture, John returned closer to his roots, settling in Jonesboro, Georgia. This move allowed him to reconnect with family and friends and to embrace the community he cherished. In Jonesboro, he found peace and joy, reflecting on a life well-lived with gratitude.*

*An active member of Trinity Presbyterian Church, John's faith was a cornerstone of his life. In 1998, he and his cherished wife renewed their wedding vows at Atlanta Mission Penacostal Deliverance Church, Inc, a testament to their enduring love and commitment.*

*John had a profound love for mathematics, a passion he shared with those around him. He found joy in simple pleasures—long walks, western movies, and cheering on his favorite team, the Green Bay Packers. Yet, it was in his yard where John truly found peace. He dedicated countless hours to tending his yard, a passion he pursued actively until just a few weeks before his passing.*

*Rest in peace, John Henry Dawson, Jr. Your spirit will continue to guide and inspire those who had the privilege of knowing you.*

*Your beloved wife, Sara; four sons: Dexter O'Hara, Ralph Hilton (Earnie), Gregory Keith (Chenia), and James Cordwin; and a beloved daughter, Regina Brown. Grandson Anthony Speight (Felice), Granddaughters: Shalena Wilson, Sonia Porter, Lakeitha Dawson, Leslie Alexander, Dominique Turner, Cyrstal Lofton, April Colbert (Maurice), Ebony Lofton; twenty great-grandchildren, and thirteen great-great-grandchildren. Many loving nieces, nephews, and friends will cherish their memories of him.*

***Rest in peace, John Henry Dawson, Jr.***

***Your spirit will always inspire those who had the privilege of knowing you.***

# PSALM 23

## *A Psalm of David*

*The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
he leads me beside quiet waters,  
he refreshes my soul.*

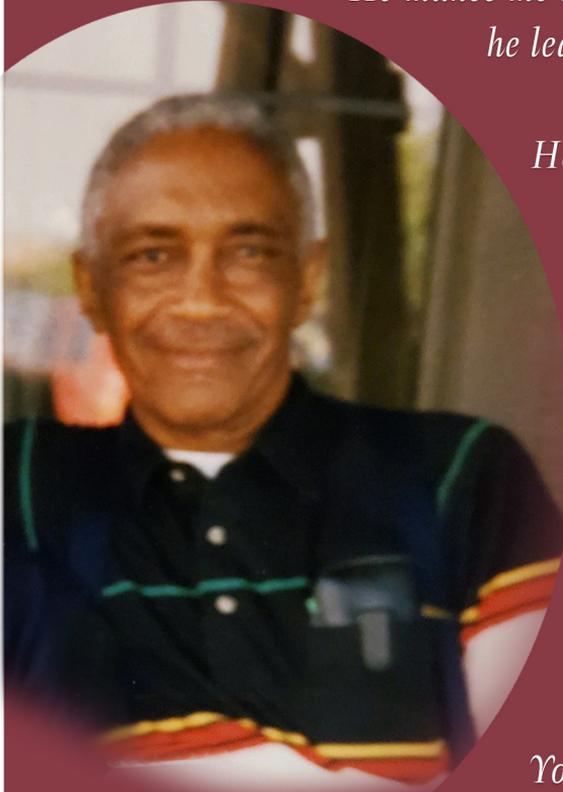
*He guides me along the right  
paths for his name's sake.*

*Even though I walk  
through the darkest valley,  
I will fear no evil, for you  
are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.*

*You prepare a table before  
me in the presence  
of my enemies.*

*You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.*

*Surely your goodness and love  
will follow me all the days of  
my life, and I will  
dwell in the house of  
the LORD forever.*



# Memories



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# Order of Service

## Presiding

Pastor Vanessa Smith

## Processional

“There's No God Like Jehovah”

"Judy Jacobs. 2001

Prayer of Comfort ... .. Elder Stacy Cephas

## Reading

Old Testament ... .. New Testament

## OBITUARY

Read Silently

## Reflections

Speakers 1—2 Minutes

Sermonic Selection ..... Pastor Falisha Smith



## THE EULOGY

Apostle JoAnn White

## Acknowledgements

The Family



## Recessional

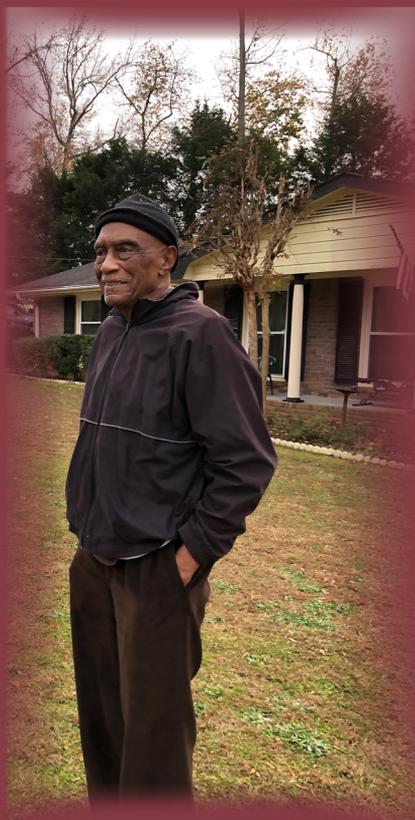
‘When We All Get To Heaven’

"Eliza E. Hewitt, writer, composer Mrs. J. G. (Emily) Wilson. 1898.

—Repast—

# *Life Lessons Learned from My Husband, Our Dad, Father-in-love, Uncle, Granddad and Friend*

*As we celebrate the life of John Jr. a truly exceptional individual—a man who enriched our lives with wisdom, kindness, and laughter. His presence was a beacon of warmth that touched everyone around him.*



*‘This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says: “In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, ...’*

*—Isaiah 30:15*

*‘Jr.’ was a man of great intellect and boundless patience. He cherished conversations that stimulated the mind and heart. For him, a good debate was never about proving a point but rather a means to connect and engage with those he loved. His nephews and nieces remember him fondly, perched at the edge of his easy chair, sharing historical insights peppered with humor and warmth.*

*Taking care of Uncle was a privilege and a blessing. His gentle nature made it easy to support him, even as his needs grew. There were moments of frustration, but they were always met with his heartwarming smile and the hopeful question, “You’re gonna come back, aren’t you?” His ability to bring joy to those around him never waned.*

*The nurses from Guiding Light Hospice, particularly Celeste and Grace, quickly grew to adore Daddy. They were captivated by his stories and the genuine interest he took in their lives. His legacy of kindness and good nature spread through their team, and they counted themselves blessed to have cared for such a wonderful man.*

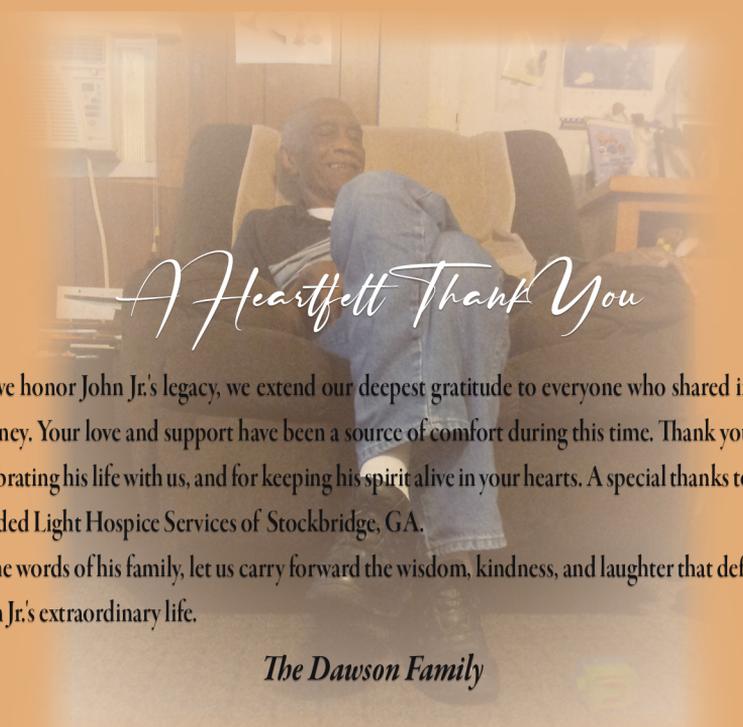
*As we honor his memory, we reflect on the love and laughter he brought into our lives. Today, we are thankful for the gift of knowing him and the lasting impact he has left on each of us. Let us carry forward his legacy of understanding, patience, and joy.*

*“People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel,”*

*—Maya Angelou*

# Acknowledgements

Honorary Pallbearers  
Nephews  
Flower Ladies  
Nieces



*A Heartfelt Thank You*

As we honor John Jr.'s legacy, we extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who shared in his journey. Your love and support have been a source of comfort during this time. Thank you for celebrating his life with us, and for keeping his spirit alive in your hearts. A special thanks to the Guided Light Hospice Services of Stockbridge, GA.

In the words of his family, let us carry forward the wisdom, kindness, and laughter that defined John Jr.'s extraordinary life.

*The Dawson Family*

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