

CELEBRATION OF *Life* FOR



*DeSata*

*CLARK, SR,*

*Sunrise*

DATE NEEDED

*Service*

FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2026

11:00 a.m.

*Sunset*

MAY 20, 2026

GALILEE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
6609 Fairwood Road | Hitchcock, TX 77563

*Pastor TBA*  
OFFICIATING

# ORDER OF *Service*

*ProceSSIONAL*  
Clergy & Family

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*SONG OF VICTORY*

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*OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING*  
Minister

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*NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING*  
Minister

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*PRAYER OF COMFORT*  
Minister

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*RESOLUTIONS*

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*EXPRESSIONS*  
(5 people max/ 2 mins)

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*SONG OF PRAISE*

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*EULOGY*  
Rev. TBA

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*RECESSIONAL*  
Clergy, Family & Friends

# HIS *Life Story*

DeSoto Clark, Sr., a man of quiet wisdom and relentless work ethic, affectionately known as “Sote,” “Grandpa,” “Papa,” “Daddy,” and “Bae Brother,” peacefully entered his heavenly home on May 20, 2026, after 88 years of a life well lived.

DeSoto Sr. lived his life as an example of faith, perseverance, and unconditional love. Though soft-spoken in nature, his presence spoke volumes, and his kindness left lasting impressions on everyone he encountered.

Born to the union of Major and Ida Bell Clark in Lecompte, Louisiana, DeSoto Sr. was the eldest of their children. He spent his early years in Louisiana before moving to Texas at the age of 15, where he would later build a life centered around family, hard work, and devotion.

DeSoto Sr. was a gifted machinist who faithfully dedicated more than 30 years of service to Todd Shipyard and G & M Machine Shop. He worked tirelessly to provide for his family with pride and integrity. Outside of work, he found joy in life’s simple pleasures — cooking meals for his family, fishing, building with his hands through carpentry, swimming, and taking long bike rides. His smile was warm, his heart was joyful, and his love for family was unwavering.

In 1960, he married the love of his life, Earnestine Brow. Together they shared 64 beautiful years of marriage and raised five children. DeSoto Sr. and Earnestine often encouraged their children with the words, “I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.” — Philippians 4:13 With God all things are possible.

To know DeSoto Sr. was to experience patience, wisdom, laughter, and love. He cherished every gathering, every conversation, and every opportunity to spend time with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. His legacy is not only found in the years he lived, but in the lives he touched.

He leaves to treasure his precious memories: his five devoted children, Emery R. Williams, II (Evette), Wanda L. Price (Ronald), Annette Smith (Kevin), LaTina R. Hood (Leodis), and DeSoto Clark, Jr. (Annette); eight beloved grandchildren and ten adored great-grandchildren: Kaela Taylor, Kaden Clark, Darnell Smith, Emery Russell Williams, III (Nicole; children Emma and Evin), Erica Williams (children Cade, Chancellor, and Codie), Ronald D’Wayne Price (Jennifer; children Brielle, Trey, and Jayven), Chelsi Mariah Price (child Haven), and Elexis Williams (children Emier and Ermani); along with a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, extended family members, and dear friends who will forever hold him close in their hearts.

DeSoto Sr. was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Earnestine Clark; his parents, Major and Ida Bell Clark; his sisters, Rose Davis, Josephine Kimble, and Agnes Johnson; and his brothers, Clarence Clark and Jimmie Clark.

Though our hearts are heavy, we rejoice in knowing that his race has been won, his labor is finished, and his soul now rests peacefully in the arms of the Lord.

*“Well done, thy good and faithful servant.” — Matthew 25:23*

*His legacy of love, faith, strength, and quiet grace will live on for generations to come.*

# *Loving* TRIBUTES

## *He Only Takes the Best*

God saw that he was getting tired,  
A cure was not to be.  
So He put His arms around him  
and whispered, "Come with Me."

With tearful eyes, we watched him suffer,  
And saw him fade away.  
Although we loved him dearly,  
We could not make him stay.

A golden heart stopped beating,  
Hard working hands to rest.  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He only takes "the best."

*Love Always,*  
EMERY & DESOTO, JR.,



## *Dad*

We'll always remember  
That special smile,  
That caring heart,  
That warm embrace,  
You always gave us.  
You being there for  
Mom and us  
Through good and bad times,  
No matter what.  
We'll always remember  
You Dad because  
They'll never be another one  
To replace you in our hearts,  
And the love we will always have for you.

*We love you,*  
WANDA, ANNETTE & LATINA

## *To Our Wonderful Grandfather*

Of all the special gifts in life however great or small,  
to have you as our Grandpa was the greatest gift of all.

May the winds of love blow softly and whisper in your ear  
“We love and miss you Grandpa and wish that you were here.”

Deep in our hearts, your life is kept to love and cherish, not forget.  
No more tomorrows we can share but yesterdays are always there.  
A silent thought, a secret tear keeps your memory  
ever near in our hearts forever.

*We Love You,*

**YOUR GRANDCHILDREN & GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN**



## *When Tomorrow Starts Without Me*

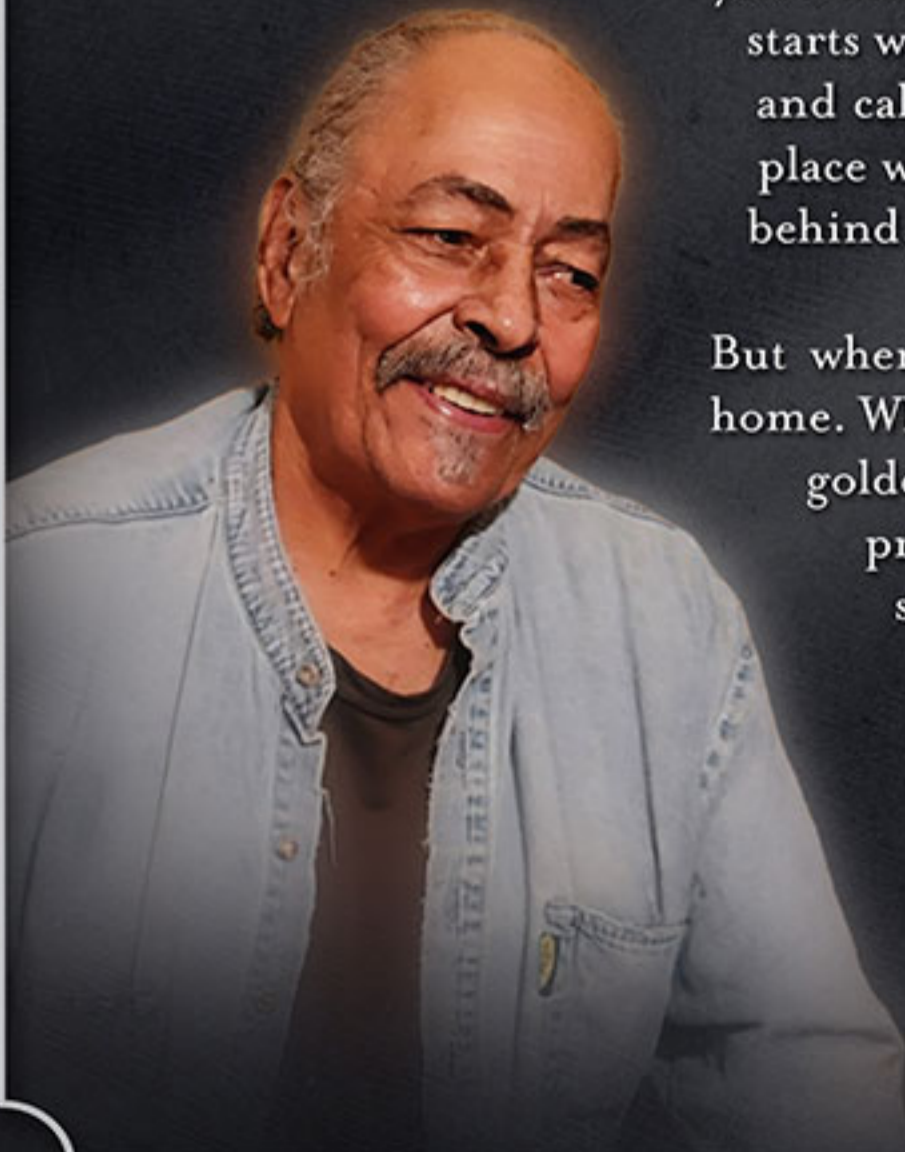
When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see if the sun should rise and find your eyes, all filled with tears for me.

I wish so much you wouldn't cry, the way you did today, while thinking of the many things, we didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, as much as I love you, and each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too. But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand that an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand and said, “my place was ready, in heaven far above and that I'd have to leave behind, all those I dearly love.”

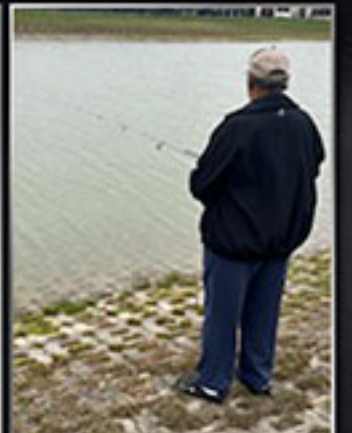
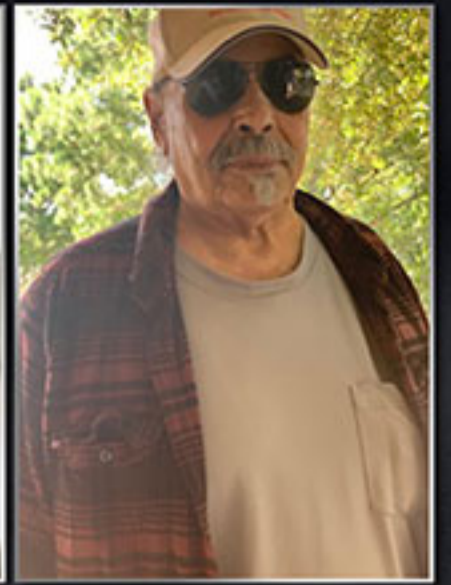
But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled at me, from His great golden throne. He said “This is eternity, and all I've promised you.” Today for life on earth is past, but here it starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, for today will always last. And since each day's the same way, there's no longing for the past. So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart. For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.

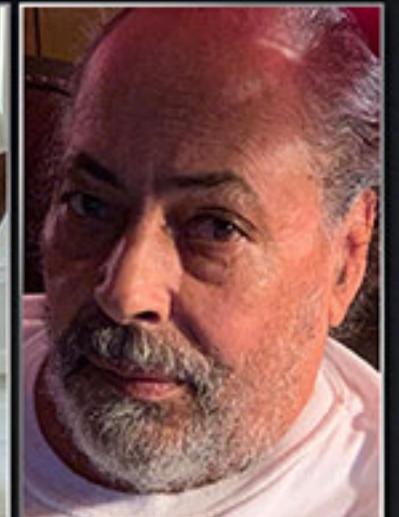
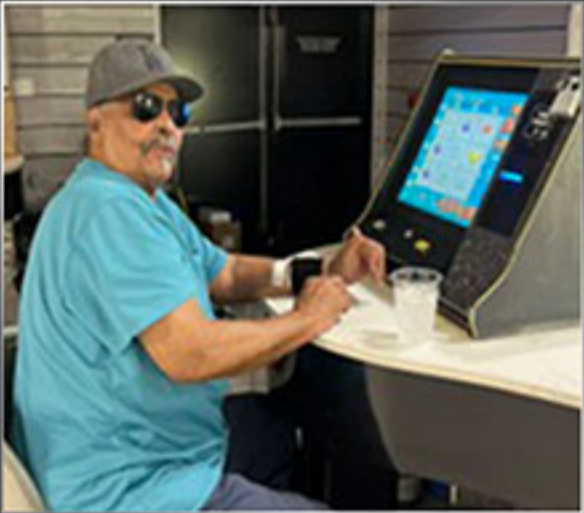
*I Love You,*

*De Soto*



# TREASURED *Memories*





## *Active Pallbearers*

Leodis Hood

Edrico Oliver

Emery Russell Williams, III

Darnell Smith

Cade Terrell

Eddie Oliver

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

Ronald D'wayne Price

Ronald Wayne Price

Kevin Smith

Chancellor Terrell

## *Acknowledgements*

Because you cared, you came to share,  
beautiful flowers and words of prayer.

Because you cared enough to do,  
words of comfort on cards came too.

Because you cared, we are grateful indeed,  
you've been a comfort and friend in need.

Because you cared, we're able to hear  
the grief and sorrow, there is no despair.

Because you cared, we are praying too  
that God will abundantly bless each of you.

Whatever you did to console our hearts,  
we thank you so much, whatever the part.

## *The Family*

## *Final Resting Place*

FOREST PARK EAST CEMETERY  
21620 Gulf Fwy. | Webster, TX 77598

## *Repast*

ENDS

6106 FM 1765 | Texas City, TX 77591

## *Final Arrangements Entrusted to*



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