



## Flower Ladies

Family and Friends

## Pallbearers

Deacon Larry Huff      Deacon Ken Ivory  
Deacon Homer Steven      Deacon Wayre Lay  
Deacon Frank Gresham      Brother John Hancock

## Acknowledgments

The family of the late 1st Sgt. John Edward Dowdy Jr., extends sincere appreciation for all acts of kindness and concerns shown during their time of berevment. A heartfelt gratitude for his caregivers; Chance Calloway, Armanda Allgood, John "Juice" Hancock, Christy Dowdy and Valerie Dowdy-Randolph, and the Agape Hospice Care Team.

Humbly Submitted, The Family

## Professional Services Entrusted To:

Winfrey Mutual Funeral Home  
390 Glenhaven Avenue  
Athens, Georgia 30606

706-548-4246 - Office



# Celebrating A Soldier



1st Sgt. John E. Dowdy, Jr.

Thursday, October 24, 2024 | 11AM

Summer Hill Baptist Church

4841 Jefferson River Road  
Jefferson, Georgia 30549

Reverend Mark Weaver Jr., Pastor  
Pastor Mark Weaver Sr., Eulogist

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Obituary

John Edward Dowdy Jr. was born on June 8, 1940 in Athens Georgia. He transitioned peacefully on October 17, 2024 @ 12:17 AM at his home.

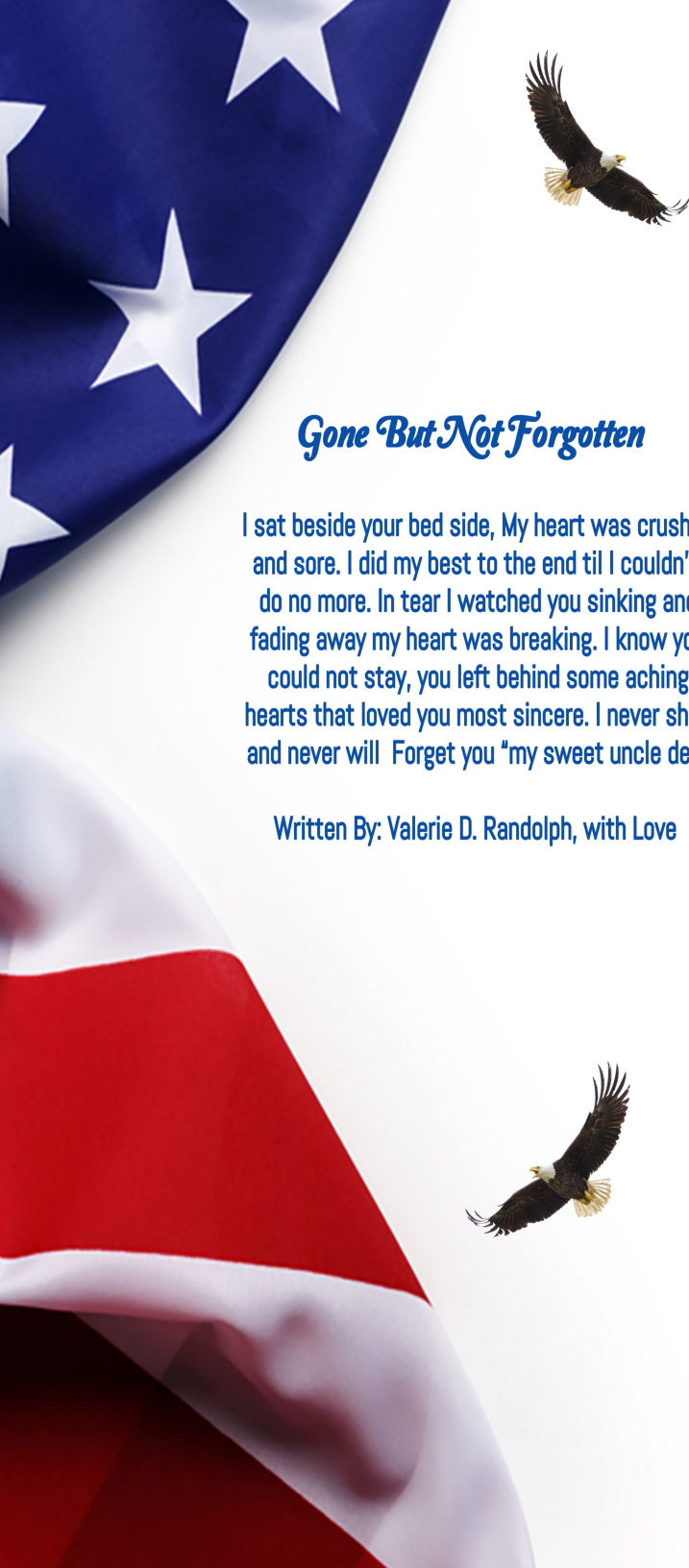
He was preceded in death by his parents John Edward Dowdy Sr., and Sally Mae Dowdy; his Wife Jewel T. Dowdy, to whom he was married to for 42 years; one sister Josephine Dowdy-Harris; four brothers; William "Bill" Shackelford, Bobby Dowdy, Mitchel Dowdy and Larry Dowdy.

John graduated from Bryan High School on May 29, 1958. He attended Fort Valley State College and pledged Phi Beta Sigma, majoring in business until he joined the United State Navy in 1961, and served until 1967.

Later he joined the United State Army in 1973 and served in the Vietnam War and Desert Storm in Iraq. He retired from United State Army on June 8, 2000, as a 1st Sergeant. He took courses from American Business Institute, Monroe Business Institute and Fordham University. He worked in the banking Institute as a civilian, retiring from JP Morgan Chase.

John was a faithful Member of Summer Hill Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon, and former church Secretary.

He leaves precious memories; one sister Janice Dowdy, three sisters-in-law; Sheila Dowdy, Bettye Dowdy and Phyllis Long, Special cousin; Armanda Allgood, Special Nieces, Christy Dowdy and Valerie Dowdy-Randolph, a special friend; Dorothy Victrum, Mary Cochran and John "Juice" Hancock, and a host of others nieces, nephews, cousins and friends



Gone But Not Forgotten

I sat beside your bed side, My heart was crushed and sore. I did my best to the end til I couldn't do no more. In tear I watched you sinking and fading away my heart was breaking. I know you could not stay, you left behind some aching hearts that loved you most sincere. I never shall and never will Forget you "my sweet uncle dear

Written By: Valerie D. Randolph, with Love

Order of Service

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| Prelude          |                                                                     |
| Processional     |                                                                     |
| Selection        | "When the gates swing open"                                         |
| Scripture:       | Old Testament Reverend Steve Williams                               |
|                  | New Testament Reverend Annie Dukes<br>St. Paul First Baptist Church |
| Prayer           | Pastor Brad Knox<br>Beyond Words Church                             |
| Selection        | Summer Hill Male Choir                                              |
| Reflection       | Brother Chance Calloway                                             |
| Solo             | Deacon Kenneth Sneed                                                |
| Eulogy           | Reverend Mark Weaver Sr.<br>Ebenezer West Baptist Church            |
| Acknowledgements | Winfrey Mutual Funeral Staff                                        |
| Recessional      | "Good bye World"                                                    |

Interment

Summer Hill Church Cemetery