

## Tribute to Steve “Captain Hill” Sturn

When my journey here is over,  
And my earthly race is run,  
May the work that I’ve done  
Speak for me.

Let it speak of a life well lived—  
A life filled with love,  
Laughter, music, family,  
And memories that time can’t erase.

Let it speak of a young man  
Who found his sweetheart, Florine,  
And walked beside her for more than  
fifty-three years—  
Through the good days,  
Through the difficult days,  
Through every season of life.

Let it speak of Steve—  
A classmate, affectionately known  
as “Captain Hill.”

A man who loved his family,  
Loved his music,  
Loved to dance,  
And brought his own special joy  
Into the lives of those around him.  
But more than anything,  
Let his life speak.

Because a legacy is not measured  
By what can be held in your hands.  
It is measured by what is left behind  
In the hearts of others.

And Steve Sturn left something behind.  
He left laughter. He left stories. He left love.  
He left memories. He left a piece of himself  
In every person blessed enough to know him.

His work here is finished.  
His earthly assignment is complete.  
His race has been run. His battle is over.

And while our hearts are heavy,  
We will not let grief be the only thing we  
remember. We will say,  
“Thank You, Lord.”

Thank You for the years. Thank You for  
the conversations.  
Thank You for the laughter. Thank You  
for the music.

Thank You for the dancing. Thank You  
for the gift of carpentry.  
Thank You for every moment,  
Every memory,  
And every expression of love.

And when we miss him, We will  
remember—

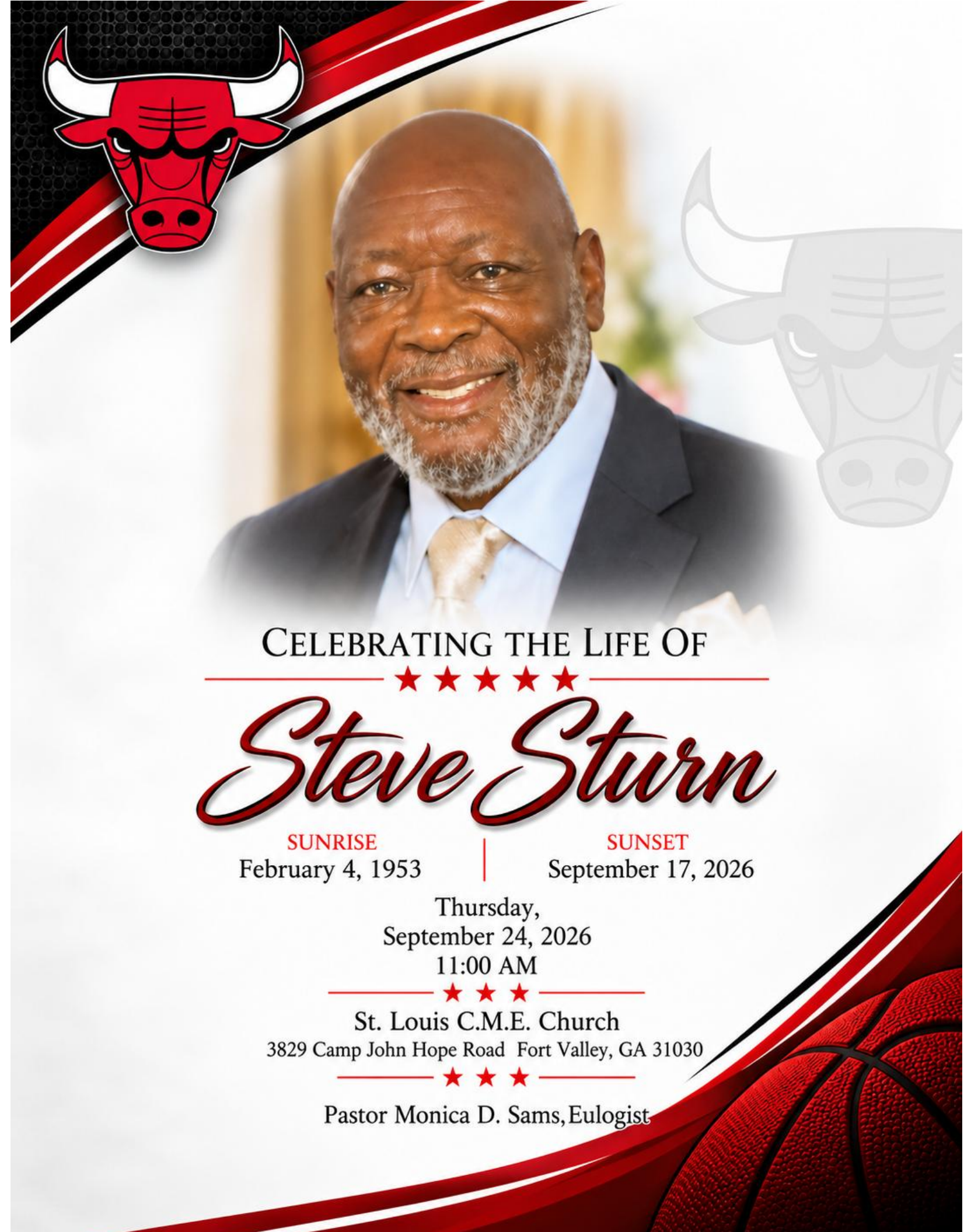
He laughed. He lived. He loved. He  
made memories.  
And he left a legacy. So rest now.  
You’ve done your work. You’ve made  
your mark.

You’ve touched many lives.  
And when your name is called  
And your record is read,  
May the testimony of your life be—  
“Well done.”

May the work that you’ve done Continue  
to speak—In the stories we tell,  
In the laughter we share, In the  
memories we carry,  
And in the love that remains.

Rest well, Uncle Steve.  
Your work here is finished.  
But your legacy will continue speaking.  
And may all the work that you’ve done  
And the life that you lived...  
Forever, speak for you.

—Vida Nicole Sturn



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

★★★★★  
*Steve Sturn*

SUNRISE  
February 4, 1953

SUNSET  
September 17, 2026

Thursday,  
September 24, 2026  
11:00 AM

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St. Louis C.M.E. Church  
3829 Camp John Hope Road Fort Valley, GA 31030

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Pastor Monica D. Sams, Eulogist

# Remembering Steve

*“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith”. 1 Timothy 4:7*

**Steve Sturn** was born February 4, 1953, in Houston County, Georgia, to the late Tommie Lee and Julia B. Sturn. He was affectionately known as “Captain Hill.”

Steve attended Peach County High School in Fort Valley, Georgia, where he met his high school sweetheart, Florine Smith. Their love story began as young hearts and continued throughout their lives. Steve and Florine were united in holy matrimony on June 30, 1973. Their marriage was a beautiful testament to enduring love, commitment, and devotion, standing the test of time for more than 53 years.

Steve briefly enlisted in the United States Navy and served his country, receiving an honorable discharge. He was a highly skilled master carpenter whose craftsmanship was admired throughout Middle Georgia and beyond. His work took him to various places across the country, where he proudly displayed the talent and expertise he had developed through his craft.

Steve was a devoted member of St. Louis Christian Methodist Church, where he served faithfully until his health no longer allowed him to do so.

Steve had a great love for music and dancing. In his younger years, he introduced his nieces to the soulful sounds of Marvin Gaye, creating cherished memories they would carry with them for years to come. In his later years, gospel artist Lee Williams became one of his favorites.

Steve was also a devoted fan of the Chicago Bulls and Los Angeles Lakers and enjoyed collecting fitted caps and team shirts. He found joy in life’s simple pleasures—a good cup of coffee and a cold Coke.

Above all, Steve loved his family. He affectionately spoiled all of his nieces and nephews, and they spoiled him in return. He cherished the time spent with those he loved and took great pride in the relationships and memories they shared. His presence, personality, craftsmanship, love of music, and the memories he created with his family will forever remain a part of the legacy he leaves behind.

Steve Sturn lived a life filled with love, hard work, faith, family, and purpose. His journey on earth has come to an end, but the love he gave and the memories he created will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

Steve was preceded in death by his beloved parents, Tommie Lee and Julia B. Sturn, Mother-In-Love, Annie Lee Ross, and his siblings: John L. Sturn (Geraldine), Daisy L. Radford (Zell), Patricia Keen (Robert), and Jimmie L. Sturn (Geraldine).

He leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife, Florine Sturn; his sister, Carolyn Powell; his sister-in-law, Mary Bass; his brothers-in-law, Kevin Smith and Jimmy Smith (Joyce); his uncle, Freddie Dunn; and a host of beloved nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends. His memory will forever be cherished by all who had the privilege of knowing and loving him.

*Pastor Monica D. Sams, Officiating*

Prelude

Processional

Musical Selection.....Min. Dexter Davis

Prayer .....Rev. Gus Oglesby

Old Testament.....Rev. Ricky Jackson

New Testament.....Pastor Kimberly Small Hill

Music Selection.....Min. Dexter Davis

## *Reflections*

(TWO MINUTES PLEASE)

Sis. Mary Ann Byrd  
Sis. Carolyn Powell  
Sis. Natalie Sturn Dow

Music Selection.....Min. Dexter Davis

Eulogy.....Pastor Monica D. Sams

Acknowledgements .....Edwards Small Mortuary

Recessional

## PALLBEARERS

Peach County High School  
Class of 1971

## FLOWER ATTENDANTS

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## INTERMENT

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