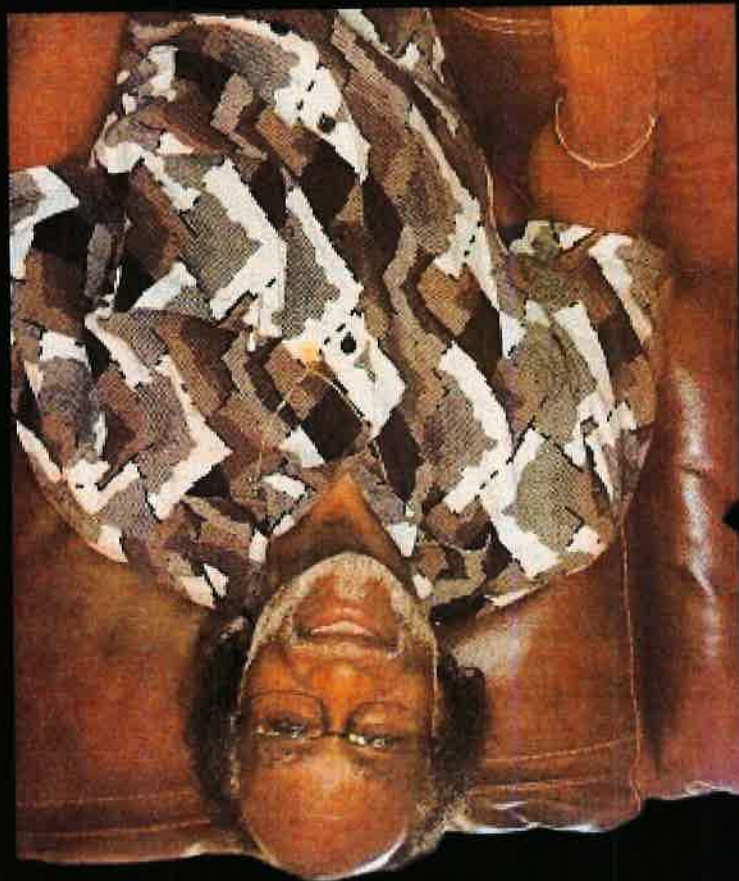


Saturday, May 2, 2026  
9:30 AM ~ 10:00 AM Viewing  
10:00 AM Homegoing Celebration  
St. James Missionary Baptist Church  
1350 North Ash St. ~ Wichita, KS 67214



August 15, 1945 ~ April 13, 2026

*Debbie L. Parker*

• Celebrating the life of



*Celebrating the Life of Jessie J. Parker*

Jessie L. Parker Jr. was born on August 15, 1945 in Tunica, Mississippi to the union of Willie Parker, Sr. and Mollie Carpenter Parker. Jessie was marked with a kind and giving spirit, even though growing up in Mississippi presented its challenges. In 1964, Jessie graduated from Rosafort High School, which solidified him as a product of the Tunica County School District.

In the 1960s, members of the Parker family began to migrate from Hollywood, MS to Wichita, KS. Over the years, family members, including Jessie, established St. James Missionary Baptist Church as their church home under the pastoral leadership of Dr. J.P. Dennis, Jr. They served with excellence for decades. Jessie continued under of the leadership of Dr. Broderick A. Huggins, Sr. He was a faithful church member and participated with The Laymen at St. James and at the District, State, and National levels. Jessie grew spiritually, sang with the Mighty Men's Chorus, and was considered one of the official church photographers. He loved to share his best photos with everyone. He remained a faithful member until his health no longer allowed him to attend.

Jessie began his career as a Composite Bond Technician at Cessna Aircraft where he worked for over 30 years until his retirement. During his employment there, Jessie made a number of lifelong friends. His hobbies were bowling, playing cards, and we all knew he was the dope photographer for many events and he would be highly upset if there was also a hired photographer at the event.

While visiting Chicago, Jessie met the love of his life, Maxine Belton. He was smitten. He continued traveling to Chicago until he got his girl. They were married in Chicago on October 15, 1988. Jessie loved him some Maxine and she loved her some Jessie. She showed Jessie a whole new world. They were in love. When you saw them coming they would be holding hands and smiling. They traveled often. Jessie was loved by the Belton Family and extended family and friends. Jessie was very soft spoken. He rarely raised his voice. He became a father to Wanda and Rhonda and Grandpa to Chardnea and Chanaya. Jessie loved playing cards with his mother-in-law, affectionately called Liz, and his sisters-in-law Doris, Barbara, and Joanne. Jessie's health started to slowly fall some years ago to the point that he could no longer travel. Being a caregiver is difficult, but Maxine did what the marital vows said; she loved him in sickness and health until the very end. He loved to eavesdrop on Maxine's conversations until he found out who she was talking to, and then he would say, "Hi!" Wanda and Doris were on the last call when he said, "Hi!"

Jessie was called to rest in the presence of God on April 13, 2026. He is preceded in death by his beloved parents, Brothers, George Parker and Willie Parker, Jr. Sister, Euzelia Mae Ramsey. Nephew, David Parker, Sr., Niece, Regina Parks. Mother-in-law, Elizabeth Belton. Sister-in-law, Joanne Belton. Brothers-in-law, James (Evangeline) Belton, Brother-in-law, Robert Belton, Sr. (Joella Stevenson). Nephews, Robert Belton, Jr., and Johnathan Belton.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his loving wife, Maxine, Jessie's only caregiver as his health declined. She deserves a big round of applause! He is also survived by his daughters, Wanda F. Belton and Rhonda Belton of Chicago, IL. Granddaughters, Chardnea Tidwell of Chicago, IL and Chanaya Thomas of Edwardsville, IL. Sisters-in-law; Doris Vaughn of Oak Park, IL and Barbara Thomas of Chicago, IL. Nieces: Diane Parker, Latrice Parker, Brenda Parker, Camille (Steve) Chmielarz, Felicia Dania, Laila J. Belton, Brentashia Parker, and Dee'Nashia Parker. Nephews: Daniel Ramsey, Terry (Tracy) Hunter, Johnathan Belton, Jr., Terrance Hunter, Tai Hunter, Rafu Dania. Special Friends: Monica Blair, Louis Gray and Ray Hooper. Godchildren, Trivea and Quentin Nolan along with his St. James church family, other relatives, and friends who will all miss him dearly.

*I'm There Inside Your Heart*

Right now I'm in a different place, and though we seem apart, I'm closer than I ever was, I'm there inside your heart. I'm with you when you greet each day and while the sun shines bright, I'm there to share the sunsets, too, I'm with you every night. I'm with you when the times are good, to share a laugh or two, and if a tear should start to fall, I'll still be there for you and when that day arrives that we are no longer apart, I'll smile and hold you close to me. Forever in my heart.

Celebrating the Life of  
*Jessie L. Parker*

Officiating ~ Minister Jason R. Dennis  
Eulogist ~ Minister Stephanie Stovall Taylor

Order of Service

~Musical Prelude~

~Entrance of Officiant, Clergy and Family~

== Greetings by Officiant ==

Old Testament ~ Deacon Louis Gray

New Testament ~ Deacon Quentin C. Nolan

Invocation ~ Pastor Earl Burkhalter, Stranger's Rest

Words of Inspiration ~ Jette Dennis, III

Music Ministry ~ Saint James

~Acknowledgement of Resolutions and Obituary~

Lori Dennis-Johnson

Music Ministry ~ Saint James

Deacon Edward Mayberry, President, Kansas State Laymen

Expressions of Love from Family & Friends

Music Ministry ~ Saint James

Words of Comfort ~ Minister Stephanie Stovall Taylor

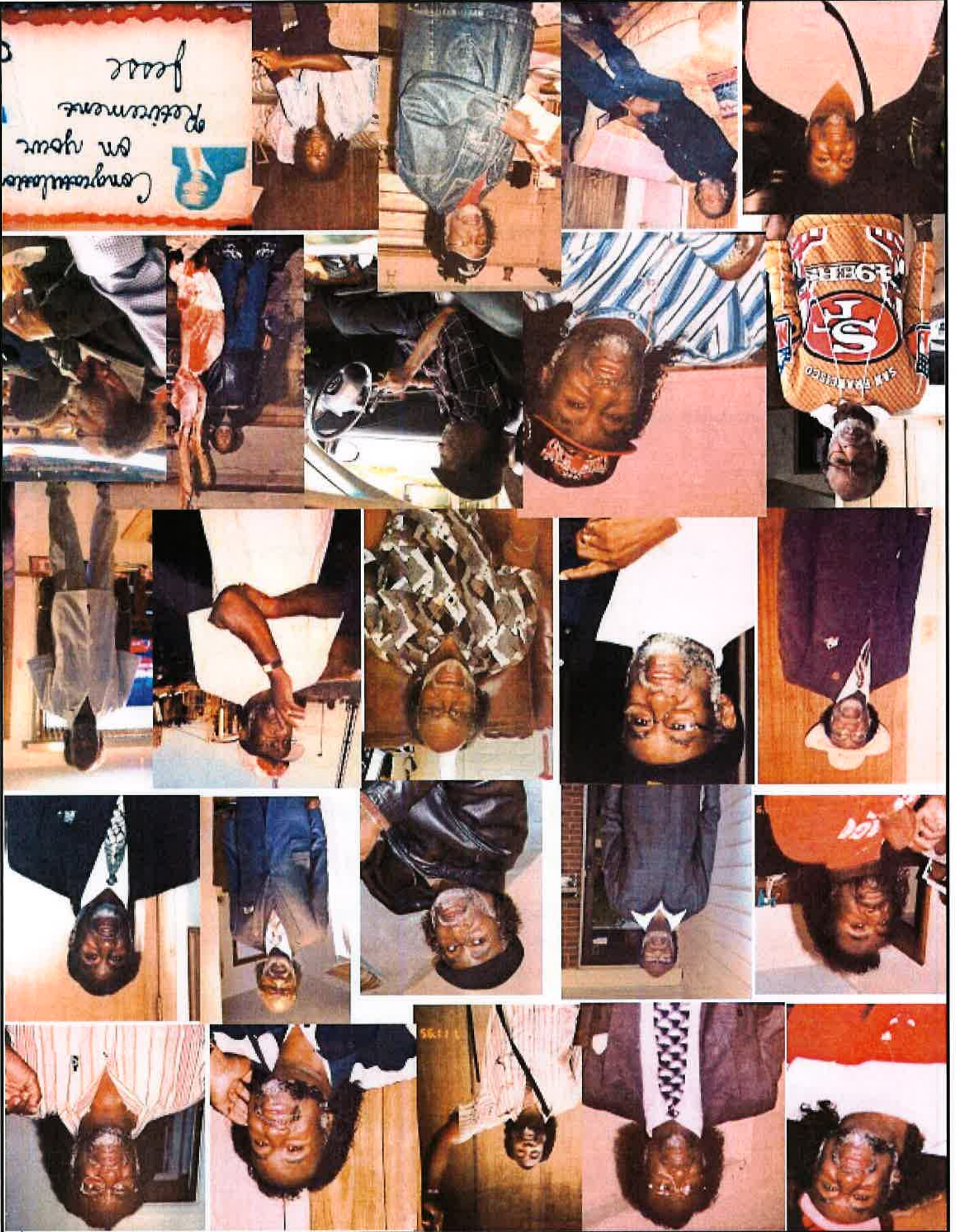
Invitation to Discipleship ~ Pastor Earl Burkhalter

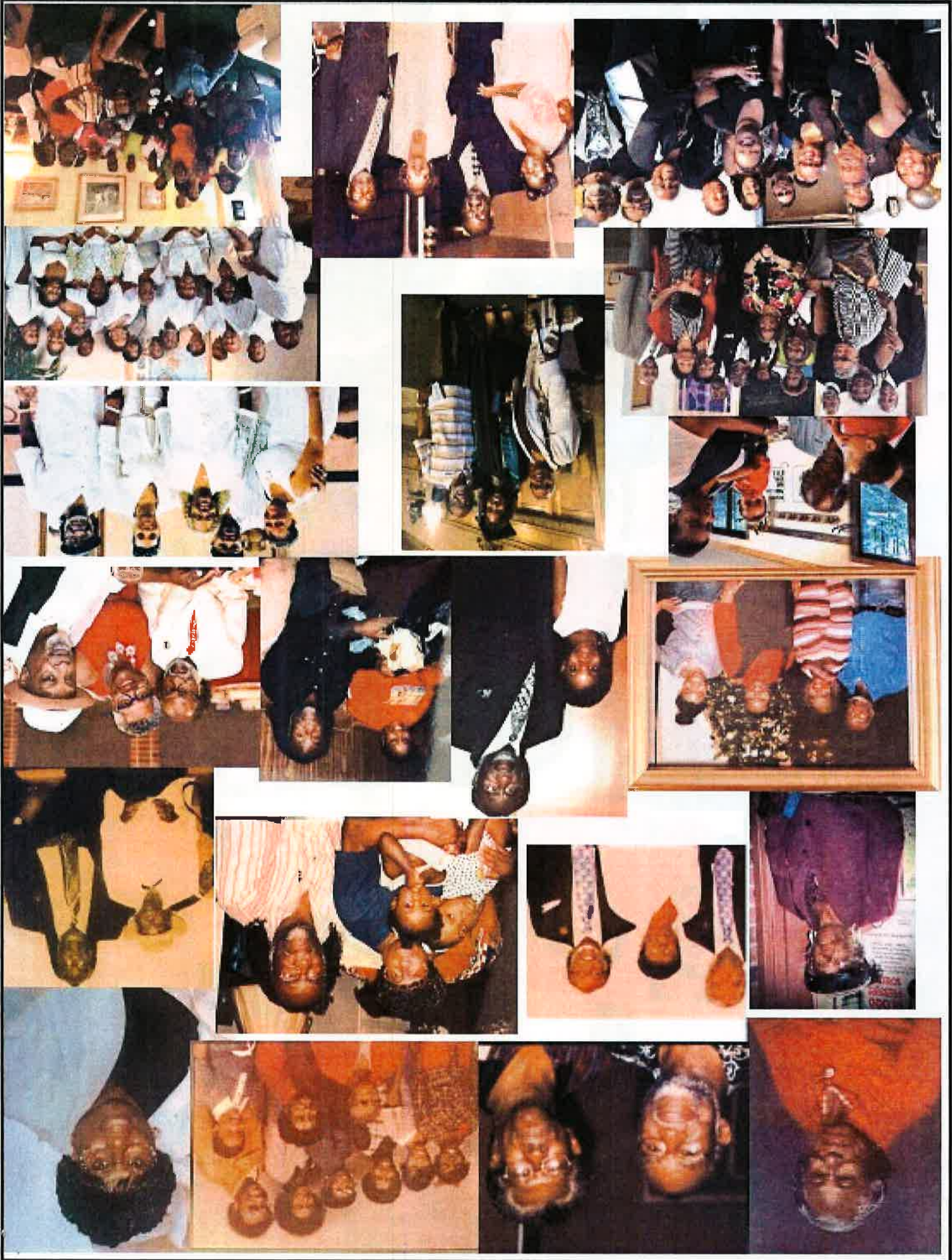
Family's Video Presentation

~Laymen Pin Presentation by Deacon Louis Gray & Deaconess Angie Gray~

on behalf of National Baptist Laymen's Movement & Women Supporters, National Baptist Convention, USA

Parting View, Postlude, & Recessional







*When God was making husbands as far as I can see,*

*He made a special someone especially just for me.*

*He made a perfect gentleman, compassionate and kind,*

*with more love and affection than you could ever wish to find.*

*He gave my darling husband a heart of solid gold.*

*Only my heart can hold.*

*He was someone I could talk to that no one can replace.*

*He was someone I could laugh with till tears ran down my face.*

*One next time that we meet will be at Heaven's door.*

*When I see you standing there I won't cry anymore.*

*I will put my arms around you and kiss your smiling face.*

*Then the pieces of my broken heart will fall back into place.*

### *Maxine*

#### *A Tribute to Our Father*

Although you sleep in Heaven now

You're not that far away

My heart is full of memories

And you're with me everyday

You lived your life with meaning

And with a smile upon your face

A world that was full of happiness

Is now an empty place

People say that only time

Will heal a broken heart

But just like me and you, Dad

It has been torn apart

I know you are at peace now

And in a place where you are free

Meet me at the Pearly Gates

When Heaven calls for me

Wanda and Rhonda

Our grandfather was a quiet man

but his silence could speak volumes.

The warmth of his gaze said, The

strength of his hugs said,

The gentleness of his hands said,

His nod of approval for a job

well done said; "I respect you"

"I love you, I will keep you safe.

You're precious to me."

In the years to come,

we may not remember many of the

words our grandfather said...

But the memories of what he

conveyed without speaking a word will

stay in our hearts forever.

Chardnea and Chanaya

Flower Bearers  
 Chardnea Tidwell  
 Chanayga Thomas  
 Trivea Nolan  
 Anita Green  
 Barbara Curtis Jones  
 Regina Chrisman

Casket Bearers  
 Sherman Fields  
 Kevin Weaver  
 Quentin C. Nolan  
 Lamont Thomas  
 Chris Jackson  
 Adrian McClough



Honorary Flower Bearers  
 Jean Jones  
 Doris Belton Vaughn  
 Elores Chones  
 Monica Blair  
 Josephine Adams

Honorary Casket Bearers  
 St. James Laymen  
 Edward Mayberry  
 Louis C. Gray  
 Alex Newhouse  
 Carl Bonds

Jessie, as long as I live, you will live. As long as I live, you will be remembered.  
 As long as I live, you will be loved. Your Friend, Monica

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