

FOREVER LOVED, FOREVER HONORED, FOREVER MISSED.

JOHN

EDWARD

Allen

LABOR : SEPTEMBER 27, 1953



REWARD : JULY 29, 2026

Saturday, August 8, 2026 | 2:00 PM
Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church
951 Highway 433 S.
Benton, Mississippi 39040
Pastor Charles I. Bradley, Eulogist

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EARLY LIFE & CAREER

John Edward Allen, affectionately known by family and friends as "Fat," was born on September 27, 1953, in Bentonia, Mississippi, to the late Jimmie Allen Sr. and Ruthie Mae Crosby Allen. He was the youngest of seven children and was surrounded by the love and guidance of his family throughout his early years.

John was introduced to faith in Christ at the family's church, Pleasant Grove. He attended Bentonia High School, and around 1973, he relocated to Chicago, Illinois, where his brothers and sister resided. He began a career with Jernberg Industries alongside his brother, Jimmie Allen, where he worked diligently for 30 years before retiring. He was respected by his coworkers for his strong work ethic, reliability, and dedication.

A LIFE OF LOVE & LAUGHTER

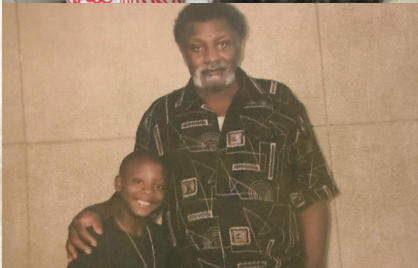
While living in Chicago, John met his former wife, Carolyn Williford. Together they had children and maintained a lasting bond despite their divorce after nearly 20 years of marriage. They remained committed to supporting their children and came together to love and encourage all of their grandchildren. Outside of work, John found joy in the outdoors. He loved fishing and hunting and enjoyed spending time with family and friends, creating memories that will be cherished for years to come. He also loved cooking and going out to eat with his family. John was known for his kind heart, infectious laugh, and generosity. He was also well known for giving many of his family members their nicknames, a gift that brought smiles and laughter to those he loved.

A LEGACY TO CHERISH

John was preceded in death by his parents, Jimmie Allen Sr. and Ruthie Mae Crosby Allen; and his brothers, Joe Burks, Jimmie Allen, and Willie James Allen. He leaves to cherish his loving memory his children, Deon Williford, Andrea Williford, John Swinney (LaWanda Burks), Demetrice Williford, and Jennifer Allen; one brother, Jerry Allen; two sisters, Emma Jean Stuckey (Uncle Red) and Georgia B. Douglas; 26 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and many dear friends.

Though John is no longer with us in body, his love, kindness, and legacy will remain forever in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.





Order of Celebration

PRELUDE
SOFT MUSIC

PROCESSIONAL
MINISTER, FAMILY & FRIENDS

SCRIPTURE READING
OLD TESTAMENT AND NEW TESTAMENT
DEACON TYRONE PELISON

PRAYER
DEACON MILLER JOHNSON

SONG SELECTION
TERRANCE FREEMAN

RESOLUTION
CAROLYN HICKS & JANICE PELISON
(ROSE HILL COMMUNITY)

REFLECTIONS
(2 MINUTES)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

SONG SELECTION
TERRANCE FREEMAN

EULOGY
PASTOR CHARLES I. BRADLEY, EULOGIST

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RECESSIONAL

FROM ALL YOUR GRANDCHILDREN

Grandpa, your love reached every heart, a gift we'll cherish though we're apart. You gave us laughter and left us strength, grace, and love. Though many of us called you 'Grandpa,' each of us felt like your favorite. Your memory will live within our hearts until we're together again.

Forever loved. Forever missed.

Acknowledgements

The family of John Edward Allen wishes to express our heartfelt gratitude for every act of kindness, every prayer, every phone call, every visit, every floral tribute, and every expression of love shown during this time of bereavement. Your compassion and support have been a source of comfort and strength, and we are deeply grateful. May God richly bless each of you for the love you have extended to our family. Your kindness will always be remembered.

Honorary Pallbearers

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Active Pallbearers

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Flowerbearers

NIECES & FRIENDS

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Your life was a blessing. Your memory a treasure.
You are loved beyond words and missed beyond
measure.

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