

Active Pallbearers

Leon Anderson	David Stovall
John Bossier	Jeffery Swims
Marvin L. Harris, Ph.D.	Dr. Mark Wilson, Sr.
Reverend Jeffrey D. Harrold	Mark Edward Wilson, Jr.

Honorary Pallbearers

Coach Leon Campbell	George Mitchell, Ph.D.
Fulton E. Caston, Ph.D.	Joe Mitchell

Flower Bearers

Members of the Laura Felts Women's Missionary Society
Family and Friends

Committal/Interment

Natchez Trace Memorial Cemetery
Ridgeland, Mississippi

Professional Services Entrusted To:

Willis and Sons Funeral Home, Inc.
5235 Robinson Road Ext. · Jackson, Mississippi 39204
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"Quality Service at Affordable Prices"

A Celebration of Life in
Loving Memory of
EZRA LIVINGSTON, III
"EZ"



Sunrise: August 26, 1956 - Sunset: February 24, 2023

Thursday, March 2, 2023
Family Hour: 11:00 a.m. - Funeral Services: 12:00 Noon

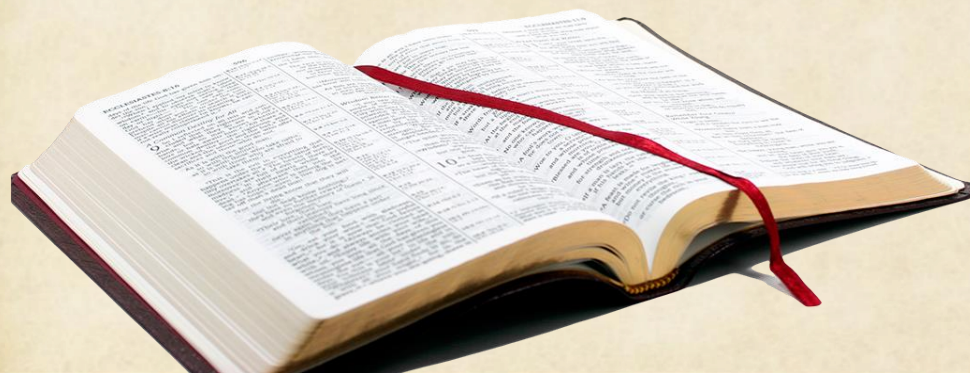
Pearl Street A.M.E. Church
2519 Robinson Street
Jackson, Mississippi 39209

Reverend Dr. Samuel H. Boyd, Sr., Officiating



*The Lord is my Sheppard; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters,
He restoreth my soul;
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his names's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

Psalm 23





Order of Service

- Prelude
- Processional ~~~~~ "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"
- Opening Hymn ~~~~~ "Amazing Grace"
- Prayer ~~~~~ Ministerial Staff
- Scripture ~~~~~ Reverend Jeffrey D. Harrold, Pastor of New Beginnings Community Church
 - Old Testament ~~~~~ Psalm 46
 - New Testament ~~~~~ John 14:1-7
- Selection ~~~~~ "There's A Leak In This Old Building" ~~~~~ Mrs. Gloria Boyd
- Expressions ~~~~~ Two Minutes Please
- Acknowledgements ~~~~~ Mrs. Jean E. Harris
- Reading of the Obituary ~~~~~ Silently Read ~~~~~ Soft Music
- Selection ~~~~~ "My Soul Is Anchored In The Lord" ~~~~~ Mrs. Gloria Boyd
- Eulogy ~~~~~ Reverend Dr. Samuel H. Boyd, Sr.
- Funeral Directors of Willis and Sons in charge
- Recessional ~~~~~ "When We All Get To Heaven"
- Benediction ~~~~~ Reverend Dr. Samuel H. Boyd, Sr.

Acknowledgements

The family of Ezra Livingston, III wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation, the many prayers, comforting messages, calls, floral tributes, and other expressions of love, kindness and concern evidenced at this time. A more personal acknowledgement will be made at a later date. May God bless you.

Reflections of the Life of Ezra Livingston, III

Mr. Ezra Livingston, III, "EZ" was born August 26, 1956 to Rosalee Adams Livingston and Ezra Livingston, Jr. in Detroit, Michigan. He was the oldest of three children born to this union.

Along with his parents and siblings, Ezra joined Oak Grove A.M.E. Church near their family home and business. After all his family relocated to Mississippi, he maintained his membership under the leadership of The Right Reverend Gregory G. M. Ingram, Bishop as well as Reverend Dr. Robert E. Brumfield. He remained active in the church, teaching Sunday School. He was fondly called, "The Bible Man" because he carried multiple versions of the bible with him when traveling, teaching and/or attending services.

Ezra attended Detroit Public Schools following in the footsteps of his mother, Rosalee. He graduated from the prestigious Cass Technical High School in 1974. In his youth, he was active in baseball and football. He enjoyed basketball with his neighborhood group of friends. His college years were spent at Arizona State University and Wayne State University. In 1976, while at Arizona State, he pledged Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, forever maintaining his love for his fraternity and his fraternity brothers.

Ezra was an avid Detroit Lions Football Team fan, always optimistic that "This is going to be the year!"

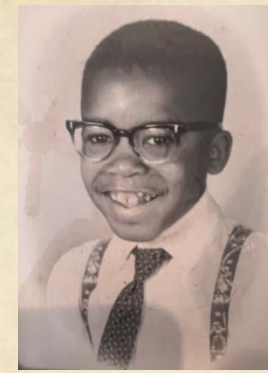
Most of Ezra's professional career was spent with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM) with the majority of his tenure in the Finance and Information Technology (IT) departments. After his many years of service at BCBSM, Ezra took his talents and skills to work for Comcast in Michigan and later in Nashville, Tennessee. His 2017 move to Tennessee was supposed to be just a short period of time. But after three years into the assignment, Ezra agreed to make Tennessee his permanent home. He resided in the Nashville area for the past six years. Ezra initially joined Greater Bethel A.M.E. Church, and eventually established himself at Kairos Community A.M.E. Church. He loved his church and continued carrying his multiple bibles. Whether traveling, at work or church, he was always ready to share the Word!

While in Tennessee, he established new friendships with many of his coworkers and his fraternity brothers. During his health challenges, his coworkers and fraternity brothers were especially supportive, consistently displaying their love and friendship. Much like his father, Ezra loved a good bid whist game. He enjoyed challenging the thinking of others and having a good debate, regardless of the topic.

Ezra enjoyed visits to Mississippi, especially at holidays and birthdays, sharing time with his immediate and extended family. When they were alive, he particularly enjoyed the home cooked meals prepared by his mother and maternal grandmother, Jessie Hailey. But when the visit was over, he quickly headed back to the lights of "the big city"!

On Friday, February 24, 2023 in Jackson, Mississippi, Ezra peacefully departed this life surrounded by family. He was preceded in death by both his parents, Rosalee Livingston and Ezra Livingston, Jr.

He is survived by: his two sisters, Karen E. Livingston-Wilson, along with her husband, Dr. Mark Wilson, Sr. of Ridgeland, Mississippi and Judith A. Livingston of Jackson, Mississippi; one nephew, Mark Edward Wilson, Jr. of Ridgeland, Mississippi; a long-time classmate and special friend, Doreen Odom; a dedicated friend and coworker, Chris Ferrell; and a host of cousins, relatives, fraternity brothers and friends.



*Dearest Ezra, we hold onto our memories, the ones that are so dear
To try to keep you close, now that you are not here.
You were called, it was your time, but it is so true;
You have left a legacy. There was no one like you.
You were very special, and we want to say,
We feel lost in many ways, you are not here today.
But we will never forget you, and we know we have been blessed
To have you for our Brother and Uncle,
Because you were the best...
We will always love and miss you,
Karen, Mark, Judith and Mark Edward*

