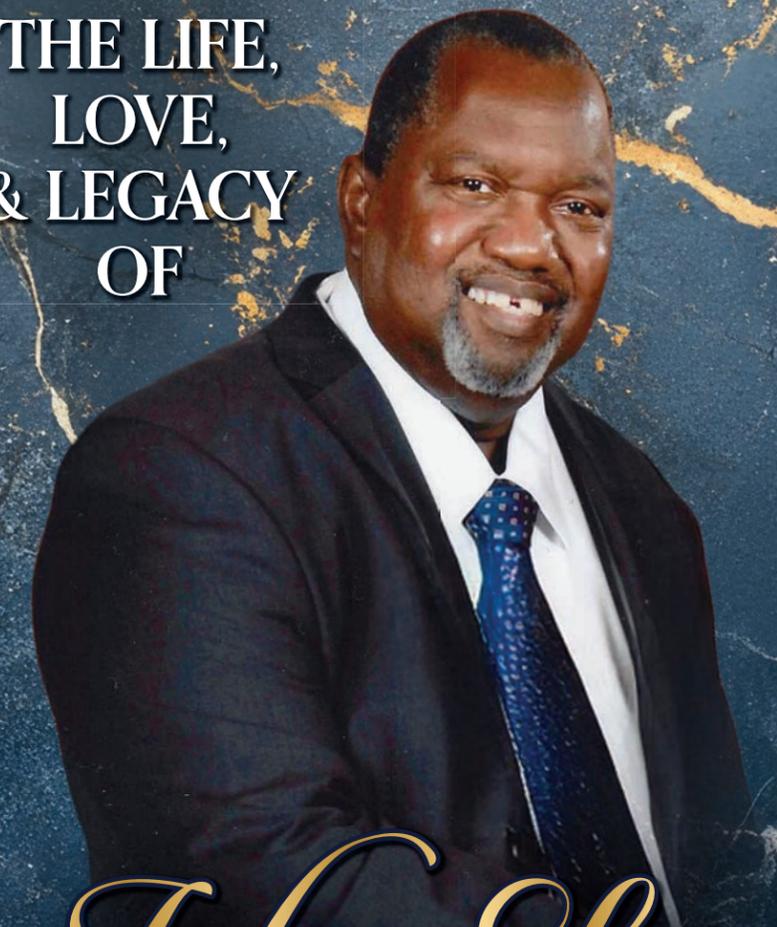


**CELEBRATING  
THE LIFE,  
LOVE,  
& LEGACY  
OF**



*John Lee*  
**P'PRIDE**

<b>OUR GIFT</b> June 27, 1957	<b>GOD'S TREASURE</b> December 5, 2025
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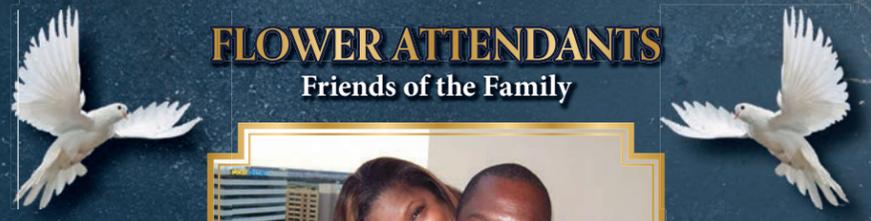
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Roderick Freeman, Jr.      Trevin Huff  
Randy Brent, Sr.      Michael Landrum

**FLOWER ATTENDANTS**

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**THE FAMILY'S MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE**

*Words cannot express our heartfelt gratitude for the love, prayers and support we have received during this difficult time. Your kindness, comforting words, and presence have been a source of strength and solace to us. Your thoughtfulness and support will forever remain in our hearts. We pray God's richest blessings upon each of you.*

*The Pride Family*

*We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for the trust you have placed in us during the Homegoing Services of your loved one. Our fervent hope is that all measures of assistance rendered to your family have been completed in detail. For all your confidence placed in our staff and me, we will be forever grateful.*

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*A Special Tribute*

Poem by  
Jemirah Holland (Niece)

*There was a man sent from God who...  
Cherished his wife  
Found joy in every moment  
Smiled, just because  
And left footprints of  
kindness daily.*

*Although he is no longer here  
in the physical  
We are thankful for the beautiful trail  
of memories that he left us.  
Memories that we can forever  
hold in our hearts.*

*There was a man sent from God,  
whose name was John.*

# LIFE STORY

## Brother John Lee Pride

*"The Joy of the Lord is My Strength"*  
~Nehemiah 8:10

Brother John Lee Pride, the beloved son of James Pride, Sr. and Ruby Pride, was born on June 27, 1957, in Madison, Florida. He was reared with his four brothers in a close-knit neighborhood affectionately known as the Setzer's Quarters where neighbors looked out for each other and their children. They all instilled in the children core values that influenced them all throughout their lives. As a result of his upbringing and his desire to succeed in life, John did everything in a more excellent way. He was loyal, kind, and dedicated in completing whatever he began.

The Pride family worshiped together at New Bethel Primitive Baptist Church. When John became of age to make the decision, he professed his belief in Jesus Christ and never lost sight of his faith or his commitment to be a servant leader. Because he had a heart for helping individuals who were in need, he offered his service for the greater honor and glory of God. Years later, as residents of Tallahassee, he and his wife, Alesia worshiped together as members of the Metropolitan Cathedral of Truth Church.

John was a 1975 graduate of Madison High School, and a 1977 graduate of North Florida Junior College. Afterwards, he transferred to Florida State University where in 1981, he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Finance. He worked at the Florida Department of Revenue for 38 years, where he held multiple positions and retired as a Tax Specialist.

As much as John enjoyed his employment and collaboration with his coworkers, he also appreciated his leisure time. He looked forward to sharing the highlights of his day with Alesia and listening to hers. He never allowed himself to be bored because he pursued a variety of special interests. He loved listening to music, traveling, reading, and solving word games, collecting comic books and coins. Likewise, he was a Florida State University basketball enthusiast who supported the program in any way and as much as possible.

John was a gentle giant with quiet strength and unwavering kindness. With God's help and his determination, he accomplished whatever he attempted. He was also passionate about his and Alesia's involvement in leading the Married Couples' Ministry. Although he did not have children of his own, he was a father figure for his godchildren and other young people he mentored.

"When He calls me, I will answer; I'll be somewhere listening for my name." John Lee Pride obediently answered the Master when He called his name on Friday, December 5, 2025. He peacefully transitioned from earthly labor to receive his heavenly reward in the joy of the Master.

Brother John Lee Pride's love for the Lord, work ethic, servant leadership, and character left a meaningful impact on all who knew him. He is survived by his beloved wife of 16 years: Alesia Jackson Pride; devoted mother: Ruby Wesley Pride; brothers: Eugene "Gene" Pride and Michael Pride; aunts: Betty Straughter, Betty Murrell, Victoria Brown, and Mary Wesley; godfather: Apostle Kenneth Barrington; godchildren: Christopher Bethae and Talia Sills; nephew/son: Patrick Jackson Willams; together with many other sorrowing relatives, loving friends, consoling coworkers, comforting church families, and caring members of the Seminole Basketball Nation.

Cherished loved ones who preceded Brother John Lee Pride in death were his father, James Pride, Sr., as well as his brothers, James Pride, Jr. and Larry Pride.

# PRECIOUS MEMORIES



# THE DIVINE ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude..... Metropolitan Cathedral of Truth Choir

Processional.....Pastor Eulogist, Clergy, Mortician & Family  
*"Lord, We Proclaim You Now"*

Parting Glimpse and Seating of Family..... The *J.P. Moore* Staff

Musical Selection..... Metropolitan Cathedral of Church Choir

### THE HOLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament: Psalm 16..... Elder Arnett Moore  
*Metropolitan Cathedral of Truth*

New Testament: II Timothy 4:8..... Minister Patrick Jackson Williams  
*According to His Word Worship Center \*Houston, TX*

Prayer.....Pastor Judy Mandrell  
*Life Changers COGIC \* Tallahassee, Florida*

Musical Selection..... Metropolitan Cathedral of Church Choir

### REFLECTIONS & TRIBUTES

*Two Minutes Each, please*

Longtime Friend and Co-Worker .....Rev. Jeff Graham

Best Friend..... Tyrone Billington

FSU Women's Basketball Announcer .....Woody Pelt

FSU (former) Women's Basketball Coach ..... Coach Susan Semrau

F.S.U. (former) Women's Basketball Player .....A.J. Alix

Cousin/Brother..... Roderick Freeman, Sr.

Longtime Friend/Brother.....Elder Dr. Ervin Donaldson, Jr.  
*Zion Hill PB Church \* Sopchoppy, Florida*

Resolutions & Acknowledgments .....Elder Sandra Riggins  
*Metropolitan Cathedral of Truth*

Video Presentation ..... Prepared by Gail Green

Musical Selection..... Metropolitan Cathedral of Truth Choir

Words of Comfort ..... Apostle Lee Lyons  
*Priestly Praise Ministries \* Bainbridge, Georgia*

### Service of Committal

Recessional ..... Clergy & Family  
*"Every Praise"*

*"Weep if you must; Jesus wept. But weep not as those who have no hope, for in Christ Jesus, there is hope and eternal life."*  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-14