



Celebrating the Life of **Frederick Raymond Emerson**

January 25, 1940 - April 28, 2026

AFTERGLOW

by **Helen Lowrie Marshall**

I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles
when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
to dry before the sun;
Of happy memories that I leave
when life is done.



Saturday, May 2, 2026

1:00 PM

Edwards Small Mortuary Chapel

1011 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive

Fort Valley, GA 31030

Rev. Roland Wallace, Eulogist



"I thank my God
every time I
remember you."
Philippians 1:3



"The greatest of
these is love."
1 Corinthians
13:13



"Nothing... shall
separate us
from the love of
God." Romans
8:38-39"



"This is the day the Lord
has made; we will
rejoice and be glad in it."
Psalm 118:24



THE OBITUARY

With hearts full of love, gratitude, and faith in God's promises, we celebrate the life and homegoing of **Frederick Raymond Emerson**, age 86, of Citronelle, Alabama, who entered into eternal rest on April 28, 2026. While he will be deeply missed, we rejoice in knowing that he has gone to receive his heavenly reward and is now resting peacefully in the presence of the Lord.

Born on January 25, 1940, in Citronelle, Alabama, Frederick was the beloved son of Herman and Geraldine Emerson. He lived a life of purpose, guided by faith, wisdom, integrity, and a deep love for his family. He believed in treating others with kindness and respect, standing firm in what was right, and trusting God through every season in life.

Frederick was a man of accomplishments and valued learning, teaching and inspiring others. He worked for 31 years as a teacher for Houston County School before finally retiring. In addition to shaping minds, he engaged spirits as Sunday School Superintendent and teacher for Saint Peter AME Church. Frederick believed that education was one of life's greatest blessings. He encouraged those around him to grow, strive for excellence, and never stop pursuing knowledge and understanding.

To his family, he was a source of strength, guidance, and unwavering love. He led not only through his words but through the example he set each day. His calm spirit, thoughtful advice, and steady presence created a foundation of love and faith that will continue to bless generations to come.

He shared a beautiful marriage of 59 years with his loving and devoted wife, Geraldine Emerson, and together they built a legacy centered on faith, family and perseverance. He leaves to cherish his memory his three children: LaTanya Emerson (Gerry Smith) of Goodwater, Alabama, Jacques Emerson (Deborah Brown) of Warner Robins, Georgia, and the loving memory of his daughter, Daphne Emerson who preceded him in death (1993).

He was also blessed with 5 grandchildren (Brandon, Jordan, Erin, Raina and Caitlyn); one precious great-granddaughter (Emyrson Reign Williams) along with several nieces, nephews, in-laws, extended family members, and dear friends whose lives were enriched by his love and wisdom.

As the last surviving member of his siblings, Frederick's longevity in life was a testimony of his resilience, grace, and God's sustaining power. His legacy will live on through the values he instilled, the love he shared, and the faith he so diligently demonstrated.

Frederick was a man who put God first and family close behind. His life reflected the scripture "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course,

PALLBEARERS

Edwards Small Mortuary Staff

FLOWER ATTENDANTS

Classmates, Family and Friends

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

The family of Frederick Raymond Emerson sincerely thanks everyone for your prayers, love, kind words, and acts of kindness as we celebrate his life and legacy. We are deeply grateful for your support and for the comfort found in your presence during this time. As God's word reminds us, "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." (1 Thessalonians 5:18). May God richly bless each of you for sharing in this celebration.

THE FAMILY OF FREDERICK EMERSON

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Processional

Musical Selection.....Pastor Corey Stubbs

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Prayer.....Adrene Sellers, M.D.

Old & New Testament.....Bro. Brandon Emerson

SPECIAL REFLECTIONS

Albert Tharpe

TRIBUTES OF REMEMBRANCE

Three Minutes Please

Obituary.....Read Silently

Musical Selection.....Pastor Corey Stubbs

Eulogy.....Rev. Roland Wallace

Acknowledgments.....Edwards Small Mortuary Staff

Recessional

Postlude

Interment

Willow Lake Memorial Gardens
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