

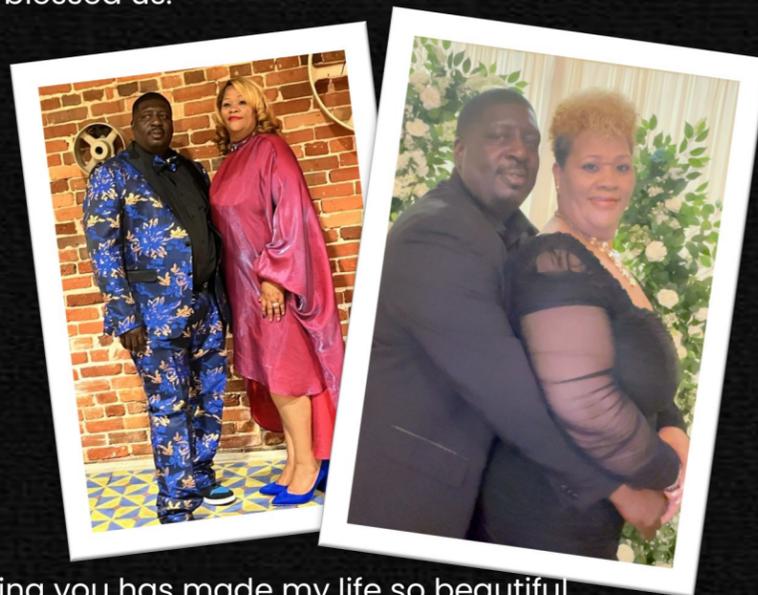
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Classmates & Friends

THE FAMILY'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of the late Deacon Alvin Bernard Stanford expresses our most heartfelt gratitude for your love and thoughtfulness during our time of sorrow. It is our earnest prayer that God will bless you beyond measure as you have blessed us.

The Stanford Family



Loving you has made my life so beautiful,
Every day of life with you has been filled with loving you.

I Love You,
From Your DIVA

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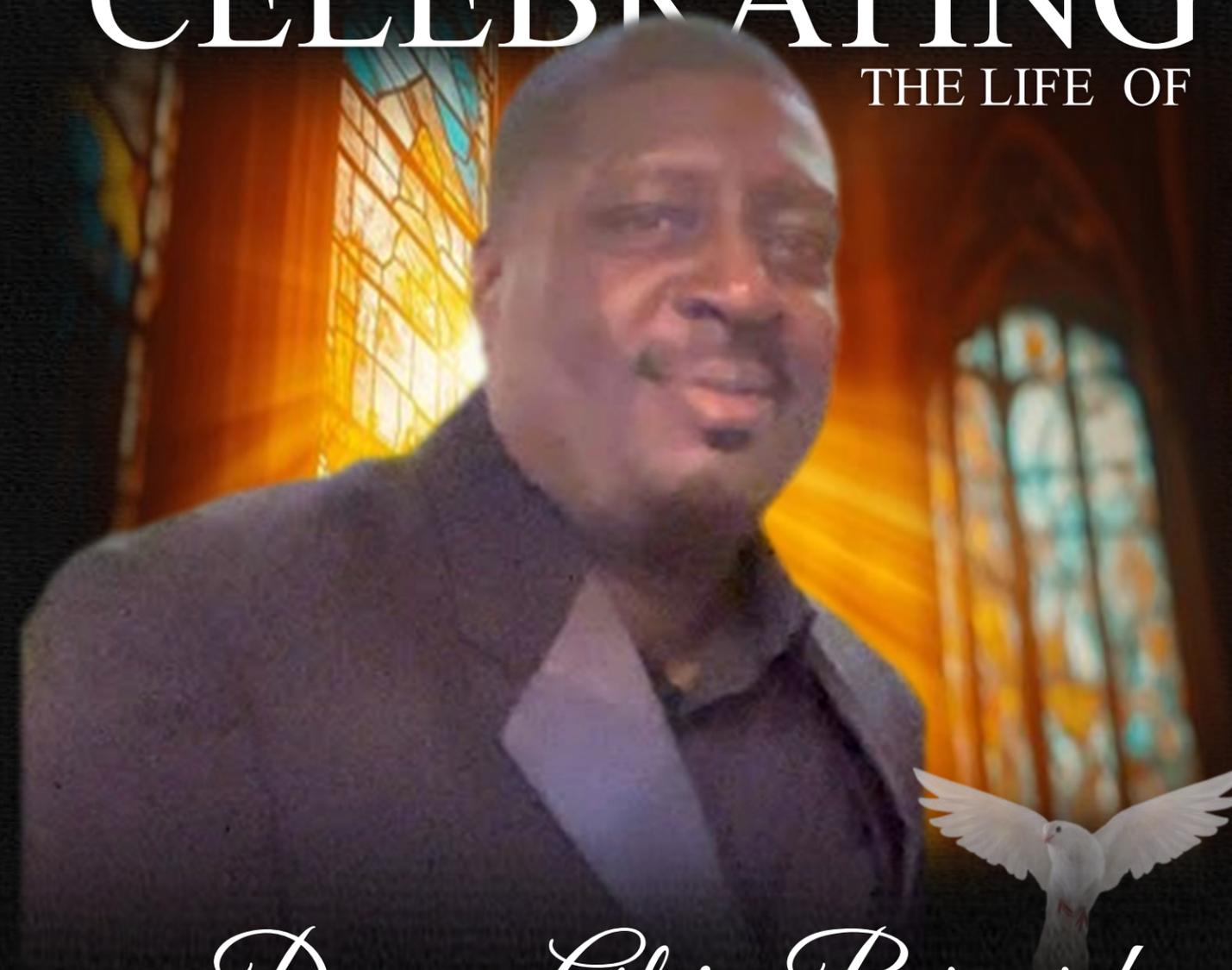
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THE LIFE OF



Deacon Alvin Bernard
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MARCH 30, 1973 - JUNE 18, 2025

WEDNESDAY | JUNE 25, 2025 | 12:00 P.M.
VALLEY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

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BISHOP JIMMIE COPELAND, EULOGIST

His Story

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto Me and rest; Lay down, O weary one, lay down Thy head upon My breast."

On Wednesday, June 18, 2025, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ whispered to Alvin Bernard Stanford, "Well done, My good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of thy Lord." He heeded the call of the Lord to rest from his labor.

Alvin Bernard Stanford was warmly welcomed into the embrace of his loving parents, Alvin Brown and Debra Stanford, on March 30, 1973. Alvin was known by many in the community as "Swop." He attended Central Elementary High School in Talbotton, Georgia and was a member of the graduating Class of 1991. Alvin was raised in the Flint Hill Community, known by its residents as "Across the Mountain."

Alvin was a lifetime member of Valley Grove Baptist Church where he began his spiritual journey under the leadership of the late Pastor Curtis Johnson. He continued to serve faithfully under the leadership of Bishop Jimmie Copeland and was ordained as a deacon. Dea. Stanford has served in his church as a choir member, Youth Outreach Ministry supporter and as a faithful armor-bearer in Deacon Ministry.

Alvin was united in holy matrimony to Michele Harris on December 21, 1996. Although they did not have biological children together, God entrusted him with several children to love and guide as a father figure.

Alvin enjoyed working in his community. He started a construction business which he named ARC Construction. This name represented the unified work efforts of him and his brothers: Alvin, Roderick and Cedric. Alvin worked at Georgia Pacific Lumber Company for the past 15 years. Alvin's family affectionately called him "Bee". There was no misunderstanding of how passionately he loved his family. At numerous family events, he took the opportunity to remind family members of his love for them. He always encouraged the family to continue loving each other. Alvin was truly an advocate for his family. At several family events, he often spoke of the importance of preparing the younger generation to accept and carry the torch lit by those before him. He praised those who were foundational in teaching the family to love and support each other.

Alvin is preceded in death by a host of aunts and uncles.

He now passes his torch to his wife, Minister Dr. Michele Renee Stanford, to continue his legacy of love, compassion, commitment, and patience. His legacy will be remembered in the hearts and minds of his parents: Alvin Brown (Dorothy) of Shiloh, Georgia and Debra McDowell (Tony) of Manchester, Georgia. His legacy of love will linger in the experiences he shared with his siblings: Roderick Brown and Cedric Stanford of Manchester, Georgia; Lance Brown of Shiloh, Georgia; and Avia Brown of Statesboro, Georgia. He leaves beautiful memories with his extended family members: Willie Mae Harris (mother-in-law), Henry Harris, Jr., Mary Henley, Tommy Harris, Evangelist Shirley Byrd, Tyrone Harris (Betty), Anthony Harris and Derrick Harris. His loving kindness will forever remain impressed in the hearts of the children God charged him to father: Travis and Sherry Thomas-McClure, Kiandra Copeland, Davondria Owens, Jamila Jenkins, Davion Slaton and Jhada Waller. Those he affectionately called his grand-men and grand-ladies: Kameron White, Nylah Owens, Cameron Smith, Ca'Meiah Smith and Ian Swan. Robert Wise, a faithful business partner and Lester Turner, a devoted worker and friend. His uncles and aunts: Riley Stanford (Bettye Ann), Pattie Stanford, Tammy Horton (Anthony), Debra Stanford, Mary Stanford, Betty Jones (Gable), Jackie Waller, LaShonda Brown and Mamie Holt. A host of devoted nieces, nephews, cousins and friends that will carry his memory forever.

Order of Service

Processional and Final Viewing

Prayer.....Pastor Franklin Holmes

Old Testament Reading.....Minister Elizabeth Anthony

New Testament Reading.....Minister LaShonda Brown

Selection.....Tasha Burks

Word of Encouragement.....Pastor Carlos Dixon

Reflections As a Brother-in-law.....Dr. Beverly Harris-Coleman

Reflections of Our Father.....The Children

Reflections as a Co-Worker.....Nichole Black

Reflections as a Mentor.....Deacon A.J. Copeland

Reflections as a Family Member.....Pastor Zandale Stanford

Reading of the Obituary

Selection.....Jimaul Burnett

Words of Comfort.....Bishop Jimmie Copeland

Acknowledgements.....Anderson & Marshall Funeral Home Staff

Recessional



For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing. - 2 Timothy 4:6-8