

"If I can help somebody, then my living shall not
be in vain...."

HONORING THE

Life of

SUNRISE

13 December 1948

SUNSET

12 March 2025

Edward

KEARSE, II

Thursday, March 20, 2025

St. Paul CME Church

1601 Barnard Street

Savannah, Georgia 31401

Rev. Dr. Da'Henri R. Thurmond, Sr., Pastor

Obituary

Edward Kears II was born December 13, 1948 in Savannah, Georgia. He is the second born son of the late Edward and Willie Mae Google-Kears, Sr. He was a proud graduate of Alfred Ely Beach High School class of 1966. He was honored in the Beach High Athletic Hall of Fame in 2014 for his contributions to the football program as an offensive and defensive lineman. He attended Savannah States University.

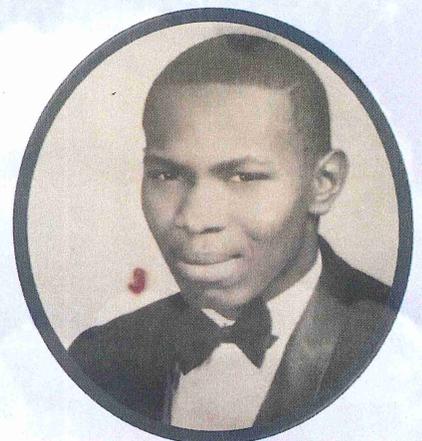
Edward was drafted into the US Army in June 1968, where he fought courageously in the Vietnam War. After being honorably discharged in 1970, he worked as a baggage handler for Eastern Airlines. From 1972-1976, he was employed at Harold's Clothing Store on Broughton Street. He was known for being one of Savannah's best dressed gentlemen, so in 1976, he branched off and became a co-owner of Potential People Men's clothing store. He married his beautiful bride, Clarice Kears, February 24, 2009.

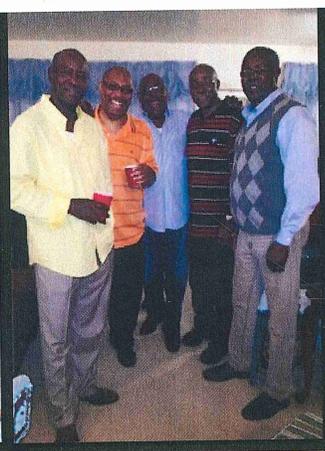
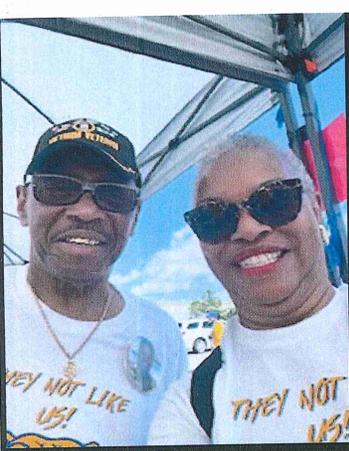
Community service was an important part of his life. He served as the general manager of the Carver Height Stallions where he worked tirelessly with the youth. He would always embrace the youth of the community and support them to achieve their life goals.

He was a faithful member of the Southeastern Quarterback's club and Beach High Alumni Association. He loved music and sports. He cheered on the Atlanta Falcons whether they won or lost. He supported the entire athletic community in Savannah, but he always made it known he was a die-hard Beach Bulldog. As a lifetime member of St Paul Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, he secured his Christian foundation at an early age, where he served on the Usher board. On March 12, 2025, he transitioned peacefully from labor to reward at home surrounded by family.

He was preceded in death by Mr. Barney and Mrs. Jessie Mae Google (grandparents), Mr. Edward and Mrs. Willie Mae Google-Kears, Sr (parents), Billy L. Google-Kears (brother), Linda Kears Lewis (sister), Steven H. Lewis, Sr. (brother-in-law), Bernard Williams (brother), Leroy Williams (brother), and Charmaine Ross (niece).

He leaves to cherish memories of his love and laughter, his loving and devoted wife, Clarice Kears, his daughter, Tammy (Karl) Jackson, four bonus sons, Sultan (Kisha), Ameen, Omar, and Christian, three granddaughters Jasmyne Smalls, Tammara Barnes, and Kearslyn Lewis and three grandsons Nicholas Williams, Jordan, and Jayden Lewis. One great grand Kaylin Green, three sisters, Barbara Kears-Ross (Atlanta, GA), Catherine S. Bennett, and Alvena Robinson, one brother, Herbert Williams (Daisy) special nephews, Steven (Renee), Edward Joshua, Vincent (Tiffany), Michael, and Andre, special nieces, Charnae Ross, Charlene Lucas, Linda Smart-Jones, Vivian Smart, and Cheryl Washington, one uncle, William "Bubba" Miller, beloved in-laws Phyllis (Willie) Shaw, Harriette Coney, James Coney, Larrice Cobb, David Coney, Ethel Kears, Janice (Larry) Bryant, Barry (Gizelle) Kennedy, Sr., Julie Lewis and Dr. Angie Lewis, Heavy's Angels (Kendall (Van) Johnson, Linnette Phillips, and Hattie O'Neal, and a host of cousins, relatives, and friends.





MY BABY- HIS BABY

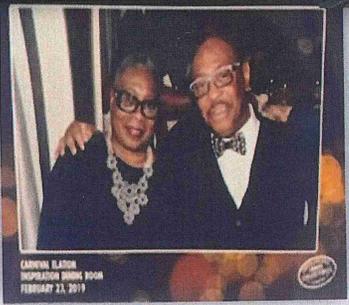
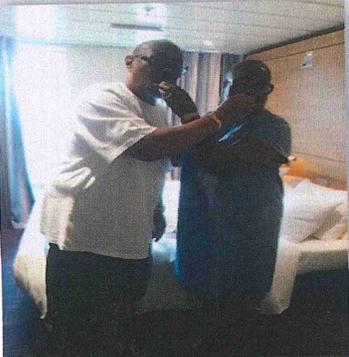
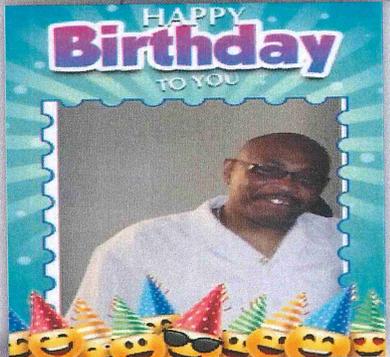
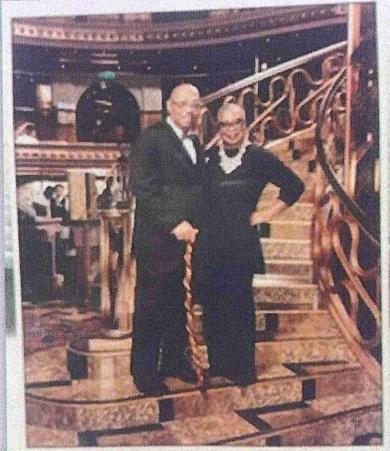
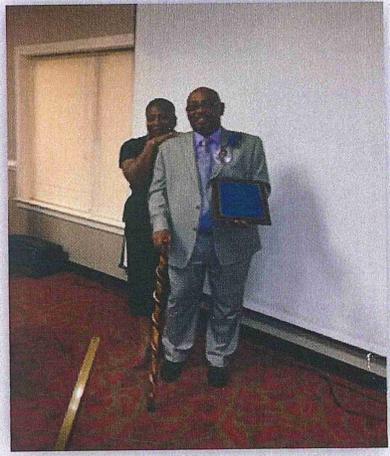
I often said God gifted me an angel, one designed especially for me. "MY BABY" loved God, often praying and thanking Jesus in everything even when he heard him call his name. I'm so blessed to be chosen as your wife and I'm happy to have chosen you as my husband. We honored our vows without any hesitation or regret.

The journey that we travelled was filled with love, joy, kindness, patience, and compassion. Our journey was led by God.

Our marriage was like a championship team with "MY BABY" leading the way. I will miss your smile and your laughter that could light up any room.

Our love for each other was so high and wide that it seemed like we couldn't see past ourselves. "MY BABY", our story is a true love story from beginning to end starring the two us as the main characters." MY BABY" as we affectionately called each other was sealed with HUGS, KISSES, AND THE WORDS I LOVE YOU!!

A love that will last forever.
Your "BABY" Clarice



Memories

I Miss You Dad,

I've gotten through the worst part, the sea of endless tears. I've managed to go on from there, to travel through years. I've had my share of gladness, and watched my children grow, but one thing has remained unchanged, somehow, I hope you know..... I never have forgotten, the joys I shared with you. You'll always be a part of me, of all I say and do. And though I'm truly grateful, for everything we had, my heart forever echoes... "I really miss you Dad!" (author Genie Graveine) – Love your daughter Tammy!



How do you begin to script in a few words what a lifetime experience was like with my brother. His family calls him Butch. His nickname from high school is Heavy Lee. He carries a multitude of other names, too many to detail here!

This brother is the 2nd sibling in the Kearsse lineage. When we lost our mother I was 17, my sister was 14 in 1975. My brothers immediately kicked into protective gear over me and my sister. We lost our dad in 1993. Butch made sure at all costs; we were taking care of. My brother taught us sooooo many life lessons. Some Legal and some illegal lol. We learned how to survive and thrive! His military leadership skills, entrepreneurial skills, nurturing skills, money management skills, and just overall great guy made up the brother I have known and loved all my life.

He married at the age of 60 to Clarice, his baby/ wife. He cared for my sister Linda when she took sick. He supported my brother Billy when he took sick. He took on the father role to my nephews Steven and Josh, when they lost both father and mother. He adores his beautiful daughter, Tammy. He is the connector, the glue that holds our family together. His family and his Village will always love and remember him. There is no other like him. He is the GOAT! He always checked on his nieces Charlene, Charmaine, and Charnae and did not miss major events in their lives. I will miss the daily phone calls, the tv schedule calls, the weather update calls, the family update calls, the family cemetery pics and everything else that my brother shared with me. No one can break through the siblings' brother and sister bond. Well, it's time for me to let you go and take your eternal rest. I will always love you. I will never forget you. You have passed on the torch of life, and I receive it. Your legacy will continue forward.

Love you much.... Lil sis Barbara and Lil sis Linda. ❤️❤️

Dear Uncle Joe,

Thank you for being both a father figure and a guiding light for us, your two nephews, whose parents were taken from us too soon. When our father passed away in 1995, you stepped in with unwavering love, sacrifice, and dedication. You nurtured us with kindness, instilled values of integrity and resilience, and shaped our paths with your wisdom and strength. Your selfless devotion ensured we would never feel alone; you always provided us with the warmth of family. Through every challenge and triumph, your leadership offered guidance, encouragement, and unconditional love. Your legacy not only lives within our lives but also in the love you so generously shared. Though you are no longer with us, your influence lives on in the hearts of those you raised as your own. Your love remains eternal, a beacon of strength and inspiration for generations. We are forever grateful, Thank You!

Love your BOYS! - Steve and Josh

Brother-in-law, your life was a testament to kindness and impact. Through your words and deeds, you touched the lives of many, making the world a better place. You will always be remembered and never forgotten.

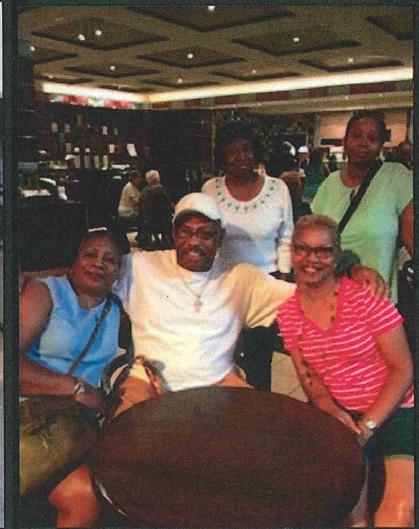
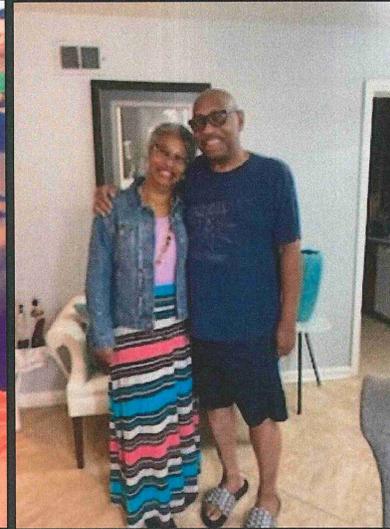
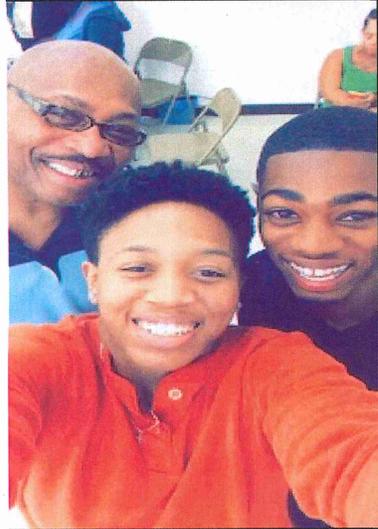
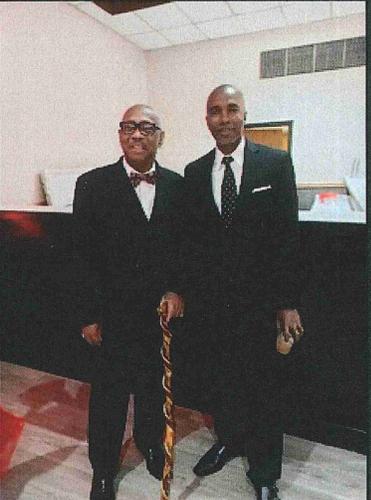
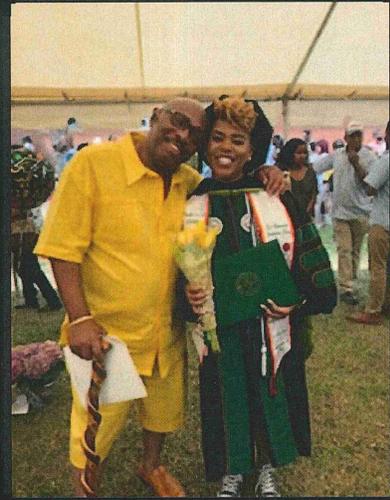
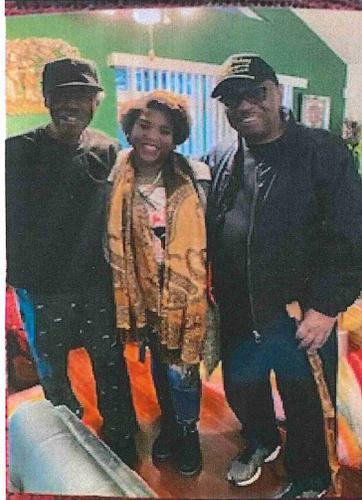
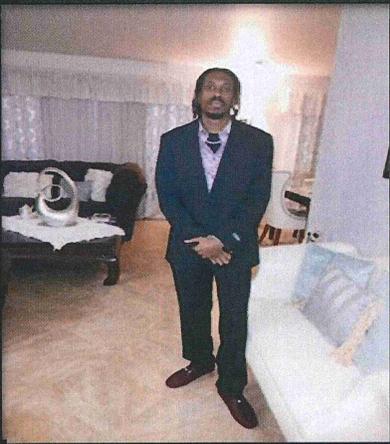
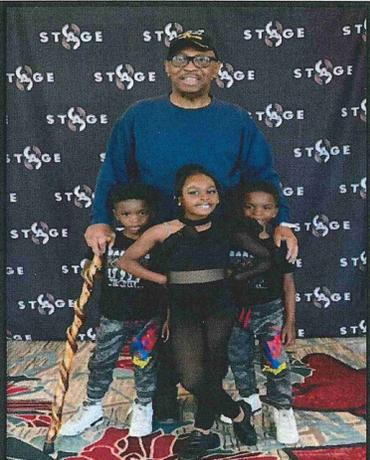
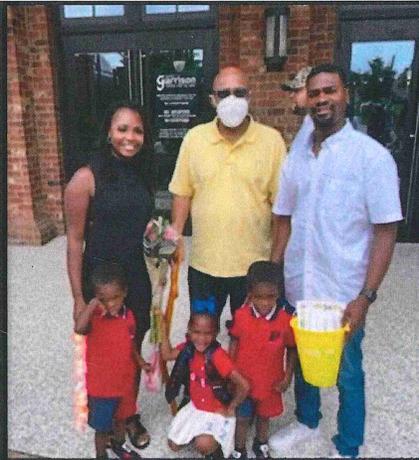
Love, David & Karen

God has blessed me with a wonderful father. A father I needed in my life at the most opportune time. He stepped in and helped raise me into the man I am today. I observed him and retained the information and intangible skills he has provided. He is a great genuine human being to anyone he has ever crossed paths with. I am happy my mother was able to find a husband like him. I appreciate and thank him for showing me how to treat a woman and how a man should provide for his family. He will deeply be missed but will continue to live through me and everyone else he has impacted in any way. Rest peacefully with the Lord.

I love you, Papa Heavy, always Christian

Butch (Joe) was more than just a cousin; he was a confident, a source of laughter, and a beacon of kindness in our lives. From childhood adventures to adult milestones, we created countless memories that will forever be etched in my heart. His infectious laughter could light up the room, and his unwavering support comforted everyone who knew him. No matter one's job, title, race, religion, socioeconomic status, or gender, he would help you. Though our hearts ache with the weight of this loss, let us celebrate the legacy that Butch (Joe) has left behind. His spirit will continue to live on in the stories we share, the lessons we learned from him, and the love we carry in our hearts. Take your rest in peace, cousin. It is not goodbye, for we will join again in heaven. With much love, Mr. Van and Dr. Kendell Johnson & Andre Trimble





Order of Worship

Worship Leader

Rev. Anthony Page (Cousin)

Musical Prelude

Stephanie Fox, St. Paul Organist

Processional

Invocation

Rev. Dr. Kenneth Jordan

The Holy Scriptures

Rev. Beverly Jordan

- *Old Testament*
- *New Testament*

*Pastor Samuel Robinson
True Gospel Community Church*

Solo

Evangelist Linnette Phillip

Reflections – Three (3) minutes please

- *James Franklin*
- *Cleveland Brown*
- *James Flowers*
- *Percy Tattnell*
- *Coach Ronald Booker*
- *Steven Lewis*

Brother/Church Member/Quarterback Club

Childhood Friend/Classmate

Friend

Friend/Business Partner

Athletic Hall of Fame – Beach High School

Nephew/Family Member

Selection

The Mighty Voices Male Choir of St. Paul

Acknowledgements

Barbara Ross (Sister)

Words of Comfort and Hope

Rev. Dr. Da' Henri R. Thurmond

Recessional Song

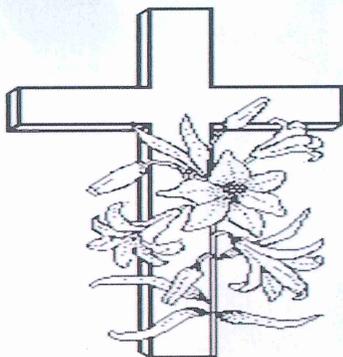
“Let the Church Say Amen”



“Therefore, we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: (for we walk by faith, not by sight:) we are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. 2 Corinthians 5:6-8

Pallbearers

Members and Family



Heartfelt Thanks

The family of **Mr. Edward Kears, II** would like to thank you for every act of kindness rendered during our time of grief. We thank God for the beautiful family, friends and neighbors who reached out with love and concern. May God continue to bless and keep you all. Love the Family



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