

**Celebrating the Life of**

*Mr.*

*Albert Lipsey*



**November 11, 1942  
April 5, 2025**

**Monday, April 14, 2025 | 11 A.M.  
ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR CATHOLIC CHURCH  
441 East Broad Street | Savannah, GA 31401  
Rev. Romanus Oliora Ezeugwu, MSP, Celebrant**

## *Remembering Albert Lipsey: A Servant, Leader, Family Man and Friend*

Albert Lipsey, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and community leader, passed away on Saturday, April 5, 2025, following a sudden illness. He was 82 years old. At the time of his passing, he was surrounded by his devoted wife of 57 years, Anne Waters Lipsey, and their loving sons, Jeffrey and Stephen.

Albert was born on November 11, 1942, in Lockhart, South Carolina, to the late Willie James and Minnie Lee Lipsey. He later moved with his family to Union, SC, where he attended McBeth Grammar School and graduated from Sims High School in 1961. He went on to earn an Associate Degree in Business from Friendship Junior College in Rock Hill, SC, in 1964.

A proud patriot, Albert was drafted into the United States Army in 1964 and served with honor until 1966. His military career continued with the Army National Guard of Georgia and later the U.S. Army Reserve, where he rose to the rank of Master Sergeant. Albert served with distinction during Operation Desert Shield / Storm and retired from the Reserves in 1998 after decades of dedicated service to his country.

A man of deep faith, Albert accepted Jesus Christ early in life and was baptized at Corinth Baptist Church in Union, SC. He later became a dedicated member of St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church in Savannah, where he served as a Eucharistic minister and actively contributed to several church committees. Along his life journey, Albert met and married the love of his life, Miss Anne Waters, on September 16, 1967, in the Bronx, New York. Their union blossomed into a beautiful and enduring partnership built on love, mutual respect, and unwavering support for one another. Together, they raised two amazing sons, traveled the world hand in hand, and stood by each other through every season of life—creating an abundance of cherished memories. In addition, Albert was an avid runner for many years and enjoyed biking, working on cars, fishing and crabbing. He also enjoyed spending time with family and friends, especially his grandchildren who will miss him dearly. Albert was a kind, loving and compassionate man who was always willing to help others.

Albert's professional journey was marked by leadership and a commitment to community empowerment. After relocating to New York, he began working for the Bank of NY. In 1974, he and his family settled in Savannah, GA, where he held various positions at Union Camp Corporation and Citizens & Southern Bank (C&S). His hard work and integrity earned him multiple promotions, culminating in his role as Vice President at Bank of America. Following his career in banking, Albert served the City of Savannah in key roles, including Acting Assistant Director of the Housing Department, consultant to the Neighborhood Housing Service, and ultimately as Deputy Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation for Chatham County until his retirement in 2013.

Albert believed deeply in service beyond self and was involved in numerous civic and youth initiatives. He was a charter member and Treasurer of the 100 Black Men of Savannah, an organization he helped guide with unwavering financial stewardship. He also served as Treasurer for The Frogs, Savannah Chapter, and was a member of the Sophisticats and The Mules. Albert was a graduate of Leadership Savannah and lent his time and expertise to organizations including the United Way, Union Mission, Savannah Chamber of Commerce, Savannah Tech Small Business Institute Advisory Committee, the All Urban Emphasis Committee of the Boy Scouts of America, and the Savannah High School Magnet Advisory Council.

Albert is survived by his loving wife Anne; two sons, Jeffrey (Tonya) and Stephen (Tawnia); four grandchildren – Dante, Jared, Isabella, and Evan; two aunts, Carrie E. Wilson and Remattie Petty; three brothers, James Herbert (Fannetta) Lipsey, Ralph (Betty) Lipsey, and Manning Lee (Tammy) Lipsey; five nephews – Mark Lipsey, Alvin Waters, Jr., Jerod Gibson, Yancey Lipsey, and James “Jay” Lipsey; five nieces – Lynette (Michael) Lipsey-Hughes, Grace (Edwin) Ocasio, Rebecca Waters, Crystal Lipsey, Rachel (Athens) McLaughlin; and a host of cousins, great-nieces and nephews, and extended family members.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Willie Alfred Lipsey and Anthony “Randy” Lipsey, and three sisters, Delores Lipsey, Alma Lee Darby, and Deborah Lipsey.

Albert's life was a testament to faith, service, leadership, and love for family and community. He will be remembered not only for the titles he held but for the lives he touched and the legacy he leaves behind.

*“Well done, good and faithful servant.”*

# *The Order of Service*

## *For Albert Lipsey*

**St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church**

Introductory Rites

Greetings at the entrance of the church

Sprinkling of the body with holy water

Placing of the Pall

Entrance Procession: Hymn

“It Is Well With My Soul”

### **Liturgy of the Word**

First Reading: Book of Wisdom 3:1-9

Emma Simmons-Moses

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 27 (The Lord is My Light) Choir

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-12

Jeanie Simmons-Rivers

Gospel:

Rev. Romanus O. Ezeugwu, MSP

Homilist:

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Prayer of the Faithful

Theresa Garvin

### **Liturgy of the Eucharist**

Preparation of the Alter and the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion Rite: Song

Bread of Life

Solo: “I Will Trust In God”

Kathy Stewart

Acknowledgements

Wayne Grimes

Michael Kaigler

Harold Oglesby

Robert Stevenson

The Frogs

County Manager for Chatham County

President of 100 Black Men of Savannah

Best Friend

Final Commendation

Recession to the Cemetery

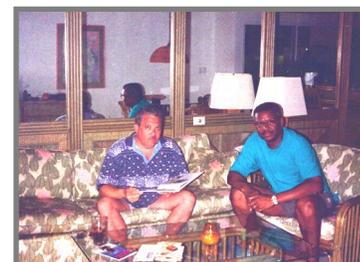
“When We All Get To Heaven,” Choir

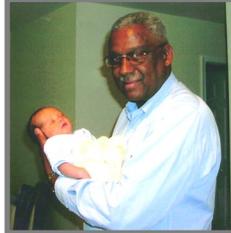
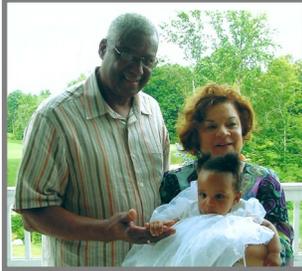
### *Service of Interment*

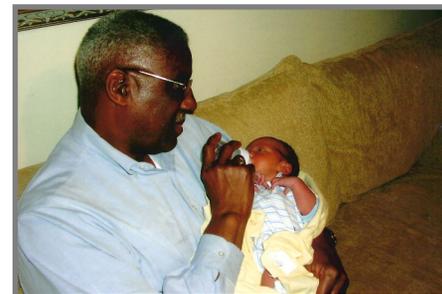
Catholic Cemetery

1661 East President Street

Savannah, GA 31404









## *Husband,*

Although you sleep in Heaven now,  
You're not that far away.  
My heart is full of memories.  
And you're with me every day.  
You lived your life with meaning.  
And with a smile upon your face.  
A world that was full of happiness.  
Is now an empty place.  
People say that only time.  
Will heal a broken heart.  
But just like me and you.  
It has been torn apart.  
I know you are at peace now.  
And in a place where you are free.  
Meet me at Pearly Gates.  
When Heaven calls for me.  
Your Loving Wife

*Anne*

## *Daddy,*

Our dad was our hero. He was the most courageous.  
and resourceful man.  
We never questioned if he loved or cared for us because  
He made it so obvious.  
You will always be remembered as a loving and affectionate father.  
We will forever cherish your memories  
and hope to see us through this difficult time of parting.  
You will always have a place in our heart.  
Love you always,

*Jeffrey & Stephen*



## *Granddaddy,*

Your life spoke volumes every day.  
You used your actions to show us the right way.  
You made each moment count no matter when or where.  
Inspiring others to work hard,  
to have integrity and care for others.  
Words can't express how much we miss life without you.  
But we thank you for the gift of inspiration from life so true.  
Love you always,

*Dante, Jared, Isabella & Evan*



# Pallbearers



Mark Clayton  
Evan Lipsey  
Dante Lipsey

Jared Lipsey  
James Lipsey  
Athens McLaughlin



Maxwell Simmons

## Expression of Gratitude

The family of Albert Lipsey would like to convey our heartfelt appreciation for the outpouring of love and support from everyone. We are blessed beyond measure to have experienced the passing of our loved one from his earthly journey to his heavenly home. We are particularly touched and grateful to those who took the time to visit with us or call us to share your condolences and many, many memories. We are truly thankful to our friends and family members near and far.

Your presence encouraged our hearts. Your prayers uplifted our souls. Your cards, flowers and donation enhanced our memories. Your prepared meals sustained our bodies. Words cannot express how appreciative we are that you shared in the celebration of our loved one's life and in the sorrow of his death. Your support has made all the difference. May God forever bless each of you! Please keep our family in your prayers and memories of Albert in your heart.

The Family



## Repast

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