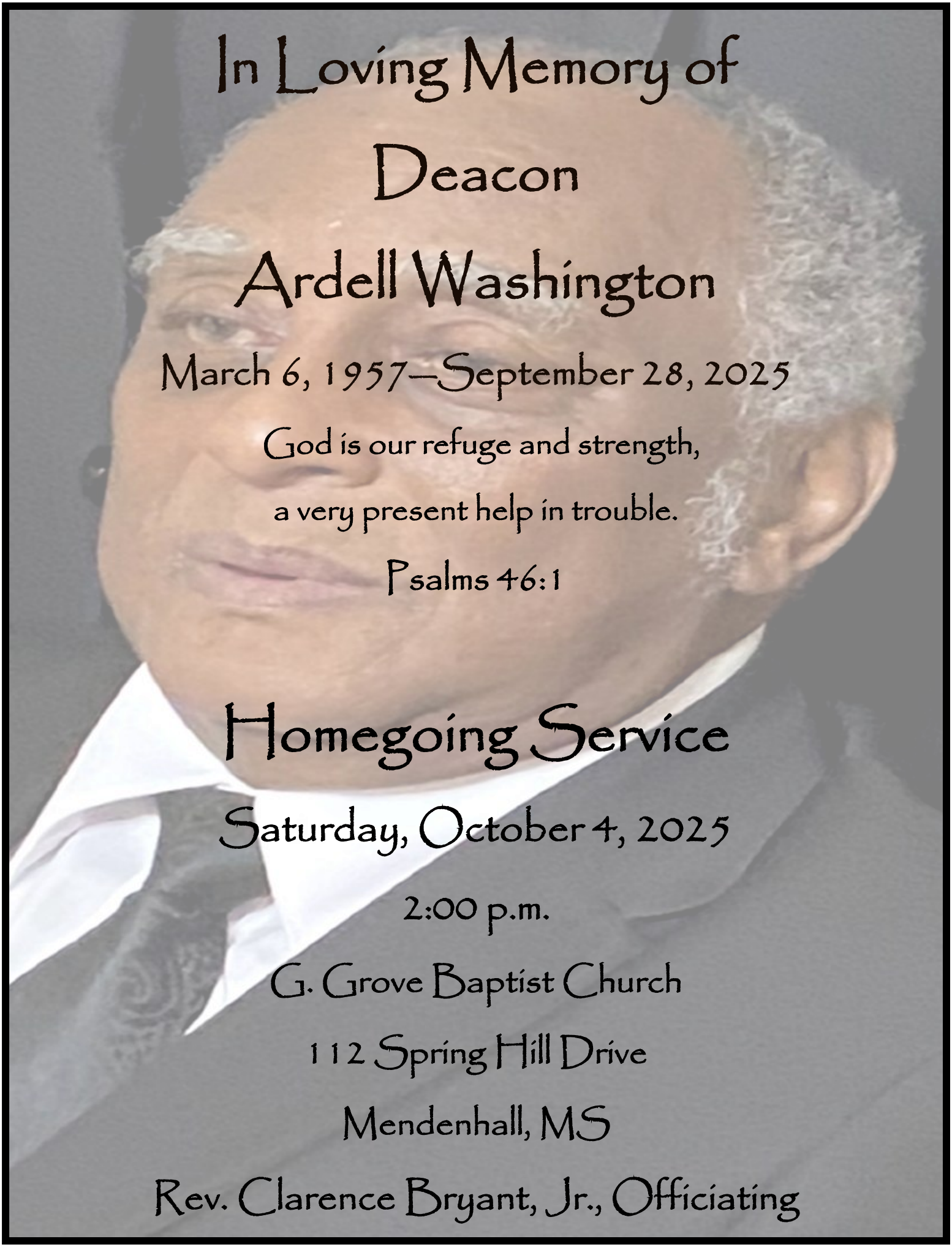


In Loving Memory of

Deacon

Ardell Washington

March 6, 1957—September 28, 2025

God is our refuge and strength,

a very present help in trouble.

Psalms 46:1

Homegoing Service

Saturday, October 4, 2025

2:00 p.m.

G. Grove Baptist Church

112 Spring Hill Drive

Mendenhall, MS

Rev. Clarence Bryant, Jr., Officiating



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Not, How Did He Die

Not, how did he die, but how did he live?
Not, what did he gain, but what did he give?
These are the units to measure the worth
Of a man as a man, regardless of birth.
Not what was his church, nor what was his creed?
But had he befriended those really in need?
Was he ever ready, with word of good cheer,
To bring back a smile, to banish a tear?
Not what did the sketch in the newspaper say,
But how many were sorry
when he passed away?
Author Unknown

23rd Psalm

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

He Is Gone

You can shed tears that he is gone,
or you can smile because he has lived.
You can close your eyes and pray that he'll come back,
or you can open your eyes and see all he's left.
Your heart can be empty because you can't see him,
or you can be full of the love you shared.
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,
or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.
You can remember him only that he is gone,
or you can cherish his memory and let it live on.
You can cry and close your mind,
be empty and turn your back.
Or you can do what he'd want:
smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

Tribute To Our Dad

In the quiet dawn, we feel your grace,
Your guiding hand, your warm embrace.
You taught us strength you taught us pride,
With every step, you walked beside.
Your laughter filled our home with cheer,
A steady voice that calmed our fear.
In every lesson, in every deed,
You planted love, you sowed the seed.
Now as you rest in heaven's light,
Your spirit shines, forever bright.
Though we must part, we're never far,
Your love remains our guiding star.
With every breath and every tear,
We feel you, Dad, forever near.
In memories sweet, in dreams so grand,
Your legacy, a father's hand

Love Deidrick, Darrell, Anicia



A Celebration of Life

A Time to be Born

Ardell Washington was born on March 6, 1957, to L. C. McKinnis and Almeta Pittman in Simpson County.

A Time to Live

Ardell lived a full life enjoying fishing, cooking, eating at Vowell's with friends and family, but most importantly spending time with his children, grandchildren, siblings and his fishing buddies. Ardell attended Simpson County Schools and earned his GED later in life. Ardell was a hard worker and was employed by Sullivan's Hardware Store for many years, serving as a store manager. He was a custodian at Mendenhall High School and served as Alderman for Ward 3 for several years.

Ardell joined G. Grove church at an early age under the leadership of Reverend D. B. Barnes. Ardell was an active member of G. Grove, serving as an usher, a member of the male chorus, a trustee and on January 21, 2024, he was ordained as a deacon of the church under the leadership of Pastor Clarence Bryant, Jr. Ardell loved leading devotion with singing and powerful prayers. He always prayed for the members of G. Grove, the pastor, and especially for his children, grandchildren, and siblings. While singing in the choir he had one song in particular that he would lead, "It's gonna Rain."

A Time of Homegoing

Ardell passed away peacefully at home on Sunday morning, September 28, 2025, after an extended illness. He has now fulfilled his purpose here on earth. Ardell's family and friends though they may weep awhile, should rejoice that he is no longer suffering with pain in his earthly body and should thank our Heavenly Father for the life and laughter he shared with his family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and eight (8) siblings.

A Time to Mourn

Ardell leaves loved ones behind who will cherish his memory: children, Deidrick, Darrell, Anicia (Jeffery) and Anone; siblings, Janice, Wallace, and Delois (Larry), seven grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Order of Service

Mistress of Ceremony, Gloria Johnson

Prelude.....

Processional..... Soft Music

Song..... Jackson Family

Scripture Reading.....

Old Testament..... Pastor Terry Myers

Spring Hill M.B. Church, Florence, Mississippi

New Testament.....Pastor Clint Perkins

St. John Baptist Church, Braxton, Mississippi

Prayer..... Pastor George Graham

Greater Dry Ridge Baptist Church, Mendenhall, Mississippi

Song..... Jackson Family

Words of Comfort.....Pastor Larry Banks, Sr. (Brother-in-Law)

Expressions/Reflections/Remarks (Please limit remarks to two (2) minutes.)

As a Deacon..... Deacon Patrick Belcher

As a Church Member.....Sister Lillie Hardy

As a Neighbor..... Brother John Hardy

As a Friend..... Brother Jerry Gray

As a Family Member.....Chris Jackson

Solo .....Sister Brianna K. Barbour

Obituary..... Read Silently

Acknowledgements .....

Song..... Jackson Family

Eulogy..... Pastor Clarence Bryant. Jr.

Recessional..... Funeral Directors of J & M Funeral Home in Charge

Always on our minds, Forever in our hearts.













Memories











Tribute to our Brother

Ardell, Even though you are gone away,
Your love will always be here to stay.
You touched our hearts with so many things.
God knew you were the one to save,
He took you home to get some rest,
Even though we loved you best.
Our hearts are filled with so much pain,
God loved you more, there was no shame.
At this time we must let go.
Your memories we will keep a flow.
Rest our dear brother with peace of mind,
Your memories will live on through.

Rest In Peace

Janice, Lois, Wallace



Tribute to our Uncle

Our eyes filled up with tears as we heard the news.
It never occurred to us how much we could lose.
We find ourselves wishing that it wasn't real.
Every time we think about it, pain is all we can feel.
Tears fall from our eyes; we can barely see,
But our heart tells us that you'll always be with us.
We are glad you feel no pain now; you live in a perfect land.
We can still feel the soft touch on our shoulder of your loving hand.
We will love and miss you forever,
But until that day when we are together again,
We will wipe tears away
And keep the memories alive in our hearts!

Love,

Nieces and Nephews

Active Pallbearers

Chris Jackson
Larry Banks, Jr.
Anthony Pittman
Thomas Adams
Antony Banks
Michael Adams
Curtis Camper
Pat Jackson

Honorary Pallbearers

Dedrick Washington
Anone Hubbard
Darrell Washington
Glen Albritton

Flower Bearers

Nieces/Cousins

Interment

St. Peter Church Cemetery
Haw Pond Church Road
Magee, Mississippi

Acknowledgement

The family of Ardell Washington wishes to express our sincere thanks for all acts of kindness, love, prayers and support during the loss of our love one. Your kindness will always be remembered. The family is especially thankful to DaVita Brandon Renal Center in Brandon, Mississippi for the care given to our loved one during dialysis treatment.
The Family of Ardell Washington



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"The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, And He delights in his way."
Psalm 37:23 (NKJV)

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