



## Pallbearers

Willbun Dempsey (Honorary)  
Vincent Hamilton  
Rocky Sellers  
Tyrone Willis

Nick Bing (Honorary)  
Glen Foster  
Ike Hymon  
Donald James

Al Overstreet (Honorary)

## Acknowledgements

*Our family would like to express our sincere gratitude for the love and kindness extended to us during our loss.*

*Every card, phone call, text, social media post, visit and even silent prayer was received in love and our faith declares, "ALL IS WELL". Many thanks to the Mt. Tabor Baptist Church family for their encouragement, prayers and support.*

*Blessed are they that serve...*

*We especially want to express our appreciation for those who partnered with us in Mr. Dempsey's home healthcare over the years; the staff of Help at Home-Savannah, and those special individuals who worked with compassion and care: Johnetta Davidson, Gloria Powers, Carolyn Edwards, Steven Nelson, Patricia Walker, Hellaine Walker and Ralston Mclean.*

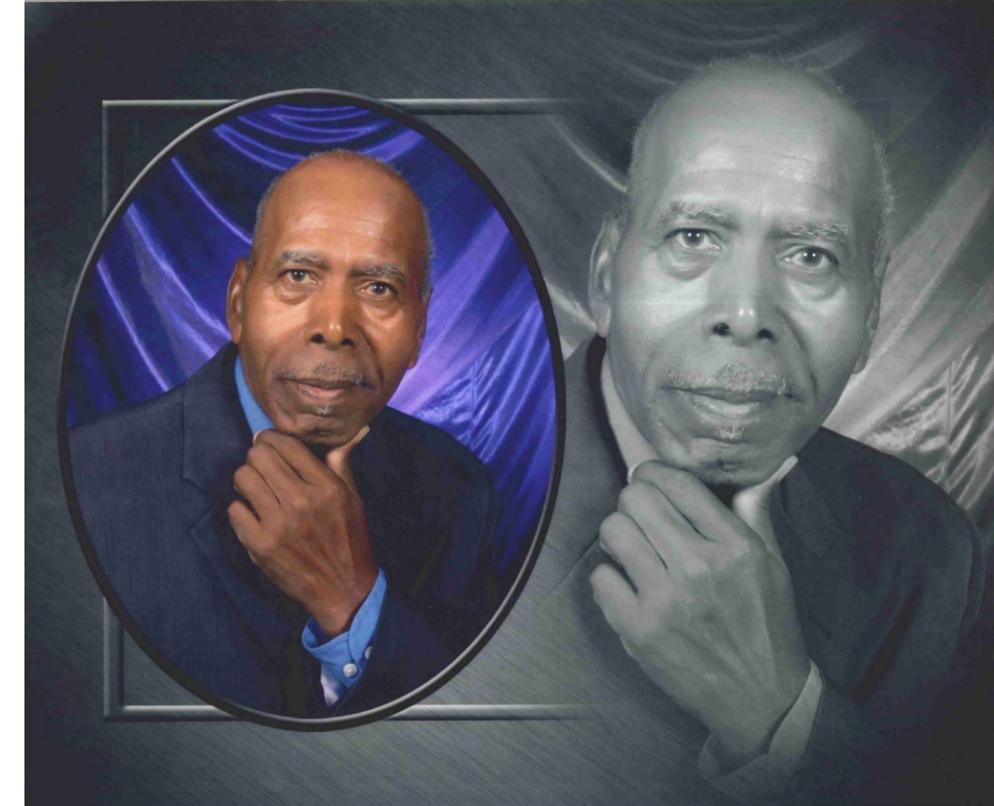
*The Dempsey Family*



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# David Dempsey

Sunrise: November 29, 1941

Sunset: January 14, 2025

Saturday, January 25, 2025 | 10:00 A.M.

**THE ADAMS CHAPEL**

510 Stephenson Avenue  
Savannah, GA 31405



# Obituary

David Dempsey was born on November 29, 1941, to the late Gratten Dempsey and Emma Mae Scott. David was educated in the public-school system of Chatham County. Driven by his passion for trucking, he struck out early in life as a coast to coast, long-distance produce driver. Traveling each end of highway Interstate 95 and beyond several international borders under the call sign, the "Dark Night".

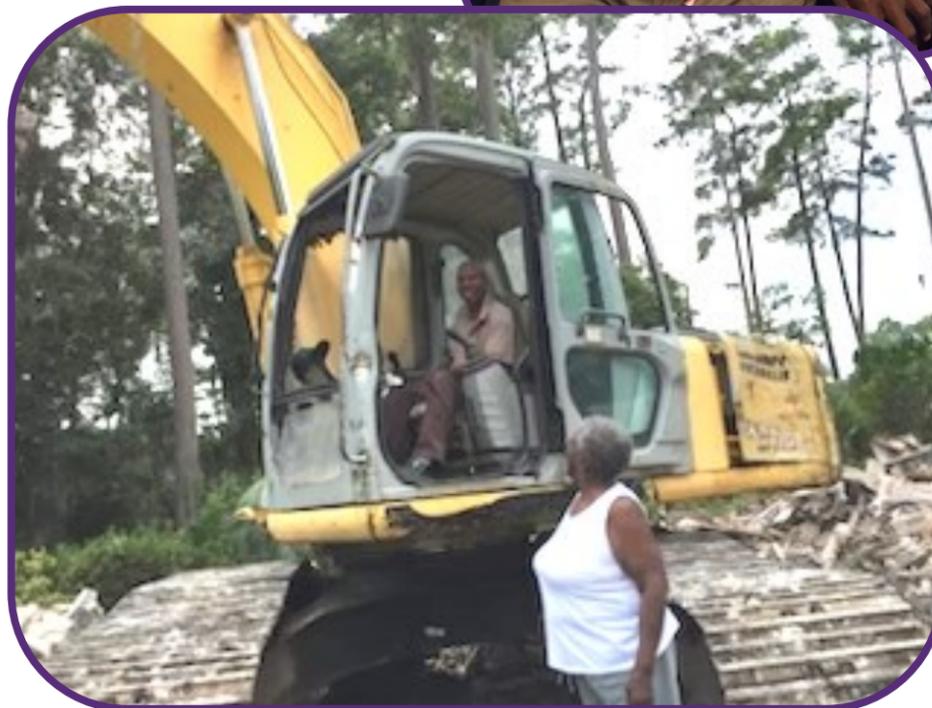
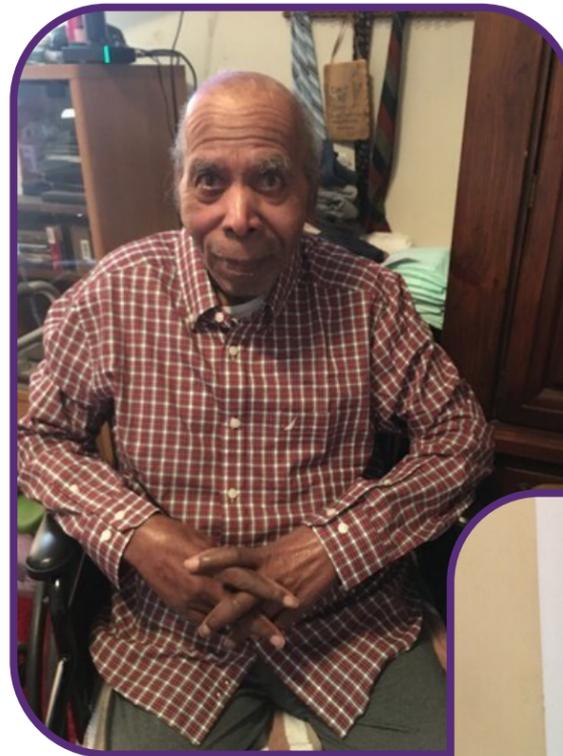
David was also well known and respected as a businessman. He made his mark as an entrepreneur with Dempsey's Auto Repair, R&D Trucking Company, and Tremont Auto Parts, which was 1 of 4 and the only black owned salvage yard in the Savannah area at the time. His final business venture was American Clearing Inc., founded with his wife Rose and spanning over 30 years, providing demolition and construction services to the city of Savannah and surrounding areas.

David found delight in working as he was a true believer in 2 Thessalonians 3:10 "...If anyone will not work, let him not eat." He enjoyed fishing, hunting and classic rhythm and blues music.

He was a member of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church. Later in life, he united with Mt. Tabor Baptist under the leadership of Rev. Franklin D. Blackshear in Savannah, Georgia. He served as a faithful member until his death.

On Tuesday, January 14, 2025, David peacefully transitioned from labor to reward. He was preceded in death by his wife, Rose Lee Golden Dempsey; his children: David Charles Dempsey and Sabrina Dempsey; his siblings: Benjamin H. Dempsey, James E. Dempsey, George W. Dempsey, Earthaleen D. Riley, Devita Henderson (his twin), Betty Fields, Lillie Fields, Willie Mae Fields, Jerry Holmes, Fred Woodard, Dorothy W. Lee, Ned Woodard, Minnie W. Smith, Joseph Woodard, Bobby Woodard, Earnest Woodard, Betty W. Heath, and Lottie W. Johnson.

Left to cherish his memory are his children, Gratten N. Dempsey, Shavon I. (Ralston) Dempsey, Gerald A. (Tanzania) Dempsey, Jeffrey K. Jones, Christopher R. (Kiawana) Dempsey, Lorene D. (Isaiah) McCullum, Stephanie I. Dempsey, Shannon D. (Antonio) Anderson, Vincent C. (Sherri) Hamilton, and Glen E. (Denia) Foster; His sibling, Willbun (Amelia) Dempsey; 22 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives.



# Celebration of Life

Reverend Vernon Howell, Presiding  
Mt. Tabor Baptist Church

Processional

Opening Selection

Prayer of Comfort

Scriptures

Old Testament

New Testament

Selection

Reflection

Resolutions &  
Acknowledgements

Solo

Eulogy

Recessional

Mt. Tabor Baptist Church Choir

Reverend Amelia Dempsey  
St. John Baptist Church, "The Mighty Fortress"

Deacon Milton John  
Mt. Tabor Baptist Church

Brother Mark Sanders, Sr.  
The Potter's House

Mt. Tabor Baptist Church Choir

Mr. Ike Hymon

Minister Janice Smith  
St. John Baptist Church, "The Mighty Fortress"

Mrs. Shavon I. Dempsey

## Service of Interment

Greenwich Section of Bonaventure Cemetery  
330 Bonaventure Road  
Thunderbolt, GA 31404

