

Forever In Our Hearts



Pallbearers

Nephews

Interment

Old Field Cemetery
Off Halter Drive, St. Stephen, South Carolina

Repast

St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

Expression Of Gratitude

The family of Deacon William Dessaure extends our heartfelt gratitude for the many expressions of love, kindness, and comfort shared with us during this time of loss. While our lives are forever changed by his passing, we remain deeply blessed by the cherished memories he leaves behind.

We offer a special thank you to Barbara Jefferson for her exceptional barbering skills, Deacon Freddie & Mary James for their selfless support and kindness, and the Deacons of the Antioch Baptist Association for your thoughtful calls.

May God's love, joy, and peace continue to surround and sustain you all

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
Deacon
WILLIAM
Dessaure

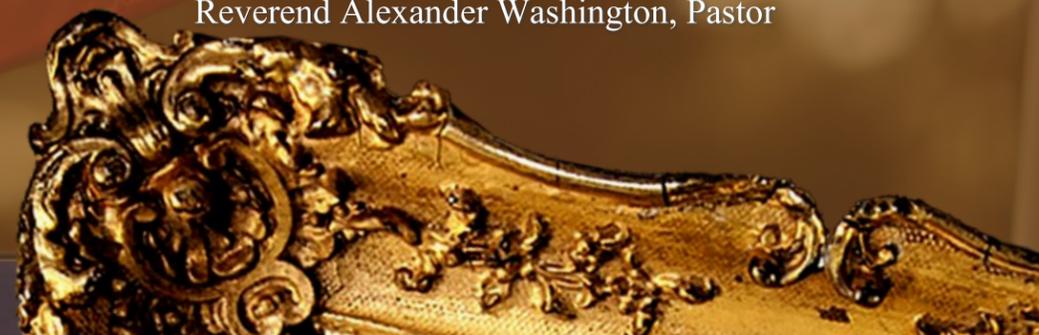
MAY 12, 1936 ~ JANUARY 6, 2024

Monday, January 12, 2025 | 1:30 P.M.

ST. STEPHEN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

272 Church Road | St. Stephen, SC

Reverend Alexander Washington, Pastor



Gone fishing

I've finished life's chores assigned to me,
So put me on a boat headed out to sea.
Please send along my fishing pole
For I've been invited to the fishin' hole.

Where every day is a day to fish,
To fill your heart with every wish.
Don't worry, or feel sad for me,
I'm fishin' with the Master of the sea.

We will miss each other for awhile,
But you will come and bring your smile.
That won't be long you will see,
Till we're together you and me.

To all of those that think of me,
Be happy as I go out to sea.
If others wonder why I'm missin'
Just tell 'em I've gone fishin'!

WILLIAM LIFE Dessaure STORY

Deacon William Dessaure, the beloved son of the late William Jesse Dessaure and Mable Addison Dessaure, was born on May 12, 1936, in Long Island, New York. On January 6, 2025, at his home in St. Stephen, South Carolina, William peacefully transitioned into eternal rest, surrounded by love.

William received his education through the New York public school system and continued his studies at Hofstra University in Long Island, New York. He proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War and was honorably discharged. Following his military service, he began a successful career in construction and later as a civil engineer with Nassau County, New York where his expertise left a lasting impact.

On April 2, 1961, William united in holy matrimony with the love of his life, Estelle Dessaure. Together, they shared many wonderful years and were blessed with three children. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Tonya Dessaure.

William began his walk with Christ at Free Will Baptist Church of Freeport, NY and continued his walk at Grace Cathedral Uniondale, NY. After retiring, William relocated to St. Stephen, South Carolina, where he found a spiritual home at St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church. There, he served faithfully as a Deacon, embodying the spirit of humility and dedication. One of his greatest joys was lifting his voice in song with the choir, especially when singing his favorite hymn, "Because He Lives."

William had a zest for life and many hobbies that brought him joy. An avid fisherman, he cherished time on the water. He also had a passion for restoring cars, including his proudest projects—a 1965 and a 1967 Mustang. He shared his skills and love of cars with young boys in the community, teaching them the art of car repair.

Known for his kindness, humor, and ability to brighten any room, William had a heart for making others laugh and smile. His family was the center of his world, and his legacy of love and devotion will be cherished forever.

Deacon William Dessaure leaves to cherish his legacy: his devoted wife, Deaconess Estelle Dessaure; his daughter, Robin Dessaure Black (Eric Black); his son/grandson, Lorenzo Dessaure McFarlane; his stepdaughter, DeVicky Whitfield (Cliff); and his grandchildren, Cierra Whitfield, Princeton William Dessaure, Rose Elizabeth Dessaure, and Janiylah McKinney Dessaure. He is also survived by his siblings: Jack Dessaure, Mary Milligan, Diane Middleton, Roberta Coward and Jannie Izzard (Wilson); as well as a host of extended family and friends who will deeply miss him.

ORDER OF *Service*

Reverend Delbert Brown, Officiating

PROCESSIONAL
Ministers and Family

OPENING SELECTION
"It Is Well"
Church Choir

SCRIPTURES
Old Testament – Psalm 23
New Testament – John 14:1-6

PRAYER

SOLO
"Beulah Land"
Sister Patricia Johnson

REMARKS (3-5 minutes, please)
Church | Deacon Edward Milford
Community & Antioch Baptist Assoc. | Deacon Joseph Jefferson, Jr.
Community | Deacon Frederick James
Family | Deacon Horace Young
Brother Jack Dessaure

SOLO
Evangelist Rosetta Washington

RESOLUTIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
Sister Trishell Edwards

SELECTION
"Solid Rock"
Church Choir

Words of Comfort
Pastor Alexander Washington

SELECTION
"When We All Get to Heaven"
Church Choir

COMMITTAL

BENEDICTION

