

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Sunrise - January 17, 1946

Sunset - January 3, 2025



**GONE
BUT NOT
FORGOTTEN**

**HUSBAND
FATHER
BROTHER
SON &
FRIEND**

WEST POINT BAPTIST CHURCH
184 HARTFIELD RD.
HATTIESBURG MS. 39402
JANUARY 17, 2025
11:00 am

Pastor Marcus Cathey
Officiating

Jessie Hand

Obituary

Jessie Braggs Hand was born in Handsboro MS, on January 17, 1946, to his birth mother, the late Evelyn Taylor-Fairley, and raised by his adopted parents, the late Herbert and Mable Hand.

Jessie graduated from 33rd Avenue High School and later attended Jackson State University. Answering the call to serve his country, Jessie proudly served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War, where he demonstrated courage and commitment to his nation.

After his military service, Jessie embarked on a long and fulfilling career with Bellsouth, where he was respected for his dedication and hard work for 30 years.

Jessie will be dearly missed by his beloved wife Carolyn, his children Mesa Hand, Kass Hand, Mari Williams(Isaiah Williams), Aricia Pridgen-Ussery(Raymond Ussery), Maurice Pridgen(Bridgette Pridgen), grandchildren Christopher Pridgen, Jeremey Pridgen, Brandon Lawrence, Addison Pridgen, Collier Pridgen, Chandler Pridgen, Peyhton Bracey, host of nieces and nephews, and special friends Clifford James and Tramone Sherdon.

Jessie is survived by his loving siblings Mary Jane Taylor Barkum (Theophilus), and James Taylor Jr. He is preceded in death by his siblings Julia Taylor Jamison(Leon), Sharon Braddy, and Rhonda Taylor.

In our hearts, Jessie's light will forever shine. Rest in peace, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend.



Order of Service



Processional	Pastor and Family
Call to Worship	Pastor Marcus Cathey
Song Selection.....	West Point Praise Team
Scripture Reading.....	Pastor Jamieson Magee
Prayer.....	Minister Wiley Quinn
Song Selection.....	West Point Praise Team
Military Ceremonial Tribute.....	Veteran Services
Expressions.....	Deacon Maurice Williams, Minister Vasean Graham, Deacon Weathers Trask, Minister Norris Taylor
Song Selection.....	West Point Praise Team
Eulogy.....	Pastor Marcus Cathey





Acknowledgement

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all friends, family, and loved ones who have gathered here today to honor and remember Jessie. Your presence provides comfort and strength during this difficult time.

The outpouring of love, support, and shared memories has been a source of solace for our grieving hearts. We are profoundly grateful for your kind words, gestures, and the genuine compassion you have shown.

In this collective remembrance, we find solace and the reassurance that Jessie's impact will endure in our hearts. Together, we celebrate a life well-lived and find solace in the cherished memories we hold dear.

Thank you for your love, support, and understanding during this tender moment. Your presence is a testament to the bonds we share, and your compassion has brought light to our darkest hours.

With deepest gratitude,
Carolyn Hand and Family