

Processional	
Call to Worship	Rev. Dr. Pierre J. Crawford, Th.D.
Open Hymn	“Oh, Lord, I Want You to Help Me” Center Baptist Church Hymn Choir and Men’s Choir
Old Testament	Pastor Floree Williams Ministries of Hope Christian Church, Stafford, VA
New Testament	Pastor Michael Mackins Mt. Pleasant AME Zion, Gastonia, NC
Prayer of Comfort	Minister
Selection	Deacon Keith Connor
Acknowledgements	Deaconess Doris Barber
Remarks (2 minutes)	Bro. EB Costner Bro. Henry Harvey Bro. Brian Jackson Min. Walter Blake
Reading of Obituary (Silently)	
Hymn of Preparation	“Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah” Center Baptist Church Hymn Choir
Eulogist	Rev. Dr. Pierre J. Crawford, Th.D. Senior Pastor, Center Baptist Church, Gastonia, NC
Closing Selection	“I’ll Take You There”
Recessional	
—Interment— Center Baptist Church Cemetery Gastonia, North Carolina	

Floral Bearers  
Ushers

Pall Bearers  
Men Ministry and Grandchildren

I lived my life the best I could,  
I chose my path just like I should.  
The road has ended now you see,  
My soul and spirit have been set free.

Those I left behind to mourn,  
The ones I've helped and watched be born,  
My children I loved and cherished so much,  
The ones I leaned on, they were my crutch.

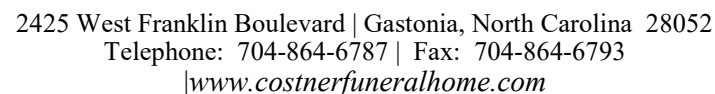
They were there in the past few days,  
For the late night visits and overnight stays,  
Now I must travel this road alone,  
With nothing to carry, just these old bones.

Remember me for the good times and bad.  
Remember the smile I always had.  
These are the things to remember me for,  
I gave all I had and so much more.

Appreciate the things that life have to give,  
You only have the one life to live.  
So take the time to live it right,  
Then you can see God's heavenly light

Center Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

The Family would like to thank all of those folks who unselfishly lent a helping hand to assist the Porter Family with cutting and stacking wood (especially when Edward could no longer do it) lawncare, a fresh shave and haircut, brought meals to the house, all the cards, calls, texts, monetary gifts, home, house, hospital and hospice visits, just to say we're checking on and thinking about you. It was truly appreciated!!!



SEPTEMBER 14, 1934 — MARCH 4, 2024

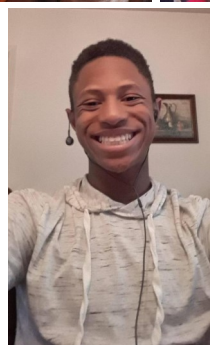
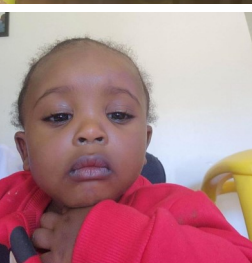
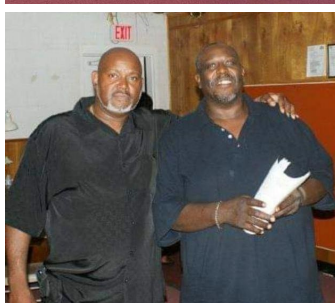
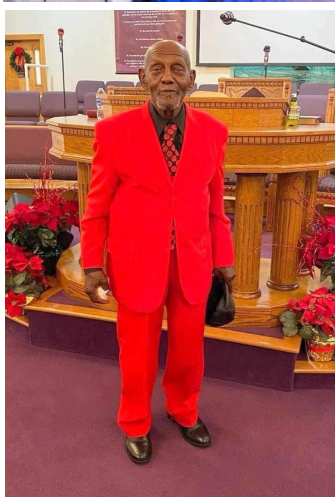
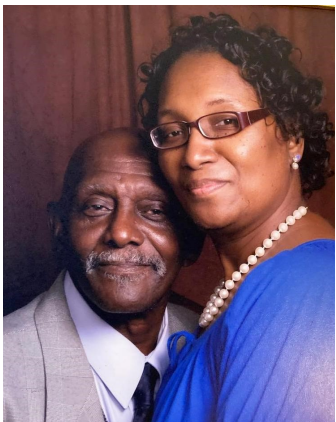


SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024 3:00 PM

CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH  
GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. DR. PIERRE CRAWFORD, TH.D., SENIOR PASTOR  
OFFICIATING





On Monday, March 4, 2024, Edward William "Paw Paw" Porter departed this life at Robin Johnson House, Dallas N C. We celebrate today because he's in his heavenly place with Jesus. Edward will not have to endure any more back pain, no congestive heart failure, no, "I've had better days", because every day will be "howdy, howdy: and never goodbye. Edward will be able to meet his parents, Wesley and Maggie Porter, his sisters, Betty Porter, Marcia Renee Porter, brother, Franklin Porter and Edward's wife of over 40 years Doristheen Leak Porter, and son Edward Porter, Jr.

Edward entered this life September 14, 1934, in York, S C, He graduated from Highland High School Gastonia, NC. He served in the Army. He drove for Consolidated Freight Trucking Company and retired from Teamsters Local 71. He loved to ride his motorcycle with his family and friends.

Edward grew up on Biggers Street of Gastonia, NC and occasionally attended The House of Prayer and Friendship Baptist Church.

There are many words to describe him: Jack of all Trade, Master of None, hard worker, family man, neighborly, knowledgeable, ability to touch so many lives in and out of the church and within the community, was a Friend to all.

Edward was a member of the following ministries at Center Baptist Church: Trustee, Kitchen, Parking, Usher, Van and Backpack Food Pickup,

He will be remembered and cherished by his wife of 15 years, Dale Cobb Porter, son, Kelvin Porter (Jane) Gastonia, NC, sisters, Bessie Fennell (Melvin Sr., deceased) Philadelphia, PA, Arlene Liggins (Pernell ) Ellicott City, Maryland, brothers, John Quincy Porter (Elizabeth) Augusta, GA, Erskine Porter Gastonia, NC; grandsons, Christopher Porter and Greg Cathcart Gastonia, NC, and Kelvin Porter (Chantel) Shelby, NC; step-children to Ed: Karen Sharpe, Kannapolis, NC, and Kevin Sharpe, Jr. (Amy) Rock Hill, SC; step-grand, Justin Sharpe, Colorado Springs, CO and Charisma Washington, Kannapolis, NC, step-great-grand, Isabella; sister-in-law, Pearlene "Peaches" Porter; 5 great grandsons, and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

