

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF



REVEREND  
**JAMES L.  
REID**

SEPTEMBER 23, 1959 – AUGUST 4, 2023

*Celebrating* **REVEREND JAMES L. REID**  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2023 | 10 AM

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**PAINE COLLEGE GILBERT-LAMBUTH  
MEMORIAL CHAPEL**

1235 Fifteenth Street | Augusta, Georgia  
Reverend Dr. Melvin Ivey, Presiding  
Reverend Dr. Frederick D. Favors, Officiating

**... ORDER OF SERVICE ...**

**MUSICAL PRELUDE** | Helinszi Martin

**PROCESSIONAL** | Clergy, Family, & Friends

**INVOCATION** | Reverend Dr. Melvin Ivey

**SCRIPTURES**

Old Testament | Reverend George Smith  
New Testament | Reverend Daniel Ramsey

**SELECTION** | Jovonda Jones, "I SHALL WEAR A CROWN"

**PRAYER OF COMFORT** | Minister Mario Lott

**SILENT READING OF THE OBITUARY**

**SPECIAL READINGS**

Tribute to Brother, Stuyvesant M. Reid, Sr. | Tribute to Papa, Nicholas D. Reid, Jr.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS** | Kinsey & Walton Funeral Home Staff

**REFLECTIONS** | Please limit to 3 minutes

Deacon Johnnie Williams, Ms. Frenchie Taylor, Mr. Bobby Moore, Dr. Elias Etinge

**SELECTION** | Jovonda Jones, "May the Work I've Done Speak for Me"

**WORDS OF COMFORT** | Reverend Dr. FREDERICK D. FAVORS

SPRINGFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH, THOMSON GEORGIA

**RECESSIONAL**

**2 TIMOTHY 4:7-8**

*I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up  
for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: And  
not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing.*



# *Reflections of A Life Well Lived*

On the afternoon of August 4, 2023, **REVEREND JAMES L. REID** peacefully entered the arms of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Reverend James L. Reid served as Pastor of Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church (Forest Hills) for the past sixteen years. He was a guiding light in our community, a man of unwavering faith who touched countless lives with his wisdom, compassion, and genuine kindness. With a heart full of love for God and his congregation, he tirelessly shared the teachings of hope, forgiveness, and unity, reminding us all of the power of faith and the importance of helping those in need.

Before answering his spiritual calling, Pastor Reid served his country with honor as a dedicated Marine. His commitment to duty, honor, and service was an inspiration to his fellow Marines and a testament to his unyielding dedication to a higher purpose. Through the challenges he faced and the sacrifices he made, he embodied the true essence of a Marine, standing as a beacon of strength and resilience.

Beyond the pulpit, Pastor Reid proudly served as the Chief of Campus Safety at Paine College for thirteen years. As Chief of Campus Safety, he demonstrated his dedication to the protection and security of the Paine College family. With a keen sense of responsibility, he worked tirelessly to create a safe and welcoming environment for all, earning the respect and gratitude of students, faculty, and staff alike. As the Facility Director of the Augusta Regional Youth Development Center, he worked tirelessly to create a safe-haven by fostering growth, education, and development. His passion and dedication to his calling has made an indelible mark on the youth, faculty, and staff and will forever reverberate through the lives he touched. Beyond his pastoral and military roles, Pastor Reid was a loving husband to Josalyn whose partnership was marked by deep love, mutual respect, and unwavering support. His 38-year marriage was a shining example of what it means to be a true partner in life, sharing joys and sorrows while navigating the journey hand in hand.

As a father and papa, Pastor Reid was a source of boundless joy and unwavering encouragement. His stories of faith, service, and life's lessons provided invaluable guidance as he passed on his wisdom to his beloved children and grandchildren, nurturing them with love and a sense of purpose. His family was his anchor, and he cherished every moment spent together creating cherished memories that will forever warm their hearts.

Though he may have passed from this earthly realm, the impact of Pastor Reid's life will forever resonate in the hearts and minds of those who were fortunate enough to know him. Let us remember him for his unwavering faith, his selfless service, his boundless love, and the countless lives he touched during his journey on this earth. As we honor his memory, may we strive to embody the virtues he held dear and carry forward his legacy of compassion, bravery, and dedication to the well-being of others.

Pastor Reid is survived by: his devoted wife, Josalyn; their children, Nicholas and Mia; their treasured grandchildren Nicholas Jr., Eva and Titan; his son, James Jr. and daughter, Erica; grandchildren, Xavier, Lauryn, Byron, Zaria, Mylez, and Montez; three brothers, Stuyvesant Sr., Sylvester Jr., and Sebastian; and a host of extended family, friends, congregation, and all who were touched by his presence.



# IN LOVING MEMORY *of* MY BELOVED HUSBAND

In the garden of my heart, you are forever planted, a cherished and irreplaceable presence that time can never erase. As I pause to reflect on the beautiful tapestry of our life together, I am overwhelmed by gratitude for the 40 years we shared, the love we nurtured, and the memories we created.

You were not just my husband; you were my confidant, my partner in laughter and tears, and my rock through the storms of life. Your unwavering support and enduring love have shaped me into the person I am today. The warmth of your smile, the gentleness of your touch, and the strength of your embrace are etched in my heart, providing comfort in your absence.

Our journey was a testament to the power of love, the beauty of companionship, and the strength of unity. Through every challenge we faced, we stood together, hand in hand, proving that even in the darkest of times, the light of our bond could guide us through. Your wisdom and guidance were a beacon of hope, and your unwavering faith in us carried us through life's trials.

As I think back on the moments we shared – from the simple joys of a quiet evening at home to the grand adventures that took us to far-off places – I am reminded of your infectious laughter, your insatiable curiosity, and your boundless zest for life. Each day was an opportunity for us to grow, to learn, and to love deeper.

Though you have embarked on a new journey beyond this world, your spirit remains alive in the memories we crafted, the love we cultivated, and the legacy you've left behind. I find solace in the thought that you are watching over me, guiding me still, as you always have.

As I bid you farewell for now, I hold onto the promise that one day, we shall be reunited in the realm where time knows no boundaries. Until then, I will carry your love in my heart, drawing strength from the indelible mark you've left on my soul. Your memory will forever be a source of inspiration, a reminder to live with the same passion and love that you shared with me.

Rest well, my boo, and know that you will forever be missed and cherished. Your love has given me a lifetime of beautiful memories to hold onto, and as I navigate this world without you by my side, I will strive to honor your legacy by living a life filled with the same love and kindness that you bestowed upon me.

... WITH ALL MY LOVE, JOSALYN "JOS" ...



  
TIL *Death*  
DO US PART...



# TO THE WORLD'S GREATEST DAD

A tribute to you, the guiding light of our lives. From the first steps we took to the heights we now reach, you've been there every step of the way. Your unwavering support, boundless love, and unending wisdom have shaped us into who we are today.

You've been our rock, teaching us life's lessons with patience and understanding. You've shown us the value of hard work, the importance of empathy, and the beauty of seeing the world with wonder. Your laughter has filled our home with joy, and your strength has been our source of courage.

Through all the highs and lows, you've remained a pillar of strength and a beacon of hope. Your sacrifices, big and small, have not gone unnoticed. You've put our needs above your own, showing us the true meaning of selflessness.

Your stories have ignited our imagination, your advice has guided us through dilemmas, and your presence has made every moment memorable. You've cheered us on in our victories and provided comfort in our defeats.

As we journey through life, we carry your teachings in our hearts. Your legacy lives on in the values we hold, the choices we make, and the love we share. Your influence is imprinted on us, a testament to your enduring impact.

This tribute is not just a collection of words; it's a heartfelt expression of gratitude and admiration. Thank you for being the best dad anyone could ever ask for. Your love is a gift that keeps on giving, and we are blessed to call you our father.

... WITH LOVE AND APPRECIATION, NICK AND MIA ...





# Papa's Gone to Heaven

One quiet day the angels came  
And took Papa far away  
But in the stillness of the night  
I could almost hear him say

"Dear grandchildren, I will miss you.  
You mean so much to me,  
But Jesus called me to His side  
In Heaven will I be.

A place of God's great beauty  
No tears or earthly cares,  
Only peace a joy forever  
And love beyond compare.

So remember all the good times  
Don't think about the sad,  
Treasure all the special moments  
Through the years we've always had.

And if you trust in Jesus  
I can promise this and more  
You will get a hug from Papa  
Someday on Heaven's golden shore."









## *Pallbearers*

Theodore Wilson  
Juan Moore, Sr.  
Juan Moore, Jr.  
Donell Collins  
Samuel Horton  
Michael Beck



## *Come With Me*

The Lord saw you getting tired  
And a cure was not to be,  
So He put His arms around you  
And whispered, "Come with me."  
With tearful eyes, we watched you suffer  
And saw you fade away,  
Although we loved you dearly,  
We could not make you stay.  
A golden heart stopped beating,  
A beautiful smile at rest,  
God broke our hearts to prove  
He only takes the best.

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We, the family of the late Reverend James L. Reid,  
wish to thank you for your caring thoughts and acts of kindness.  
Your comforting words, cards, telephone calls, food, visits,  
and prayers have served as a reminder  
that we are not alone during this time of our loss.  
We shall always remember how your  
love sustained us and shall pray that God will  
continue to bless you as you have touched us.

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