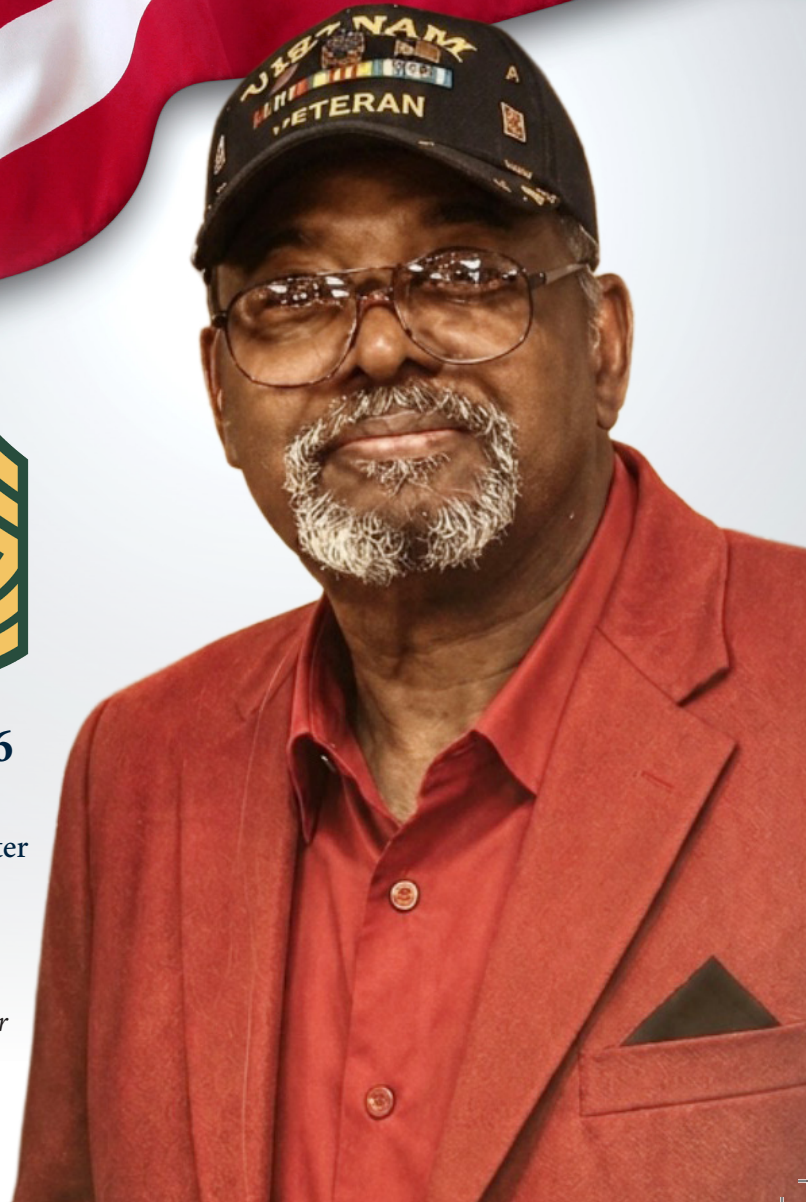


Celebration of Life for
COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR (RET.)
**BEAUFORD HARRISON
TRAYLOR, SR.**



Wednesday, July 8, 2026

10:00 A.M. (EST)

Zion Rest Baptist Church Heard Center
Valley, AL

Rev. Frederick Stanley, *Pastor*

Rev. Dr. Ralph Thompson, *Senior Pastor*
Bethany United Methodist Church,
Officiating



Obituary

With profound love, gratitude, and heartfelt remembrance, we celebrate the remarkable life of Command Sergeant Major (Ret.) Beauford Harrison Traylor Sr., a devoted man of God, loving husband, dedicated father, proud grandfather, respected veteran, and cherished pillar of the community.

At an early age, Beauford accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. His unwavering Christian faith remained the foundation of his life and guided every role he fulfilled—as a husband, father, soldier, mentor, and friend. His quiet strength, wisdom, humility, and servant's heart were evident in the way he lived each day and in the countless lives he touched.

Beauford received his education in West Point, Georgia, and proudly graduated from Harrison High School in 1961. Those formative years helped shape the character and discipline that guided him throughout his life. The values instilled in him during his upbringing remained evident in his service, career, and devotion to family and community.

In 1963, Beauford answered the call to serve his country by enlisting in the United States Army. Through discipline and exceptional leadership, he rose through the enlisted ranks to become a retired Command Sergeant Major, one of the highest honors attainable by an enlisted soldier. His distinguished military career reflected his commitment to excellence, integrity, and selfless service. He served with pride and carried himself in a way that inspired those who knew him.

While serving his country, Beauford also broke barriers in his civilian career. Affectionately known throughout the community as “Mr. Cableman,” he became the first African American cable technician in the local area. Entering a profession where few people looked like him, he faced discrimination and prejudice with dignity, perseverance, and professionalism. Rather than allowing those challenges to discourage him, he let his work ethic and character speak for him. His dedication earned the respect of coworkers and customers alike, and he faithfully served in that profession for more than 30 years, paving the way for others who would follow.

Above all his accomplishments, Beauford treasured his family. For 60 beautiful years, he shared a loving marriage with the love of his life, Mavis Traylor of Lanett, Alabama. Together, they built a home rooted in faith, love, sacrifice, and commitment. Their bond stood as a lasting example of partnership and enduring love.

He was preceded in death by his loving parents, Theodore Traylor Sr. and Mary Florence Brooks-Traylor; his brother, Theodore Traylor Jr.; and his sister, Patricia Jones.

He leaves to cherish his precious memory his beloved wife, Mavis Traylor of Lanett, Alabama; his daughters, Tina Glaze of Valley, Alabama; Eurika (Kelby) Ramsey of Lanett, Alabama; Mia (Richard) Crim of Valley, Alabama; LaQuica (Selester) Horton of Lanett, Alabama; and Tinecia Traylor of Valley, Alabama. He also leaves his son, Beauford Traylor Jr. (Tara Johnson) of Valley, Alabama, and his beloved godson, Martez Sheperd of Atlanta, Georgia.

His grandchildren, who brought him tremendous pride and joy, are Robert Traylor Sr., Tay Glaze, Eric Cooper, Taylor Harper, Kaelin Crim, Khylor Booker, Kourtney Ramsey, and Kynnedi Crim. He also leaves behind 13 cherished great-grandchildren, each of whom held a special place in his heart.

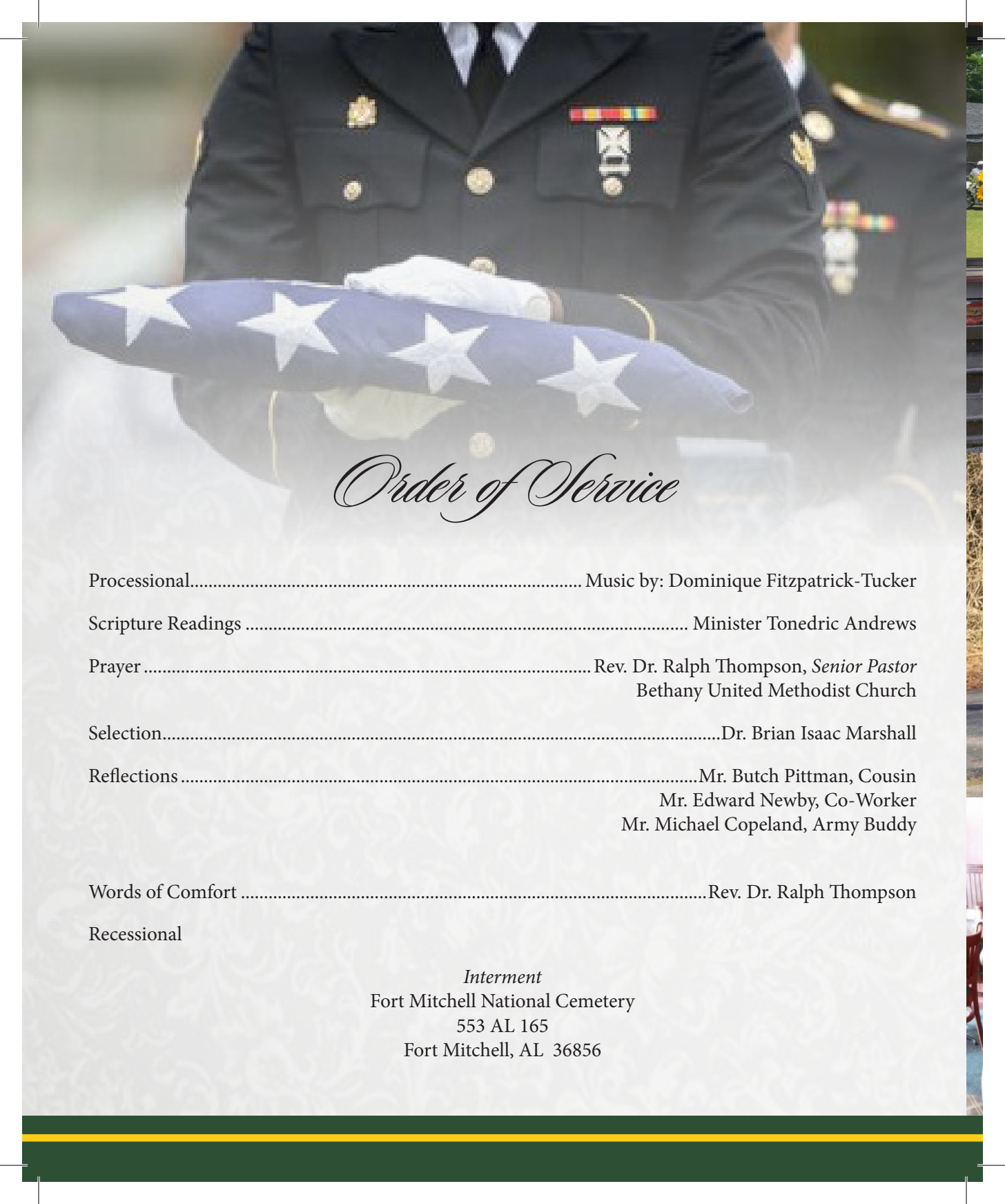
He is also survived by his sisters, Frances Traylor of Las Vegas, Nevada; Barbara Traylor of Valley, Alabama; and Brenda (Walter) Reid of Stone Mountain, Georgia. He leaves two brothers-in-law, Marvin (Helen) Askew and Randy Askew, both of Valley, Alabama; two sisters-in-law, Frances Askew and Barbara Traylor, both of Lanett, Alabama; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members, dear friends, fellow veterans, and countless individuals whose lives were enriched by his kindness and example.

Those who knew Beauford knew a man who believed in hard work, honesty, and treating everyone with dignity and respect. Whether wearing the uniform of his country, serving his community as “Mr. Cableman,” or spending time with those he loved, he carried himself with quiet confidence and integrity. His wisdom, humor, compassion, and steady presence will forever remain in the hearts of those privileged to know him.

Though our hearts are heavy with sorrow, we rejoice in knowing that he has exchanged earthly labor for eternal rest. His race has been run, and he now rests peacefully in the presence of his Lord and Savior.

“Well done, good and faithful servant.” – Matthew 25:23

His faith, service, courage, and love will live on for generations to come.

A person in a dark blue military uniform with gold buttons and medals is holding a folded American flag. The background is a soft-focus outdoor setting.

Order of Service

Processional..... Music by: Dominique Fitzpatrick-Tucker

Scripture Readings Minister Tonedric Andrews

Prayer Rev. Dr. Ralph Thompson, *Senior Pastor*
Bethany United Methodist Church

Selection.....Dr. Brian Isaac Marshall

ReflectionsMr. Butch Pittman, Cousin
Mr. Edward Newby, Co-Worker
Mr. Michael Copeland, Army Buddy

Words of ComfortRev. Dr. Ralph Thompson

Recessional

Interment
Fort Mitchell National Cemetery
553 AL 165
Fort Mitchell, AL 36856



Until We Meet Again

The house is quieter now.

No booming voice, no playful laughter, no gentle reminders to keep us all in line. You loved loudly, laughed freely, and cared deeply. You were strong, steadfast, and always made sure our family knew we were loved.

For sixty years, God blessed me with the privilege of walking through life by your side. Through every joy, every challenge, and every season, you were my greatest blessing, my best friend, and the love of my life.

Though my heart aches in your absence, I am grateful for every memory we made, every laugh we shared, and the beautiful family we built together. Your love will forever echo in our hearts, just as your voice once echoed through our home.

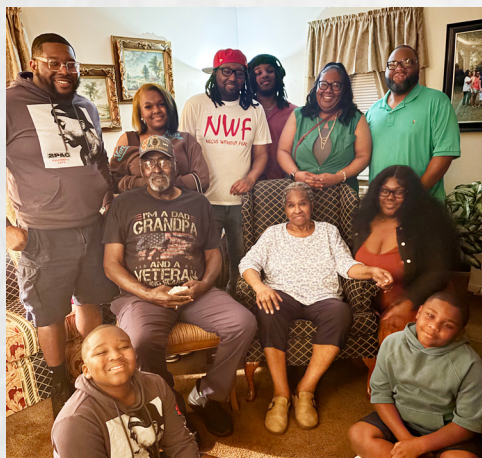
Rest peacefully, my love. Until God calls me home, I will cherish our sixty wonderful years and carry you with me every day.

With all my love,
Your Bear Meat, Mavis





Precious Memories







Pallbearers
Grandsons

Flower Bearers
Family and Friends

Acknowledgments

The family of Command Sergeant Major (Ret.) Beauford Traylor Sr. wishes to express our sincere appreciation for every prayer, phone call, visit, floral arrangement, act of kindness, and expression of love shown during this difficult time. Your compassion and support have strengthened us more than words can express. May God richly bless each of you for your thoughtfulness.



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