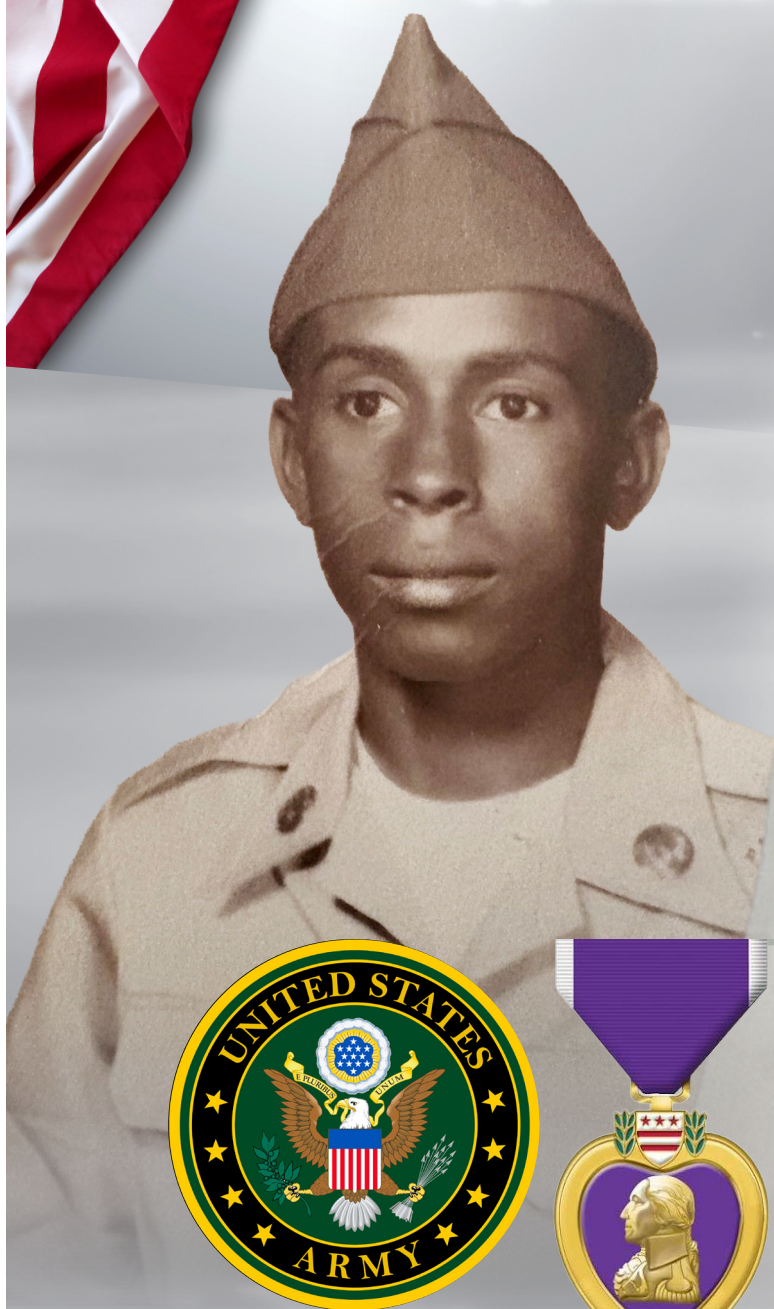


Celebration OF LIFE FOR
**MR. WILLIE GENE
“JO JO” STEVENS**



**Wednesday, July 15, 2026
12:00 P.M. (EST)**

Burrell Chapel A.M.E. Church
639 Lee Road 276 | Cusseta, AL 36852

Rev. Wayne Baker, *Pastor/Officiant*

Obituary

And He said unto me my grace is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in weakness.

II Corinthians 2:9

Mr. Willie Gene Stevens was born on January 25, 1949 to the late Mr. Thomas Frank Stevens and Mrs. Ruby Frazier Stevens. At an early age, he confessed Christ as his personal Savior and united with the Burrell Chapel A.M.E. Church where he remained until his death.

“Jo Jo”, as he was affectionately known, was loved by all who knew him. He always greeted those he met with a warm handshake or a smile. He loved working in his garden, riding his lawnmower, and attending the Beulah Center. He loved sharing vegetables he grew in his garden with not only his neighbors, but with anyone who asked. He served his country in the United States Army and received an Honorable Discharge.

Preceding him in death in addition to his parents was his sister, Velma Snipes. “Jo Jo” gained his wings and went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, July 9, 2026 in the comfort of his home surrounded by his family who loved him dearly.

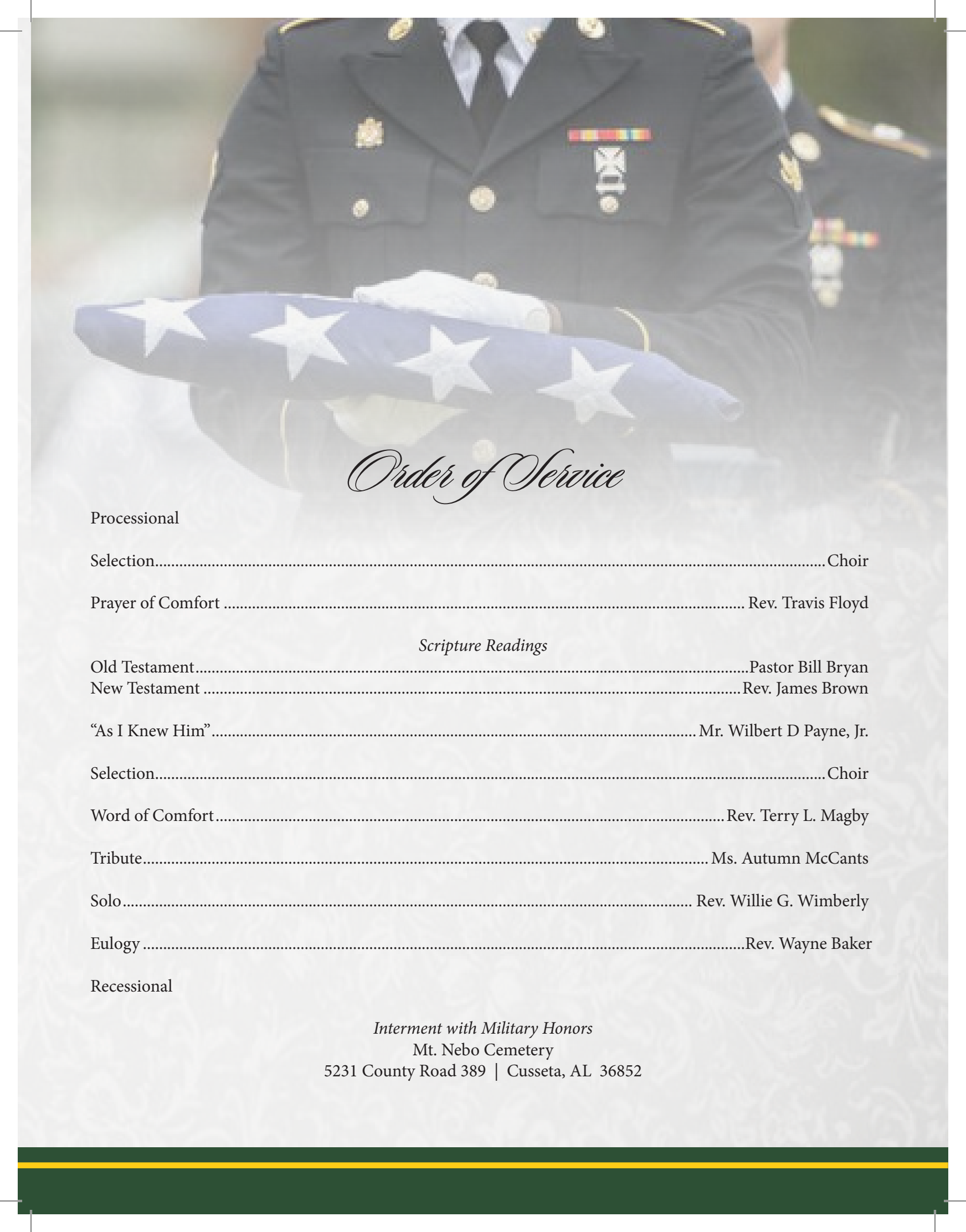
His memory lives on in the hearts of: his devoted wife of 42 years, Virginia Stevens, Cusseta, AL; daughter, Leslie (Marcellus) Benton, Cusseta, AL; son, Willie Harper, Montgomery, AL; granddaughter, LaCresa Benton, Cusseta, AL; sister, Frances (Lonzie) Portis; brother, Royzell Stevens; two god daughters, Autumn Faith McCants and Alexis Murphy; brothers-in-love, Lamar (Carla) Harper, Larry (Norma) Harper, Kenny Harper and George Harper; sisters-in-love, Frances Harper, Mary (Jerry) Phillips and Ruby Dean Moss; special friends who were like family, Mattie Word, Connie Harper, Angela Mangram, Wilbert Payne, Jr. and Andrew Butler, Jr.; and, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.



MISS ME BUT LET ME GO

When I come to the end of the day
And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room
Why cry for a soul set free.
Miss me a little, but not too long
And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love we once shared,
Miss me but let me go.
For this is a journey we all must take,
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the maker's plan
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart
Go to the friends we know.
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds,
Miss me but let me go.

Lovingly submitted,
Leslie, Willie and LaCresa



Order of Service

Processional

Selection.....Choir

Prayer of Comfort Rev. Travis Floyd

Scripture Readings

Old Testament.....Pastor Bill Bryan

New Testament Rev. James Brown

“As I Knew Him” Mr. Wilbert D Payne, Jr.

Selection.....Choir

Word of Comfort..... Rev. Terry L. Magby

Tribute..... Ms. Autumn McCants

Solo..... Rev. Willie G. Wimberly

EulogyRev. Wayne Baker

Recessional

Interment with Military Honors
Mt. Nebo Cemetery
5231 County Road 389 | Cusseta, AL 36852



Pallbearers
Nephews

Flower Bearers
Nieces

Acknowledgments

The Family of the late Mr. Willie Gene "JoJo" Stevens wishes to express their sincere gratitude for all acts of kindness shown them during the death and bereavement of our loved one. Our prayer is that God will continue to bless each of you for the love you have shown.



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