

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE



Willie Lee
CLEMENTS, SR.

SUNRISE
June 14, 1932



SUNSET
April 28, 2025

May 4, 2025
2:00 PM

ST. PAUL CME CHURCH
463 Sewell Road
Grantville, Georgia 30230

Pastor Montavious Brinson, Presiding

Flower Bearers
Grandchildren

Pallbearers
Grandchildren

Interment
GRANTVILLE CITY CEMETERY
124 Griffin Street
Grantville, Georgia

Repast
CLEMENTS-MALCOLM
RECREATION CENTER
Griffin St. Park
329 Griffin Street
Grantville, Georgia

Acknowledgement

The family of Willie Lee Clements, Sr., is grateful for all that you have done to comfort our hearts, to share our sorrow, and to strengthen our hope in the resurrection. Your faith has reinforced our faith, your hope has confirmed our hope, and your love has helped to heal our hearts. We extend special thanks to City of Hope and Sacred Journey Hospice. May God richly bless each of you!

The Family

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OBITUARY

*"To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck what is planted."
Ecclesiastes 3: 1-2*

A TIME TO BE BORN:

Willie Lee was born June 14, 1932, to the late Earnest Clements, Sr., and the late Lola Kate Clements.

A TIME TO LEARN AND SERVE:

Willie Lee grew up in the Zion Hill Community and attended the Meriwether County school system. Early in life, he joined the St. Paul Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, where he served faithfully until his health declined. He served in various capacities: Steward Board, Trustee, Male Chorus, and Building Fund Committee. He served in the United States Army from 1952 to 1954 as a Corporal. He entered into the workforce at Georgia Power. Shortly afterwards, he found his passion and started his career with the City of Newnan Police Department; he was one of the first African Americans to join the Police Department. He was promoted as the first black detective on the force and it was just a matter of time before he would become Sargent and finally Lieutenant. He served with the department for over twenty-eight years before retiring in 1994. He joined Coweta Fayette EMC, where he was the first African American to serve on the policy making board from Coweta County. He retired after forty-four years of dedicated service. He also served as Boy Scout Leader, mentoring young boys as well as member of City Council for over twenty years with the City of Grantville. Throughout his career, he was recognized as a trailblazer for making changes in the African American communities.

A TIME TO LOVE:

On October 29, 1955, he was united in holy matrimony to Bobbie Jean Bohannon. Together, they were the proud parents of five children.

A TIME TO BE AT PEACE:

*"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 is appearing.
II Timothy 4:7-8."*

On Monday, April 28, 2025, he peacefully transitioned to an eternal sleep at his residence.

A TIME TO REJOICE:

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Bobbie Jean Clements; daughter, Mary Nell Rosser; grandsons, Reginald Johnson and Bennie Fuller; great-grandson, DeMorrio Fuller; sons-in-law, Stalin Williams and John Rosser; siblings, Annie Mae Morris, Reverend Ike Reese, Ernest Hunter, Earnest Clements, Jr., and Bishop Nelson Clements; and sisters-in-law, Sarah Clements, Annie Ruth Clements, and Gloria Hunter. The bridge to which he leaves to cherish his loving memories includes: his children, Willie Lee, Jr. (Theresa), Gerald (Tina), Vickie Williams, and Alonza Bohannon; grandchildren, Latonya Fuller (John), Christopher Owens, Darrell (Kimberlea) Owens, Shawon Barber, Greg Clements (Toni), Penny Hill (Eric), Stephanie Clements, Dantra Clements (Andrea), Stalin Williams, Jr., Tiffany Clements, Tabitha Clements, Tasha Clements, and Shun Williams (Cassey); brother, James Clements; sister-in-law, Shirley Ann Clements; special nephew, Devon Pace (Victoria); and special friend, Ollie Parks. Others to cherish his memories include great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Precious Memories



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Order of Service

Prelude

Processional..... Choir/Male Chorus

Solo Deacon Louis Jackson

Prayer..... Reverend James Parks

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Reverend Carl Ellis

New Testament Reverend Dr. E. L. Jimerson

Tributes of Remembrance

Church Mrs. Beverly Ball

Newnan Police Department..... Retired Chief Buster Meadows

Newnan Police Department..... Retired Deputy Chief Rodney Riggs

Grantville City Council..... Elder Ruby Hines

Coweta Fayette EMC

Family..... Granddaughter, Ms. Latonya Fuller

Family Power Point Presentation

Selection..... Choir, Male Chorus

Eulogy Reverend Montavious Brinson

Acknowledgement Grandson, Christopher Owens

Recessional/Song Choir, Male Chorus

Life Well Lived

*A life well lived is a precious gift,
Of hope and strength and grace,
From someone who has
Made our world
A brighter, better place.*

*It's filled with moments, sweet and sad
With smiles and sometimes fears,
With friendships formed
And good times shared
And laughter through the years.*

*A life well lived is a legacy,
Of Joy and pride and pleasure,
A living, lasting memory
Our grateful hearts will treasure.*

Willie Lee Clements Sr.

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The Day God Took You Home

*You never said, "I'm leaving."
You never said, "Good-bye."
You were gone before I knew it,
And only God knew why.
A million times I needed you;
A million times I cried.
If love alone could have saved you,
You never would have died.
In life, I loved you dearly;
In death, I love you still.
In my heart, you hold a place
That no one could ever fill.
It broke my heart to lose you,
But you didn't go alone.
Part of me went with you
The day God took you home.*

