

## *Flower Bearers*

## *Casket Bearers*

*Family & Friends*

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### **"My Last Request"**

*Please don't say that I gave up just say that I gave in.  
Don't say I lost the battle, For it was God's war to lose  
or win.*

*Please don't say how good I was, but that I did my best.  
Just say I tried to do what's right, to give the most I  
could, not less.*

*Please don't give me wings or halos, That's for God to  
do. I want no more than I deserve. No extras, just my  
due.*

*Please don't give flowers, or talk in harsh tones. Don't  
be concerned about me now, I'm well with God, I have  
made it home.*

*Don't talk about what could have been, its over and  
done. Just see to all my family needs. The battle has  
been won!*

*When you draw a picture of me, don't draw me as a  
saint. I've done some good, I've done some wrong....So  
use all of your paint. Not just the bright and light  
tones. Use some gray and dark.*

*In fact, don't put me down on canvas, just paint me in  
your heart.*

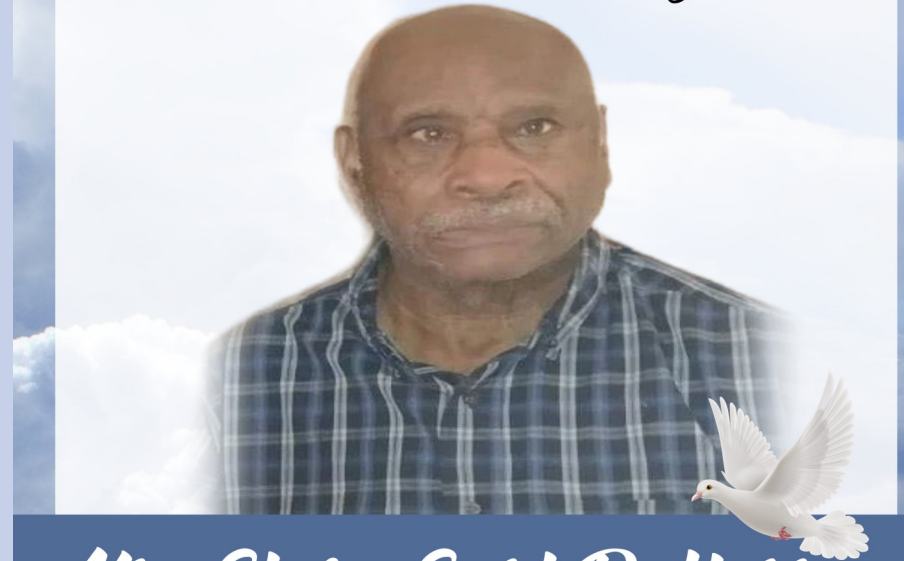
*Don't just remember all the good times, but remember  
all the bad, For life is full of many things. Some happy  
and some sad. But if you must do something, then I have  
one last request: Forgive me for the wrongs I've done  
and with the love that's left, Thank God for my soul's  
resting. Thank God for all who loved me, and praise God  
who love me the best*

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In Loving  
Memory



*Mr. Elvin Earl Patterson*

MAY 5, 1940 - MARCH 12, 2024

~SERVICE~

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024  
3:00PM

New Bethel Baptist Church  
281 Georgia Avenue  
Summerville, GA

Pastor Kevin Roach, Eulogist

*Sunrise:*  
*May 5, 1940*

*Sunset:*  
*March 12, 2024*

# *Life Reflections*

## *For*

### *Mr. Elvin Earl Patterson*

*God in His infinite wisdom and power called Mr. Elvin Earl Patterson home Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at Oakview Health Rehabilitation Center where he was a resident.*

*Mr. Patterson was affectionally call “Crop” or “Tash” by his family and friends. He was born May 5, 1940 to the late James Patterson, Sr. and Delia McMichael Patterson.*

*Mr. Patterson was preceded by his five brothers, Nathaniel, Joe, James, Emmanuel, and John Wesley Patterson. He was a member of New Bethel Baptist Church.*

*He is survived by his devoted close friend and caregiver for many years, Ike M. Henderson and family; a host of nieces, nephews, loving cousins; and many friends. Special thanks to the Staff at Oakview Health Rehabilitation Center and the Summerville Community.*



# **The Order of Homegoing Service**

Prelude .....Musician  
Processional

Selection.....

## **READING OF GOD’S HOLY WORD**

Old Testament & New Testament.....Ministers

Prayer of Comfort.....Minister

Selection.....

Eulogy .....Pastor Kevin Roach

Recessional.....Musician  
Postlude

## **Committal, Prayer, Benediction & Interment Pond Spring Cemetery Lyerly, Georgia**



## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

*With grateful hearts, we the family of Mr. Elvin Earl Patterson wish to say “Thank You” to each of you for your many expressions of love and sympathy extended during the homegoing of our loved one. We thank God for having blessed us with you.*

**~THE FAMILY~**