

I WILL ALWAYS

Love You

*My only regret is that
If I had known
That the last time I saw you,
Would be the last time
I saw you,
I would have hugged you
A little tighter,
Told you I loved you
A little louder,
And stayed by your side
A little longer.*

*My mind knows that
You are gone,
But my heart will
Never accept it.
I miss you so much.*

Your Wife, JoAnn



HONORARY PALLBEARERS
Deacons of Mount Zion Baptist Church
Gadsden High School Class of 1971

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS
Grandsons and Nephews

HONORARY FLOWER BEARERS
Deaconess of Mount Zion Baptist Church
Gadsden High School Class of 1971

ACTIVE FLOWER BEARERS
Granddaughter, Nieces and Great-Nieces



INTERMENT
Lincoln Hill Cemetery
408 Miller Avenue
Gadsden, Alabama 35903



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Words can never fully express our gratitude for your prayers, food, texts, and care shown towards us during the passing of our loved one. We thank you and will never forget each act of kindness. A special thank you to Pastor Z. Andre' Huff and Mount Zion Baptist Church. "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love."

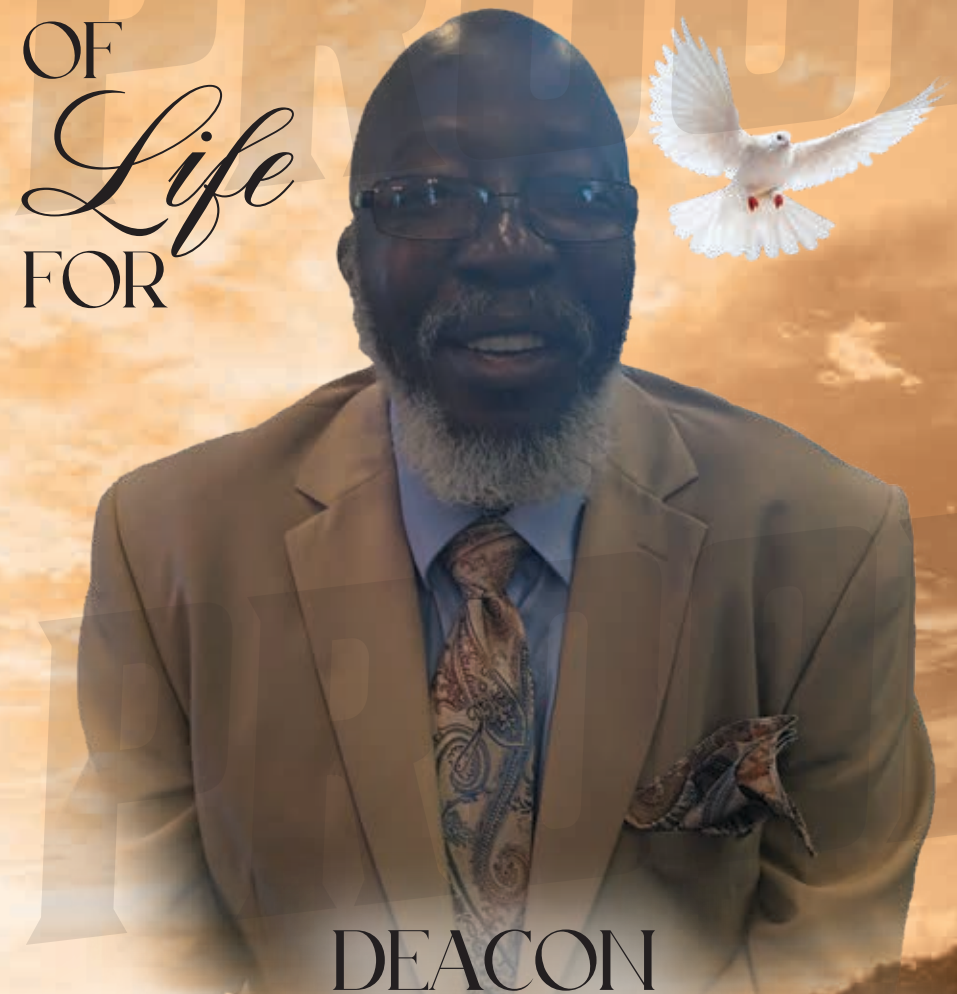
The Latham Family

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A CELEBRATION
OF
Life
FOR



DEACON

Ferender Douglas
LATHAM, SR.

SUNRISE

February 5, 1952



SUNSET

October 14, 2024

Saturday, October 26, 2024
1:00 PM

MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
508 Allen Street
Gadsden, Alabama 35903

Rev. Z. Andre' Huff, Officiant and Eulogist

OBITUARY

*“We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.”
II Corinthians 5:8, NKJV*

Ferendez Douglas Latham, Sr., was born on February 5, 1952, to the late Willie Herman and Willow Dean Latham in Gadsden, Alabama. He was the third oldest of six children born to this union.

He accepted Christ at an early age and united with the Mount Zion Baptist Church.

He was a member of the Angelic Choir, star player on the church softball team, Boys Crusader Auxiliary Leader and a member of the Charlie Nelms Singers. After returning to Gadsden, he reunited with the Mount Zion Baptist Church and was ordained a Deacon, and served with the Culinary Ministry and as President of the Male Chorus.

Ferendez “Fert” Latham was educated in the Gadsden City school system and graduated from Gadsden High School in 1971. After graduating from high school and attending the Technical College, Ferendez “Fert” was employed at Merita Bakery. In 1977, he moved to Pontiac, Michigan, and was employed at General Motors for several years. He later returned to Gadsden, and was employed at EMCO. In 1987, he moved to Stone Mountain, Georgia, and was employed at Electromagnetic Sciences, Inc., as a Grinder in the machine area. As his responsibilities increased, he was promoted to Senior Grinder. After retiring from Electromagnetic Sciences, Inc., he returned to Gadsden, Alabama.

On December 1, 2017, he was united in holy matrimony with JoAnn Parker.

On October 14, 2024, he entered into eternal rest. He is preceded in death by his parents, his grandparents, two siblings, and two nieces.

Those left to cherish his memories are: his wife, JoAnn Latham; four children, Christopher (Christi) Ash of Gadsden, Alabama, Lashunda Latham of Anniston, Alabama, Ferendez (Calandria) Latham, Jr., of Munford, Alabama, and Maurice (Lisa) Latham of Waterford, Michigan; bonus daughter, Erica Parker, Stacey (Jason) Davenport, Nova Swain, Tiffany Parker, Shantel Parker, Chad Parker, and Isiah (Chelsea) Parker; three sisters, Shirley Latham, Yvette Latham, and Vivian Pace of Gadsden, Alabama; one special sister, Yvonne Chapman of Lafayette, Georgia; nine grandchildren, De’Varderick Latham, Devan Ash, Ferendez Latham, III, Maurice Latham, Jr., Khristopher Ash, Vivian Biles, Breanna Latham, Cayden Latham, and Brayden Latham; three great-grandchildren, Aniyilah, Genesis, and Breeze Latham; one uncle, Reverend Lumsie Fisher; special aunt, Sophilene Champion of Annie Manie, Alabama; special bonus daughter, Sheena Ash; five nieces, Bridgett, Tonya, Patrice, Micca, and Paij; two nephews, Patrick and Reginald; special friends, Janice Harrison, Terry Smith, Randy Jones, Marcia Kendrick, Quincy Brisker, Odessa Evans, Cecil Ferguson, and Johnny Rhodes; as well as a host of great-nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

PRECIOUS MEMORIES



ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional..... *Soft Music*

Selection..... *Choir*

Prayer..... *Rev. Lumsie Fisher*

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament *Mr. Reginald Fisher*

New Testament *Minister Paij Patterson*

Selection..... *Choir*

Tribute *“Love Letter”
Ms. Breanna Latham, Granddaughter*

Reflections *Two Minutes, Please*

Duet *Mrs. Renita Davis and
Mrs. Benita Jemison*

Words of Comfort *Bishop Tonya Latham*

Acknowledgements..... *Mrs. Odessa Evans*

Duet *Mrs. Renita Davis and Mrs. Benita Jemison*

Eulogy *Reverend Z. Andre’ Huff*

Recessional

Committal for Burial *Reverend Ezell Robins*