Pallbeavers

Class of 1972, Calhoun County Training School
Deacons of First Baptist and Nephews

Interment

Bethel Memorial Gardens

460 High Pine Road Ashland, Alabama 36251

Acknowledgement

The family of Pastor Henry A. Sterling wishes to express their deepest and sincerest thanks and appreciation to everyone for their many kind gestures of condolences, sympathy and love that was extended to them during their time of bereavement.

Special thanks to Enhabit Home Health and Hospice.

~The Family

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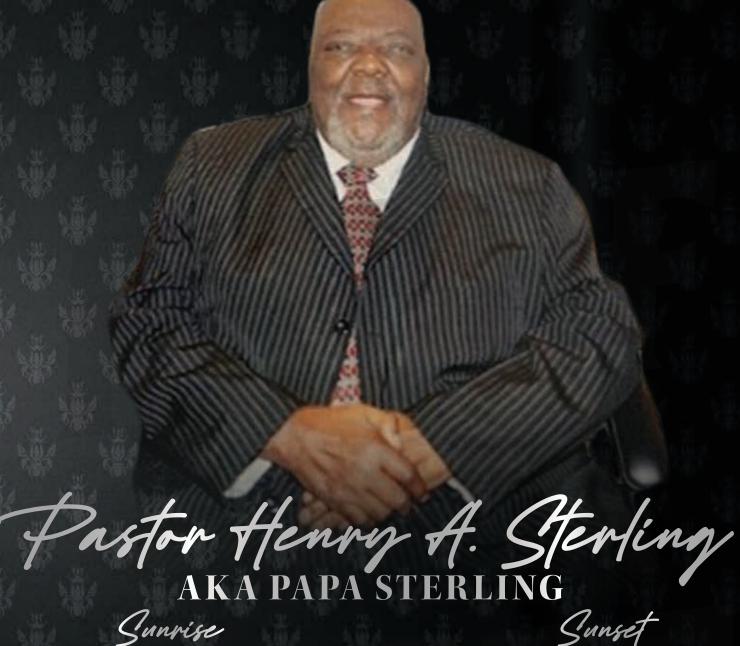
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CELEBRATION OF LIFE & HOMEGOING SERVICE FOR



June 9, 1952

Saturday, December 21, 2024 12:00 Noon **December 12, 2024**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH EAST GADSDEN

1411 Meadowbrook Avenue (Green Pastures) Gadsden, Alabama 35903

> Pastor Ralph Jelks, Jr., Officiating Dr. Melvin Owens, Eulogist

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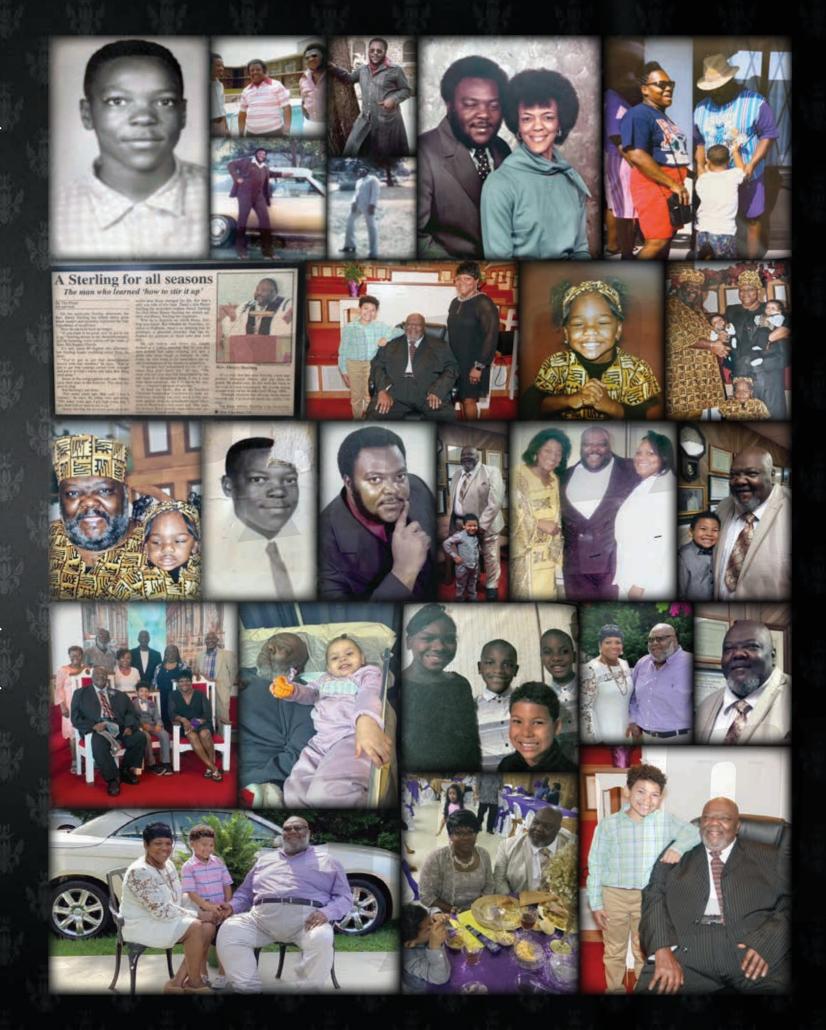
ASTOR HENRY ALBERT STERLING, born June 9, 1952, as the only son, and youngest of four children to the late Pastor Henry G. and Lossie M. Carter Sterling. A native of Calhoun County, Anniston, Alabama. Educated in the Calhoun County School System at Thankful Jr. High, and Calhoun County Training School. He received his former education and training from Gadsden State Jr. College, Birmingham Baptist Bible College, and Howard College (Samford University).

As a lad he traveled with his dad from church-to-church learning about God and establishing a foundation for the work God would commission him to do. On the third Sunday of January 1973, Pastor Henry A. Sterling preached his first public sermon at Mt. Liberty Baptist Church in Anniston, Alabama, under the leadership of Pastor A.A. Scales.

Since that time Pastor Sterling has traveled this country preaching, protesting and marching, trying to bring liberty to the oppressed, trying to lift the fallen and free the captive. "He who the Son set free, is free indeed." He was an employee of the National Southern Christian Leadership Conference (S.C.L.C.) and worked directly under the late Reverend John S. Nettles, to whom he credits for teaching him to be the leader he was. Pastor Sterling received many awards and honors from churches and organizations throughout the United States. Pastor Sterling served as Pastor of Hollins Spring Baptist Church, Hollins of Alabama, Bethel Baptist Church of Ashland, Alabama, as well he moved his membership to Bethel from Mt. Liberty, Pleasant Grove Baptist Church of Wedowee, AL, and First Baptist Church - East Gadsden (Green Pastures) of Gadsden, AL.

Pastor Henry A. Sterling was preceded in death by his father and mother, Reverend Henry G. and Mrs. Lossie M. Carter Sterling, and one sister, Mrs. Sara Teague.

Pastor Sterling leaves to mourn his passing, cherish his memory and celebrate his life: his loving wife, Rosa Sterling of Ashland, AL; three sons, Mr. Jomarlan (Cassandra) Ford of Montgomery, AL, Traskey (O B) Ford and Mr. Amari Ballard of Ashland, AL; two sisters, Mrs. Annie (Charles) Turner of Eastaboga, AL, and Mrs. Juanita Montgomery of Oxford, AL; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.



Precious Memories



Ander of Service

Processional	Soft Music
Selection	Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church Choir
Prayer	Pastor Z. Andre Huft
	Mt. Zion Baptist Church East Gadsden
Scripture Readings:	
Old Testament	Pastor Clifford Ballard
	First Thessalonian Missionary Baptist Church, Dayton, OH
New Testament	Pastor Patrick Vandegrift
	Morning Star Baptist Church, Attalla, AL
Selection	Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church Choir
As a Pastor	Sister Mary Carstarphen-Kelly
As I Knew Him	As a Civil Rights Leader: Hycall Brooks III
	The Lions Cross, Hueytown, AL
As I Knew Him	As A Friend: Pastor Ben Little
	Refuge Full Gospel Methodist Church, Anniston, AL
Words of Encouragement	Mrs. Annie Minniefield
Reflections	Family & Friends
Solo	Rosa Sterling
Presentation of Speaker	Pastor Chris Taylor
	First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, AL
	Dr. Melvin Owens
	Pastor of Mt. Zion Missionary Bantist Church
	President of Alabama State Missionary Baptist Convention, USA INC
Floral Tribute	Gadsden Memorial Funeral Director
Recessional	Soft Music
Committal and Interment	

