

- *Order of Service* -

Processional..... Clergy and Family

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Pastor Lewis Askew

New Testament Pastor Melvin Kelley

Prayer of Comfort..... Pastor Curtis Vines

Music Selection Shaffeka Wallace

Reflections of Love and FriendshipTwo Minutes, Please
Pastor Daniel Todd
Pastor Winfred McCoy

Music Selection Ramon Harris

Eulogy Pastor Shandor Calloway

Recessional

- *Pallbearers* -
Family and Friends

- *Flower Bearers* -
Family and Friends

- *Interment* -
St. Luke C.M.E Church Cemetery
3400 County Road 94
Lafayette, Alabama 36862

- *Repast* -
The Venue on Alabama Avenue E
5 Alabama Avenue
Lafayette, AL 36862

- *Acknowledgment* -

The family of Frankie Whitlow wants you to know that God has enriched our lives with friends like you. We appreciate the kindness that you have shown to us during our time of bereavement. Your words have been heard, prayers have been felt and your deeds most graciously have been noted, we thank you and may God bless each of you.

The Family

IN MEMORIAM

May we take this opportunity to express sincere and deep appreciation for allowing us to serve you during this most difficult period. It is our constant aim to afford to the people of this community a service completed in all details and faultlessly executed with sympathy and understanding.

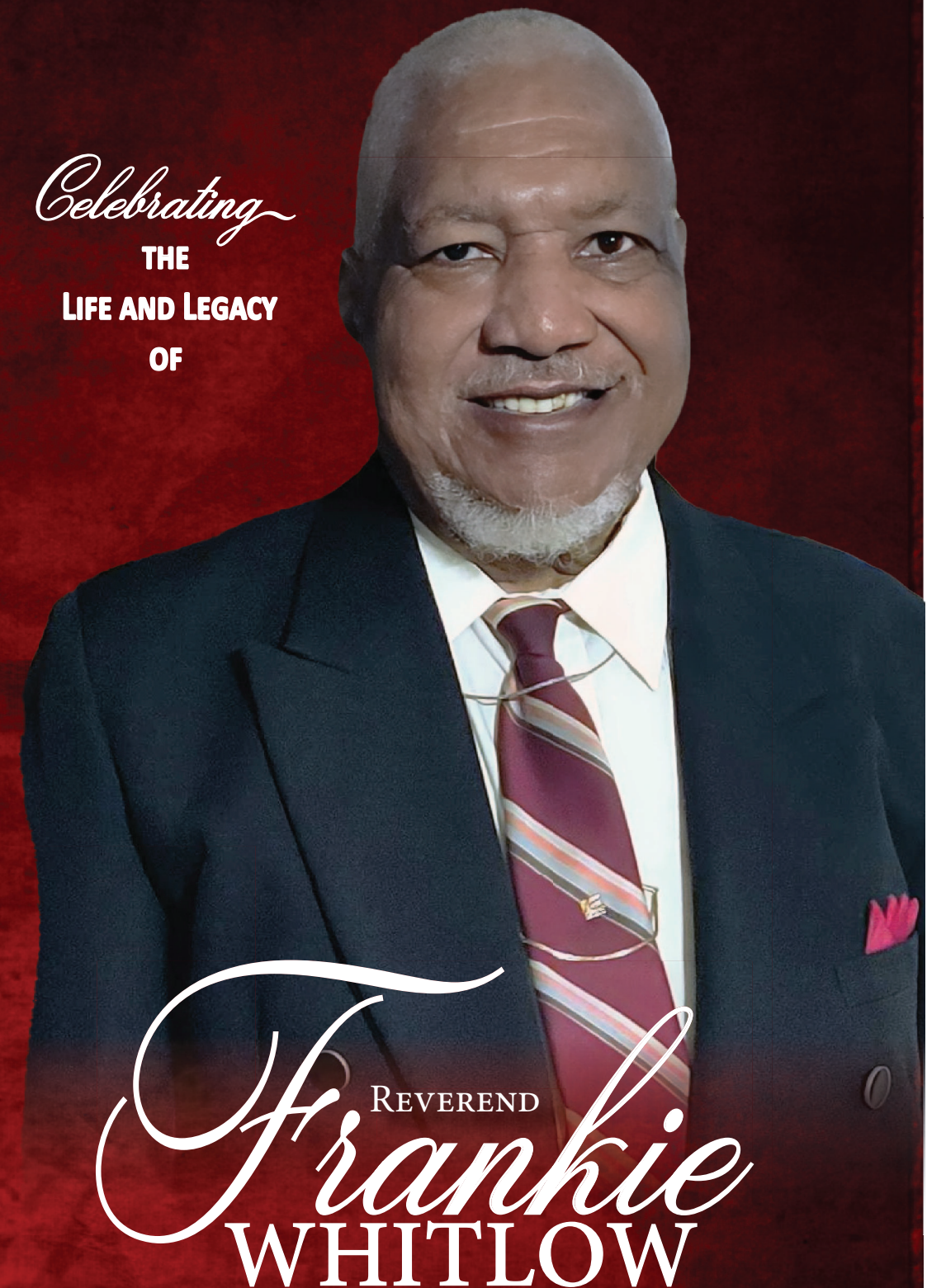


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Celebrating
**THE
LIFE AND LEGACY
OF**



REVEREND
Frankie
WHITLOW

SUNRISE: NOVEMBER 2, 1950

SUNSET: AUGUST 4, 2024

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2024 • 1:00 P.M.

NEW MOUNT SELLERS BAPTIST CHURCH
660 Avenue A, SE • Lafayette, AL 36862

REVEREND TERRY MAGBY, PASTOR
PASTOR SHANDOR CALLOWAY, EULOGIST

– Obituary –

Our beloved Reverend Frankie Whitlow was a devoted husband, a loving father, doting grandfather, a caring brother, a respected member of the community and a faithful man of God.

Reverend Frankie Whitlow, son of the late Mr. Leroy Whitlow and Mrs. Lizzie Ware Whitlow, was born November 2, 1950, in Jefferson County, Alabama. As a preadolescence, Frankie relocated to Lafayette, Alabama and became a lifelong resident of this community. His values of hard work, respect for others and sense of community resulted from having grown up in this close-knit community. He attended school in the Chambers County School District and received his high school diploma from Lafayette High School in 1970.

Frankie's attendance at Sunday School and worship services as a youth impacted his spiritual life. He confessed Christ at an early age. Later in his life, he accepted a call to the ministry and became an ordained minister. Committed to his profession of faith, Reverend Frankie Whitlow was a faithful member of St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church, where he served as Associate Pastor. Although Reverend Whitlow loved his family, employment, and his community; his first love was God. Ministry became his passion and endeavored throughout his days to live a life worthy of this call. His love for the 'word' will always be remembered.

Frankie met Minnie and it was love at first sight. He knew immediately that she was his soul mate. They were married, November 2, 1973, on a special autumn day. Minnie became Frankie's bride on his 23rd birthday. This union was blessed in heaven and spanned more than 50 years, honoring Frankie's pledge to love, honor, cherish, and protect her, "till death do them part". To their union their only and beloved daughter Lekisha increased this bountiful blessing from above.

Frankie was employed for many years by West Point Pepperell. He later worked for Kroger from which he retired after several years of service.

Frankie loved people and enjoyed engaging them in conversations. He had an extraordinary ability to remember facts and details and could be quite opinionated during these

conversations. He was good with tools and loved tinkering with cars and other things. His well-manicured yard was his pride and an object of admiration.

Reverend Frankie Whitlow exchanged mortality for immortality and returned home to his Heavenly Father on Sunday, August 4, 2024, at the East Alabama Medical Center in Opelika, Alabama. He was preceded in death by his endeared bonus mother, Mrs. Mattie Whitlow.

Loved ones left to cherish his memories are his loving and devoted wife, Minnie Whitlow of Lafayette, AL; his daughter, Lekisha Whitlow (Toriano) Madden of Opelika, AL; granddaughter, Nikera Durr of Atlanta, GA; grandson, Twylane Madden of Opelika, AL; four sisters, Juanita James (Thomas) Muhammad of Bessemer, AL, Brenda Cunningham, Linda Whitlow and Vicki Whitlow all of Birmingham, AL; two brothers, Ricky (Johnicia) Whitlow and Milton Whitlow both of Birmingham, AL; special cousins, Annie Ruth Bailey and Ruby Thomas both of Atlanta, GA; two sisters-in-law, Joann Booth of Opelika, AL and Marie (Robert) Askew of Ellenwood, GA; one brother-in-law, Billy (Mary) North of Loachapoka, AL; a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, family, friends, love ones, church family and an endeared community.

– God Saw –

God saw the road was getting rough,
The hill was hard to climb;
He gently closed those loving eyes
And whispered, "Peace Be Thine."

God saw that you were weary
So He did what He knows best.
He came and stood beside you,
And whispered, "Come and rest."

The weary hours, the days of pain,
The sleepless nights have passed;
The ever-patient worn-out frame
Has found sweet rest at last.

You bid no one a last farewell,
Not even a goodbye.
You were gone before we knew it,
And only God knows why.

