

### *He Set Me Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call,  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to work, or play.  
Task left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of the day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you all the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I've savored much,  
Good friend, good times, and loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time may seemed all to brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now,  
He has set me free!*

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation  
the many expressions of love, concern and kindness  
extended to us during our of bereavement.

May God bless each one of you.

**THE DAWSON FAMILY**

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OF

# Tony Dawson



"MARVIN"

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# Obituary

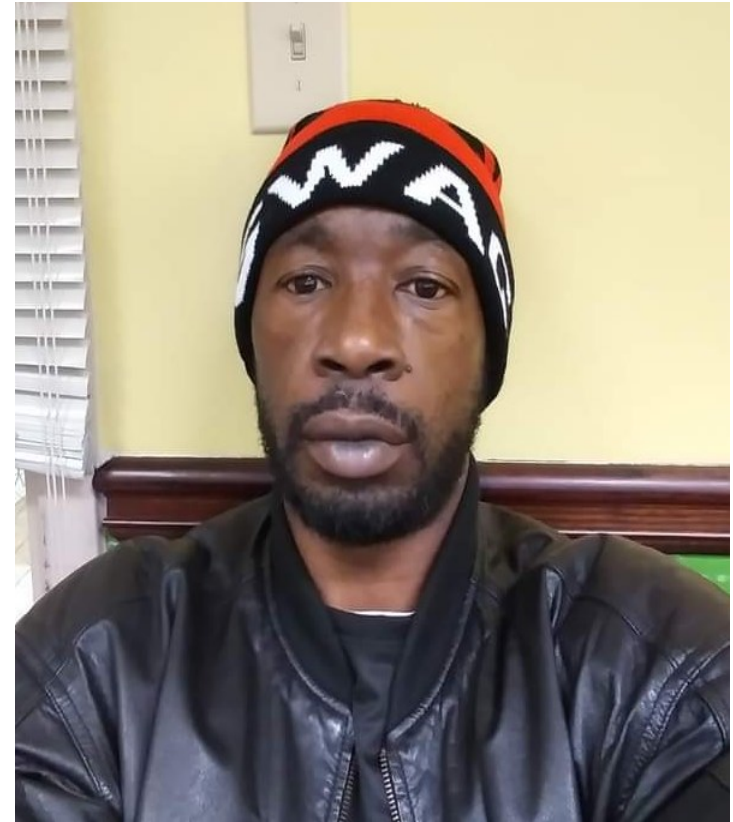
Mr. Tony Dawson, son of the late Mr. LC Dawson and Mrs. Essie Thomas Hughley, was born July 18, 1968 in Lee County, Alabama.

At an early age, he confessed Christ and united with Little Zion A.M.E. Zion Church in Opelika, Alabama.

“Marvin”, as he was affectionately known by family and friends, graduated from Beauregard High School Class of 1987. He enjoyed sports and being around family and friends.

On Saturday, September 7, 2024, he departed this life at the East Alabama Medical Center in Opelika, Alabama. He was preceded in death by: one brother, Clemmie Dawson.

He leaves to cherish his precious memory: wife, Stephani Dawson of Opelika, AL; five children, Marquavous Dawson, Demarcus Dawson, Jasmine Robinson, Keisha (LaBrandon) Preston all of Opelika, AL and Miles Buckley of Loachapoka. AL; twelve grandchildren; three brothers, Larry Charles (Kitzi) Dawson, Donald (Jennifer) Dawson both of Opelika, AL and Aaron (Sherry) Dawson of Stone Crest, GA; four uncles, Joe Lewis Thomas, James Thomas, Mitchell Thomas and Terry Thomas all of Opelika, AL; four aunts, Sarah Farmer, Jeanette (Bruce) Surratt, Arnette (Leon) Tyner all of Opelika, AL and Annie Adkins of Salem, AL; one sister-in-law, Annette Dawson of Opelika, AL; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



## ***I Thought of You Today***

*I thought of you with love today  
But that is nothing new  
I thought about you yesterday  
And days before that too,  
I think of you in silence  
I often speak your name  
All I have are memories  
And your picture in a frame  
Your memory is my keepsake  
With which I'll never part  
God has you in His keeping  
I have you in my heart.*