

## - PALLBEARERS -

City of Auburn Police Department

Chief of Police Cedric Anderson

### OFFICERS:

Bill Ramsey  
Paul Register  
Tyrone Guice  
John Still

Jimmy Butler  
Clarence Stewart  
Lorenzo Dorsey  
Chris Murray

## - FLORAL ATTENDANTS -

Grandchildren and Friends

## - INTERMENT -

Mt. Traveler Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery  
1229 S Dawson Avenue  
Waverly, AL 36879

## - REPAST -

Greater Peace Missionary Baptist Church Life Center

## - WORDS OF APPRECIATION -

We wish to express our most sincere thanks and appreciation for the many kind expressions of sympathy extended during our time of bereavement. We humbly say, "thank you", for our lives have been deeply touched by your efforts and your kindness will never be forgotten.

The Lockhart Family

## - SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS -

To the Medical Team at Emory Hospital, The Cancer Center, Tallassee Health & Rehab Center, Amedisys Home Health Care, Dr. John Mitchell, Dr. Brandon Johnson, Dr. Rashi R. Rajan, Dr. Sunil Sharma, East Alabama Health and Med-Surgical Floor, we thank you.

*In lieu of flowers, the family kindly request donations be made to the John H. Lockhart Memorial Scholarship Fund. Donations can also be made out to Sheree Lockhart, Attention: Scholarship Fund. Donations may be mailed to, P.O. Box 226, Auburn, AL 36831. In addition, electronic donations will be possible. The link will be made available soon.*

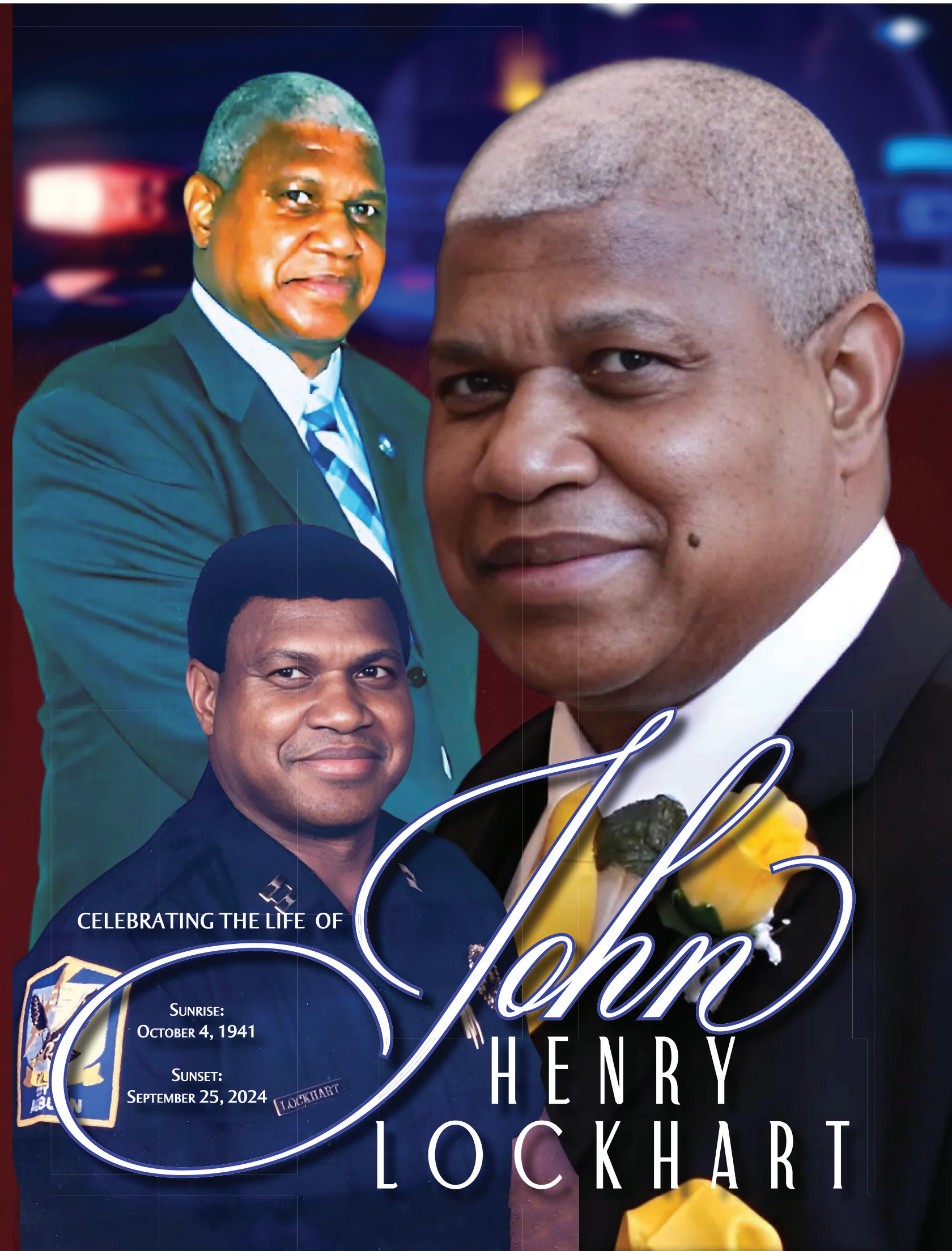
### IN MEMORIAM

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.

Final Arrangements Entrusted to:



*Harris Funeral Home*  
*Sympathetic, Courteous & Professional Service*  
515 South Sixth Street  
Opelika, Alabama 36801  
(334) 749-6583 Fax (334) 759-7018  
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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

SUNRISE:  
OCTOBER 4, 1941

SUNSET:  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2024

LOCKHART

HENRY  
LOCKHART





John H. Lockhart, son of the late Mr. Arthur V. Lockhart and Mrs. Katie Dowdell Lockhart, was born on October 4, 1941, in Lee County, Alabama. He began his remarkable life journey in Lee County, where he quickly distinguished himself as an exceptional athlete, becoming the youngest captain of his football team at J.F. Drake High School. John graduated as part of the Class of 1961 and continued his education at Tuskegee University.

John later married the love of his life, Sheree Benita Lockhart. Together, they built a home filled with love and devotion, nurturing seven children. His deep sense of duty to both his family and community guided his life.

John dedicated thirty years to serving the citizens of Auburn with an unwavering commitment to public service. His career began with the City of Auburn Parks and Recreation Department, where he fostered his passion for improving the community. His friendship with John Dunn, Auburn's first African American police officer, ignited an interest in law enforcement that changed the trajectory of his life. Inspired by Dunn, John answered a new calling to serve and protect, becoming Auburn's second African American police officer and eventually rising to the rank of its first African American police captain. Over the course of twenty-five years with the Auburn Police Department, he worked tirelessly to ensure safety and justice for all residents. He retired on May 31, 1995, after three decades of public service, leaving behind a legacy of leadership and commitment.







Faith was a cornerstone of John's life. He was a devoted member of Mt. Traveler Missionary Baptist Church, where he served as a Deacon, Treasurer, and Co-Chair of the Cemetery Ministry. He also contributed to the church as a member of the Trustee Board, Laymen Ministry, and in previous roles as Chairman of the Trustee Board, Sunday School Superintendent, and President of both the Laymen Ministry and Usher Board. His leadership extended to the Ebenezer District, where he served as Vice President of the Congress under Presidents Archie Simpson and Willie Williams. John's impact also reached the Southeast District State Convention, where he served as Vice President of SEDSC Laymen for eight years under President Tommy Robinson. His service was further recognized by his appointment as Alabama State Laymen on the Memorial Committee under President Alvin Moore.

Beyond his church, John made it his mission to improve the quality of life in his community. He was a civic leader who served on numerous organizations, including the East Alabama Task Force for Battered Women, the East Alabama Peace Officers Association, and the International Association of Chiefs of Police. His dedication to his city earned him a prestigious Lamplighter Award from Auburn Mayor Ron Anders in November 2022, a fitting tribute to his lifetime of service.

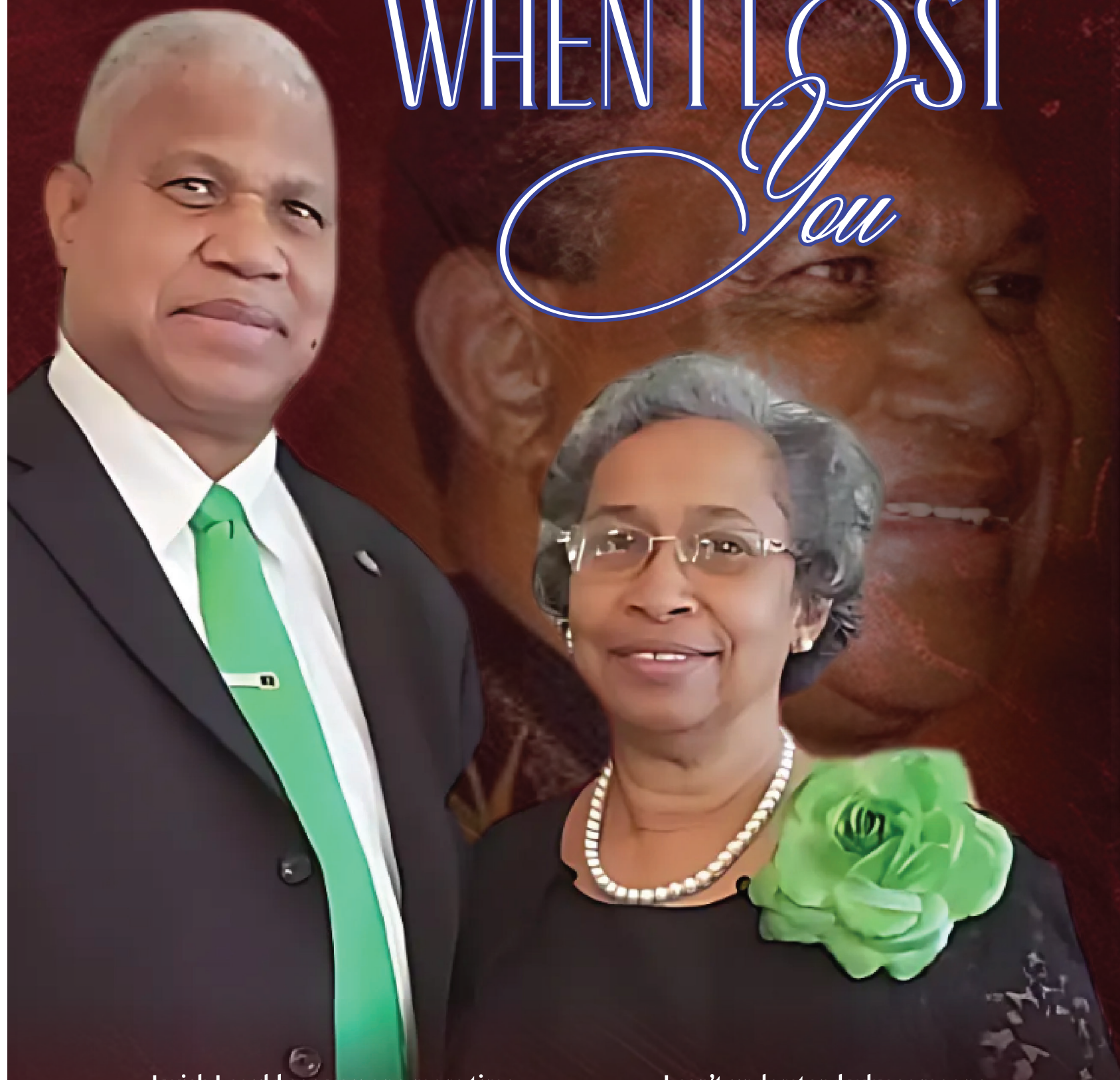
John H. Lockhart departed this life peacefully on Thursday, September 25, 2024, and will be deeply missed by all who had the honor of knowing him. He was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Diamond Askew; grandson, John Harvey Lockhart; and nine siblings: Ilean Byrd, Ora Lee Webb, Lonnie Lockhart (Dora), Shahedah Shaheed, David Lockhart, Geraldine Philpot (Billy), Conway Dowdell, Virgis (Johnnie) Dowdell, and Robert Dowdell.

John leaves to cherish his memories: his loving wife of 43 years, Sheree Benita Lockhart of Auburn, AL; seven children, E. Lopez (Diana) Lockhart of San Jose, CA, Rodney Dowdell of Auburn, AL, Cazie (Willie) Todd of Lexington Park, MD, Stephanie (Frank) Askew of Auburn, AL, Derrick Lockhart of White Plains, MD, Anthony (Tunji) Dowdell of Madison, AL, and Jatavius (Naomi) Lockhart of Auburn, AL; twenty grandchildren, Marci Lockhart, Kiara (John) Pitts-Richardson, Kiana Pitts, Casheta Lockhart, Jamarion Owens, Rotavious Dowdell, Aniah Dowdell, Brycen Dowdell, Ashley Lockhart, Justin Sanford, Hakeem Lockhart, JaMarcus (Monique) Caldwell, Chelsey Lockhart, Kristin Simpler, D'Nario Askew, Frank James Askew, III, Jada Askew, Janai' Lockhart, Jurni Lockhart, Nadia Lockhart and eight great-grandchildren; three sisters, Gertrude Payne of Killeen, TX, Burnett Adams of Brooklyn, NY and Luvenia Floyd of Auburn, AL; two brothers-in-law, Angelo (Mary) Trimble and John C. Trimble; two sisters-in-law, Ruth (Irby) T. Sands and Sylvia (Robert) Bozeman; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other family members and friends.

John Lockhart's legacy of faith, family, and public service will forever live on in the hearts of those he touched.



# WHEN I LOST *You*



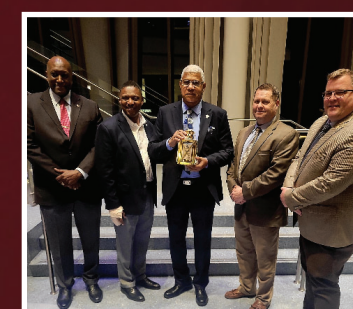
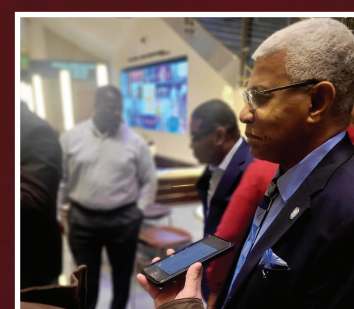
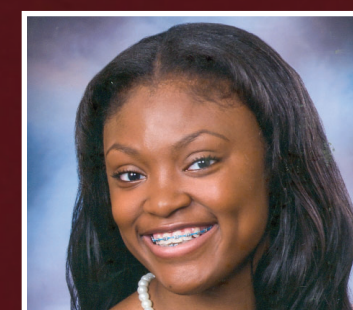
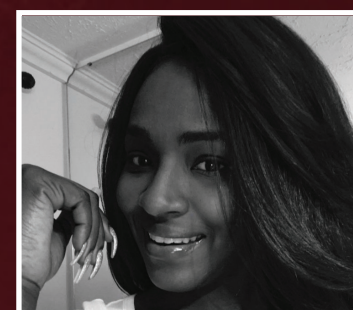
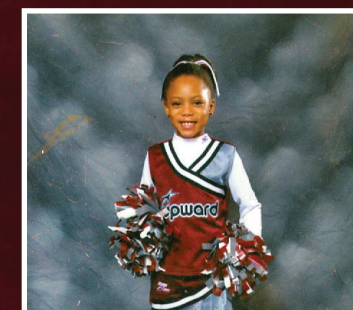
I wish I could see you one more time,  
Come walking through the door...  
But I know that is impossible,  
I will hear your voice no more.

I know you can feel my tears  
And you don't want me to cry,  
Yet my heart is broken because

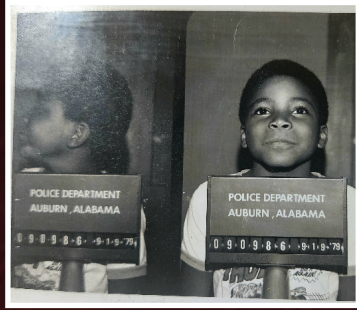
I can't understand why someone  
So precious had to die.

I pray that God will give me strength  
And somehow get me through...  
As I struggle with the heartache  
That came When I Lost You.

Forever your devoted wife, Sheree







# - ORDER OF Service -

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2024 • 12:00 O'CLOCK NOON

GREATER PEACE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
650 Jeter Avenue • Opelika, AL 36801

PASTOR CLIFFORD E. JONES, OFFICIATING

REVEREND ANTON TRIMBLE, EULOGIST

Pulpit Conductor..... Reverend Clifford Jones

Processional..... Clergy, Pallbearers and Family

Musical Selection ..... Chantinell Trimble and Brandon Morgan

Scripture Readings:  
New Testament ..... Reverend Richard D. Jacobs  
Old Testament..... Reverend M.A. Moss

Prayer ..... Reverend G. H. Pulliam

Musical Selection ..... Chantinell Trimble and Brandon Morgan

Expressions..... Two Minutes (Please)  
As A Neighbor ..... Morris Welch  
Church ..... Larry Maddox, Deacon/Trustee, Representative  
Mentee ..... Kimberly Black  
As the Pastor of Deacon John Lockhart ..... Reverend Dr. Benjamin Datiri  
City of Auburn ..... Judge James Tatum and Phyllis Reese  
Friends ..... Reverend Desmond Scaife and Willie Butler  
SEDSC Laymen..... Mike Willis, President SEDSC and Tommy Robinson  
ASB Laymen ..... Keith Gibby, President  
Family ..... E. Lopez Lockhart

Musical Selection ..... Chantinell Trimble and Brandon Morgan

Eulogy..... Reverend Anton Trimble

Presentation of the Flag ..... Color Guard

Recessional

*"His Lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord.'"* Matthew 25:21 NKJV



# Tributes

Dad

We will miss you. You were the best Dad anyone could wish for. You taught us how to be the loving and understanding people that we are today. We love you and appreciate everything you did for us. Especially your loving, caring, giving and understanding ways. We will forever cherish these memories of you. You are in God's care now Dad. It's going to be okay. We love you, Dad.

Your children,  
E. Lopez, Rodney, Cazie, Stephanie, Derrick, Anthony, Jatavius

## OUR WONDERFUL GRANDPA

Of all the special gifts in life  
However great or small,  
To have you as our Grandpa,  
Was the greatest gift of all.

May the winds of love blow softly  
And whisper in your ear,  
"We love and miss you Grandpa  
And wish that you were here."

Deep in our hearts, your life is kept  
To love and cherish, not forget.  
No more tomorrows can we share  
But yesterdays are always there.

A silent thought, a secret tear  
Keeps your memories ever near  
In our hearts forever.

We love and miss you, Grandpa

