



## PALL BEARERS

Family and Friends

## FLOWER BEARERS

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## INTERMENT

Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The family of the late Mr. Ronnie "Short Dog" Reese acknowledges with grateful appreciation all acts of kindness, prayers, cards, telephone calls, flowers and words of comfort extended to us during our time of bereavement. May God bless each one of you.



### 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:



## CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR



RONNIE REESE  
"Short Dog"

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2024  
12:00 O'CLOCK NOON

MT. VERNON MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
4881 US Highway 29 South  
Auburn, AL 36830

REVEREND THOMAS BROWN, OFFICIATING



# THE OBITUARY

Ronnie Reese, affectionately known as “Short Dog” by those who knew him best, passed away peacefully at the East Alabama Medical Center in Opelika, Alabama, on Wednesday, October 23, 2024.

Born on January 15, 1954, in Lee County, Alabama, to the late Mr. Floyd and Mrs. Edith Finley Reese, Ronnie’s life was marked by his adventurous spirit, deft hands, and courageous heart.

Ronnie was a proud veteran of the United States Army, a service that reflected his dedication and love for his country. After his military service, he channeled his passion into working on cars and taking great pride in lawn maintenance, skills that he mastered over the years, and which brought him much joy and satisfaction.

A man of faith, Ronnie was a devoted member of the Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church in Auburn, Alabama. His commitment to the church and its community was unwavering, and he will be remembered for his active involvement and the positive impact he made on those around him.

Those who knew Ronnie will recall a man who never shied away from a challenge. His adventurous nature led him to many exploits and experiences that he cherished throughout his life. Ronnie was also incredibly handy, a person who could fix almost anything with a bit of ingenuity and elbow grease. His courage was evident not only in his military service but also in his everyday life, as he faced life’s trials with unwavering resolve.

Ronnie’s legacy is carried on by his loving family. He was predeceased by his three brothers, Gilbert Shephard, Bruce Reese, and Alvin Reese.

He leaves behind a cherished family, including three children, Tony Dunn, Brian Philpot and Eric Philpot all of Auburn, AL; seven grandchildren, Ivan (Amber) Tolbert, Ouvia Dunn, Antonio Dunn, Chandler Briggs, Ariana Philpot, Amya Delmonte and Tamarius Philpot; one great-grandchild, Ska Bickerstaff; four sisters, Myrtis Henderson,

Enette Reese, Pat (Reverend Chester) Levett, Sharon Reese all of Auburn, AL; four brothers, Willie Frank Reese of Tuskegee, AL, Pompie Lee Dowdell, John (Jeanette) Reese and Bobby Reese all of Auburn, AL; one sister-in-law, Jennifer Reese of Auburn, AL; three aunts, Marion (Boss) Oliver of Auburn, AL, Evonne (John) Yancey of Atlanta, GA and Virginia Finley of Newnan, GA; special caregiver, Carlotta Reese of Auburn, AL; four friends, Franklin Tyner, James Knight, Reginald Sistrunk and Timothy Finely all of Auburn, AL; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Ronnie’s life was enriched by the dedicated care of his special caregiver, Carlotta Reese, and the unwavering support of his close friends, Franklin Tyner, James Knight, Reginald Sistrunk, and Timothy Finely, all of whom reside in Auburn, Alabama. A host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends will fondly remember Ronnie for the joy and laughter he brought into their lives.

A life so beautifully lived deserves to be beautifully remembered. Ronnie Reese will be deeply missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. His life’s journey was one of purpose, service, and love, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts of many. As we say goodbye to “Short Dog,” we celebrate the moments shared, the wisdom imparted, and the enduring spirit he leaves behind. Ronnie’s story does not end here, for he lives on in the memories we cherish and the love that will never fade.

## THE MASTER CALLED

*I’m sorry I had to leave you my loved ones, oh so dear,  
But you see, the Master called me, His voice was very clear!  
I had made my reservation a heaven bound ticket for one,  
And I knew that he would call me when he felt my work was done.  
I know that your hearts are heavy because I have gone away,  
But when the Master called me, I knew that I could not stay.  
Yes, I’m sorry I had to leave you my loved ones, oh so dear,  
But, you see, the Master called me and now I’m resting here.  
Yes. I’ve crossed on over to glory and to you all I say,  
Just stay in the hands of Jesus and we’ll meet again someday.*

# ORDER OF SERVICE

PROCESSIONAL  
Clergy and Family

SCRIPTURE READINGS  
Old Testament  
Reverend Amos Harris

New Testament  
Reverend Jerry Dowdell

PRAYER OF COMFORT  
Reverend Linda Threat

MUSICAL SELECTION  
Pamela Harris

OBITUARY  
Read Silently

MUSICAL SELECTION  
Annie Florence Wilborn

EULOGY  
Reverend Thomas Brown

RECESSIONAL