



*- Pallbearers -*  
Grandsons and Nephews

*- Honorary Pallbearers -*  
Deacons of Nazareth Missionary Baptist Church

*- Flower Attendants -*  
Granddaughters and Nieces

*- Honorary Flower Attendants -*  
Deacon Wives of Nazareth Missionary Baptist Church

*- Interment -*  
Nazareth Church Cemetery

*- Acknowledgment -*

The family of the late Mr. Walter Lee Pruitt 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. Special thanks to Gentiva Hospice, Dr. Justin Campbell, Noah Youngstrom, Rodney Dorsey and Eric Williams. May God bless each one of you.

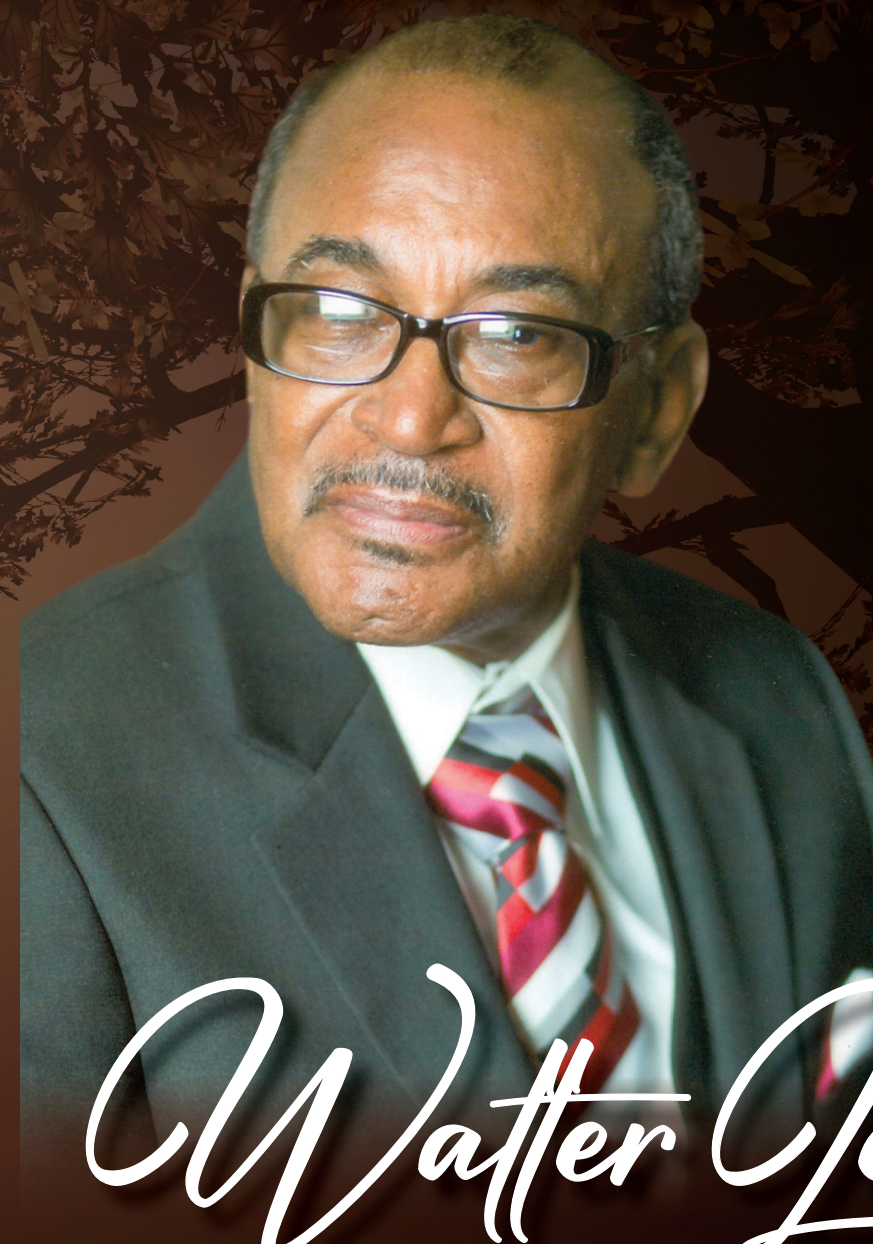
IN MEMORIAM

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:  
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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



*Walter Lee*  
"BILLY BOOT"  
PRUITT

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2025  
12:00 NOON

NAZARETH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
4454 Lee Road 166 • Opelika, Alabama 36804

REVEREND S. DEWAYNE DRAKEFORD, OFFICIATING



## - The Obituary -

Walter Lee Pruitt, a cherished community pillar, passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 2, 2025, at his home in Opelika, Alabama. Born on May 13, 1944, in Lee County, Alabama to the late Mr. Isaac and Mrs. Helen Pruitt, Walter's life was a testament to his resilient spirit and unwavering dedication to his loved ones and country.

Walter, or "Billy Boot" as he was affectionately called by those close to him, was a proud graduate of Sanford High School's Class of 1964. He was drafted into the United States Army, where he courageously fought in the Vietnam War from 1965 to 1967. He was wounded in combat and was honored with the Purple Heart Medal, a decoration bestowed upon those wounded in battle. During his service, he was ranked as a Technician Corporal, and he also received the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, W/1 Bronze Silver Star, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal w/Device 1960, and Sharpshooter (M-14). Walter's military service was a significant chapter in his life, one that shaped his character and instilled in him a profound sense of duty and patriotism.

After his military service, Walter returned to his hometown in Opelika, AL, and started a new chapter. He united in holy matrimony with the former Mary Ingram, and together they navigated the waters of life for fifty-nine harmonious years. Their partnership was built on mutual respect, affection, and an unwavering commitment to each other. He worked briefly at Diversified Products before joining West Point Pepperell, where he retired in 2007.

Walter's life was marked by his deep love for his family and friends. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and nephew who took immense joy in the simple pleasures of life. He relished the opportunities to gather with loved ones, share stories, and create memories that would last a lifetime. He was a constant source of strength and inspiration for his family, and his guidance and wisdom will be dearly missed.

As a man of faith, Walter was an active and dedicated member of The Nazareth Missionary Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon, usher, trustee, and member of the male chorus. His presence in the congregation will be deeply missed, but his spirit will continue to resonate within the church walls.

Sadly, Walter was preceded in death by his beloved granddaughter, Le'Teia and a grandson, Cernelious.

Walter Lee Pruitt's legacy is one of honor, love, and service. As we bid farewell to this remarkable man, we do so with hearts full of gratitude for the time we were privileged to share with him. His memory will live on in the stories passed down through the generations and in the impact he made on the many lives he touched.

He leaves to cherish his precious memory: a devoted wife, Mary Pruitt of Opelika, AL; six children, Melvin Richmond, Phyllis (Michael) Pitts, Cheryl (Rodney) Dorsey, Gary Richmond, Tonya (Michael) Heard and Lessie Hinz all of Opelika, AL; twenty-one grandchildren; twenty great-grandchildren; two brothers, Charlie (Regina) Pruitt of Opelika, AL and Willie (Sylvia) Nunn of Seattle, WA; three sisters, Annie Adkins, Shirley Frazier and Alice Edwards all of Opelika, AL; one uncle, John (Carolyn) Pruitt of Opelika, AL; one brother-in-law, J.W. (Faye) Ingram of Crawford, AL; a bonus daughter, Tameka Lockhart; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and Nazareth Missionary Baptist Church Family.

*God saw you getting tired,  
When a cure was not to be.  
So He wrapped his arms around you,  
and whispered, "come to me."  
You didn't deserve what you went through,  
So He gave you rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful,  
He only takes the best  
And when I saw you sleeping,  
So peaceful and free from pain  
I could not wish you back  
To suffer that again.*

From Wife and Children

## - The Order of Service -

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament .....Reverend Marvin Davis

New Testament.....Reverend Isaac Nunn

Prayer of Comfort ..... Reverend Chris Nunn

Solo .....Dwayne Fears

Expressions of Love:

As a Deacon .....Deacon Rodney Dorsey

As a Brother..... Willie Nunn, FEMA Region 10 Administrator

Resolution ..... Nazareth Missionary Baptist Church

Musical Selection .....Nazareth Church Choir

Eulogy .....Reverend S. Dewayne Drakeford

Recessional