



— *Pallbearers* —

Sidney Reed, II
Antavis Griffin
VonEric Perry

Willie-Lionel Reed
Queston Perry
Douglas Griffin

— *Floral Attendants* —

Family and Friends

— *Interment* —

Garden Hills Cemetery
1218 Frederick Road
Opelika, Alabama 36801

— *Acknowledgment* —

The family of the late Mr. Willie Lee Reed 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.

— *Repast* —

Greater Peace Missionary Baptist Church

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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CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

Willie Lee
REED

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025
10:00 A.M.

GREATER PEACE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
650 Jeter Avenue Opelika, Alabama 36801

REVEREND CLIFFORD E. JONES, PASTOR
BROTHER WILLIE WHACK, OFFICIANT AND EULOGIST



— The Obituary —

Willie Lee Reed, a cherished soul and beacon of strength, peacefully concluded his valiant battle with cancer on January 16, 2025, at his home, encircled by the love of his family. Born on January 20, 1940, in Lee County, Alabama, to the late Mr. Walter Lee Reed Sr. and Ms. Carrie Ethel Varner, Willie's journey was one marked by faith, dedication, and an unwavering commitment to his community.

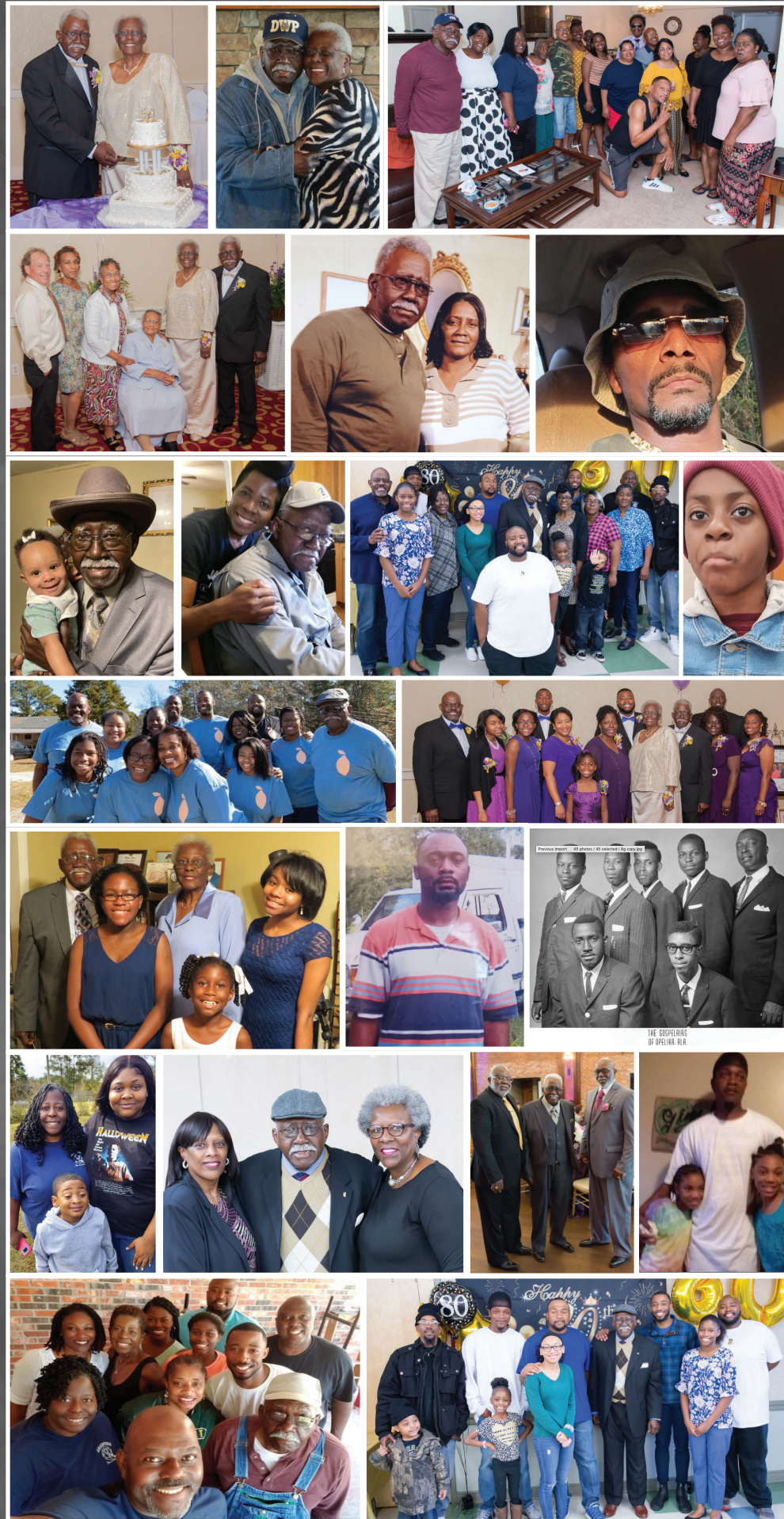
Willie was a man whose life was built on the foundation of love and hard work. He attended J.W. Darden High School and furthered his education at Opelika Tech Trade School, equipping himself with the knowledge and skills that would serve him well throughout his varied career. Willie's professional life was as diverse as it was long-standing, including tenures at Opelika Gas Co., Moore's Service Station, Coca Cola Bottling, the Opelika Police Reserve, and Uniroyal, from which he retired after many years of dedicated service.

His work ethic was mirrored in his spiritual life. Willie was a steadfast deacon at Bethel #1 Baptist Church before he was baptized at Southside Church of Christ, where he continued to devote himself to his faith. He also found fellowship and solace at South College Church of Christ, where his spiritual journey was enriched by the community and doctrine.

Willie's love for the Lord was parallel only by his love for music and service. An original member of the GospelAirs, his voice brought comfort and joy to many. He was a respected member of the King Beauty Masonic Lodge #119, where he shared his wisdom and guidance with his brothers in faith and service.

The legacy of Willie Lee Reed is one of enduring love and resilience. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 50 years, Earlene Baker Reed, with whom he shared a life full of laughter and love. His departure is also preceded by his siblings, Robert Preston, Grady Carr, Jr., Jerome Carr, Charles Carr, Jesse Hugh Reed, Walter Lee Reed, Jr., Bobbie Jean Dunn and Juanita Carr; his mother-in-law, Lucile Baker Jackson; his in-laws, James Baker and Robert Baker; nephew, Michael Reed; grandson, Cedric Perry; great-grandson, Kamarious Griffin-Beatty.

He leaves to cherish his precious memory: six children, Ruby (Eugene) Perry, Barbara Griffin (Douglas Martin), Sidney (Villel) Reed, Ron (Miriam) Reed, June Reed and April Reed Nias; ten grandchildren, Sidney Reed II, Willie-Lionel Reed, Evan Reed, Morgan Reed, Villel Earlene Reed, Regina Perry, Queston Perry, VonEric Perry, Antavis Griffin, Douglas Griffin; fifteen great-grandchildren, Nykashjah Perry, Khyleisha Perry, Amahree Morris, Antrevius Morris, Symeria Perry, Jakaylah Perry, Janyah Wallace, Neveah Perry, Zyquavious Perry, Zykeriah Perry, Zayden Griffin, Kaiden Griffin, Kenyan Griffin-Beatty, Kinsley Griffin-Beatty and Abigail Reed; one great-great grandchild, Journae Dowdell; three siblings, Jerry (Virgina) Carr, Rogers Reed and Wilford Reed; five in-laws, Willie B. (Marianne) Baker, Patricia (Keith) Gibson, Vickey (Douglas) Foreman, Shirley Baker and Jimmie Lou Baker; a loyal nephew, Greg Reed; special cousin, Mary Williams; two special friends, Claire Rosado and Ike Scott; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



— The Order of Service —

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Prayer of ComfortWillie B Baker

Congregational Song When We All Get To Heaven

Scripture Readings..... Sidney Reed

Poem.....Ron Reed

Obituary..... Read Silently

Congregational Song Mansion, Robe and Crown

Eulogy.....Brother Willie Whack

Recessional

— To My Family and Friends —

Do not cry, don't shed a tear
Just know I made it safely here.
Don't be sad, I have a smile on my face,
Because I'm in a better place.
No more trials no more tests,
I'm finally getting me some rest.
So, do not cry, weep or moan,
Just know I made it safely home.
Cause this is where God wants me to be,
This is not goodbye, this is not the end,
If you all do right, you will see me again.
I can't say the hour, day or when,
Just know I love you all
And will see you again for I'm kicking high.
Later.