

- *The Order of Service* -

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Dr. Keith Moore

New Testament.....Evangelist Angela Jenkins

Prayer of Comfort Pastor Roberta Jackson

Musical SelectionSatrina Kelly

Reflections..... Two Minutes (Please)

As a Member and Godson Evangelist Brandon Roberts

As a Cousin Rosa Hunter

Musical Selection Cardis Askew

Poem..... Sharon Clark

Musical Selection Family Mass Choir

Eulogy..... Bishop Calvin Daniel

Recessional



- *Pallbearers* -

Grandsons

- *Floral Attendants* -

Granddaughters

- *Interment* -

Westview Cemetery

700 Westview Cemetery

Auburn, Alabama 36830

- *Acknowledgment* -

The family of the late Bishop Arthur Lewis “A.L.” Dowdell 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.



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CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR “A.L.”

A **BISHOP**
ARTHUR
LEWIS DOWDELL, SR.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2025 • 2:00 P.M.

TRUE DELIVERANCE HOLINESS CHURCH

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BISHOP NOLAN TORBERT, PASTOR AND OFFICIANT
BISHOP CALVIN DANIEL, EULOGIST



- The Obituary -

Bishop Arthur Lewis "A.L." Dowdell, Sr., a beacon of faith and a passionate servant of God, departed from this life on Thursday, January 30, 2025, at St. Francis Emory Healthcare in Columbus, Georgia. Born on September 24, 1954, in Lee County, Alabama, to the late Mr. Oscar L. and Mrs. Ellen Taylor Dowdell, Bishop Dowdell's journey was one marked by unwavering devotion to his calling and an enduring love for his community.

A graduate of J.F. Drake High School in the Class of 1974, A.L. demonstrated commitment and discipline early on in life. His service to his country through the United States Army was distinguished by an honorable discharge, reflecting his character and dedication. However, it was in his spiritual vocation that A.L. truly found his life's purpose.

Bishop Dowdell's ministry began in Hawaii in 1975 when he preached his first sermon. Over the next 48 years, he would grow to become a faith-filled leader, touching countless lives with his spirited and passionate messages. As the Presiding Bishop of New Testament Potter's House Full Gospel Worldwide Ministries, he facilitated the church's growth and its international impact, spreading a message of love and salvation far beyond the walls of his own congregation.

In his early days, Bishop Dowdell was recognized as the youngest Pastor at the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Opelika, Alabama. At just 25 years old, from 1985 to 1991, he led his flock with wisdom and grace that belied his years. His journey continued as he took on the role of Pastor at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, one of the largest black churches in Clay County. For 13 years, he served with distinction, nurturing the spiritual growth of his congregation.

The culmination of Bishop Dowdell's life's work was the founding of New Testament Potter's House Full Gospel Church Worldwide Ministries. Under his guidance, the ministry flourished, becoming a cornerstone of the community and a symbol of hope and faith for many.

Bishop Dowdell was a revered community leader and dedicated public servant. His legacy as a trailblazer is marked by his historic election as the third black councilman on the Auburn City Council in Auburn, Alabama. Bishop served with distinction from 1994 to 2002 and again from 2006 to 2014, always striving to uplift and represent his community with honor.

His commitment to civil rights and social justice was evident through his active involvement with the NAACP and Voter's League. As a passionate community activist, Bishop's efforts transcended beyond political office, touching the lives of

many and advocating for positive change. His unwavering dedication to public service and community empowerment will be remembered and cherished by all who had the privilege of knowing him. Bishop Dowdell's impactful work and the values he championed will continue to inspire future generations.

He is preceded in death by: one child, Aniyah Dowdell; one sister, Martha Jean Dowdell; one brother, Larry Taylor.

He leaves to cherish his precious memory: wife, Antwameka "Joyce" Dowdell, Sr. of Auburn, AL; twelve children, LaTossia Washington of Opelika, AL, Conseula (Calvin) Ogletree of Columbus, GA, Cornelia (Gino) Dowdell of Atlanta, GA, Kelly Dowdell of Auburn, AL, Nicholas Dowdell of Tuskegee, AL, Olympia Tramell of El Paso, TX, Arthur Dowdell, Jr., Kia Dowdell both of Auburn, AL, Kayla (Adrien) Black of Houston, TX, Travis Yancey, Javion Dowdell both of Auburn, AL and Zyshaun Gordon of Columbus, GA; one sister, Elizabeth Trammell of Austin, TX; one brother, Willie Crowder of Auburn, AL; godson, Evangelist Brandon Roberts of Fayetteville, NC; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, aunts, uncles, in-laws, other relatives and friends.

My Everything

You're my love, my life,
the air that I breathe.
You're my soul, my happiness,
the all that I need.

You're my light, my dark,
the stars in the sky.
You're my ups, my downs,
The reason I try.

You're my strength, my weakness,
the love from the start.
You're my heartache, my pain,
The beat of my heart.

You're my tears, my joy,
in the love that you bring.
You're my world, my galaxy,
You're my everything.

