

## - THE ORDER OF SERVICE -

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Scripture Readings..... Bishop Kenneth Carter

Prayer of Comfort ..... Pastor Quency Dorsey

Silent Reading of Obituary

Musical Selection ..... Ramon Harris

Eulogy.....Pastor Henry Ligon

Recessional

## - HE ONLY TAKES THE BEST -

God saw you getting tired  
A cure was not to be.  
So, he put his arms around you  
And whispered, "Come with me".  
With tearful eyes we watched you  
And saw you fade away.  
Although we loved you dearly  
We could not make you stay.  
A golden heart stopped beating  
Your tender hands at rest.  
God took you home to prove to us  
He only takes the best.

Love, Your Children

## - INTERMENT -

Union Grove Baptist Church Cemetery  
908 Huguley Road  
Opelika, Alabama 36804

## - BROKEN CHAIN -

We little knew that morning that  
God was going to call your name.  
In life we loved you dearly.  
In Death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you,  
You did not go alone;  
For part of us went with you,  
The day God Called You Home.

You left us peaceful memories  
Your love is still our guide;  
And though we cannot see you,  
You are Always at our side.

Our family chain is broken and  
Nothing seems the same,  
But as God Calls Us one by one  
The Chain will link again.

## - ACKNOWLEDGMENT -

The family of the late Mr. Michael "Wayne" Slaughter 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 you all.

## - REPAST -

Covington Recreation Center  
213 Carver Avenue  
Opelika, AL 36804

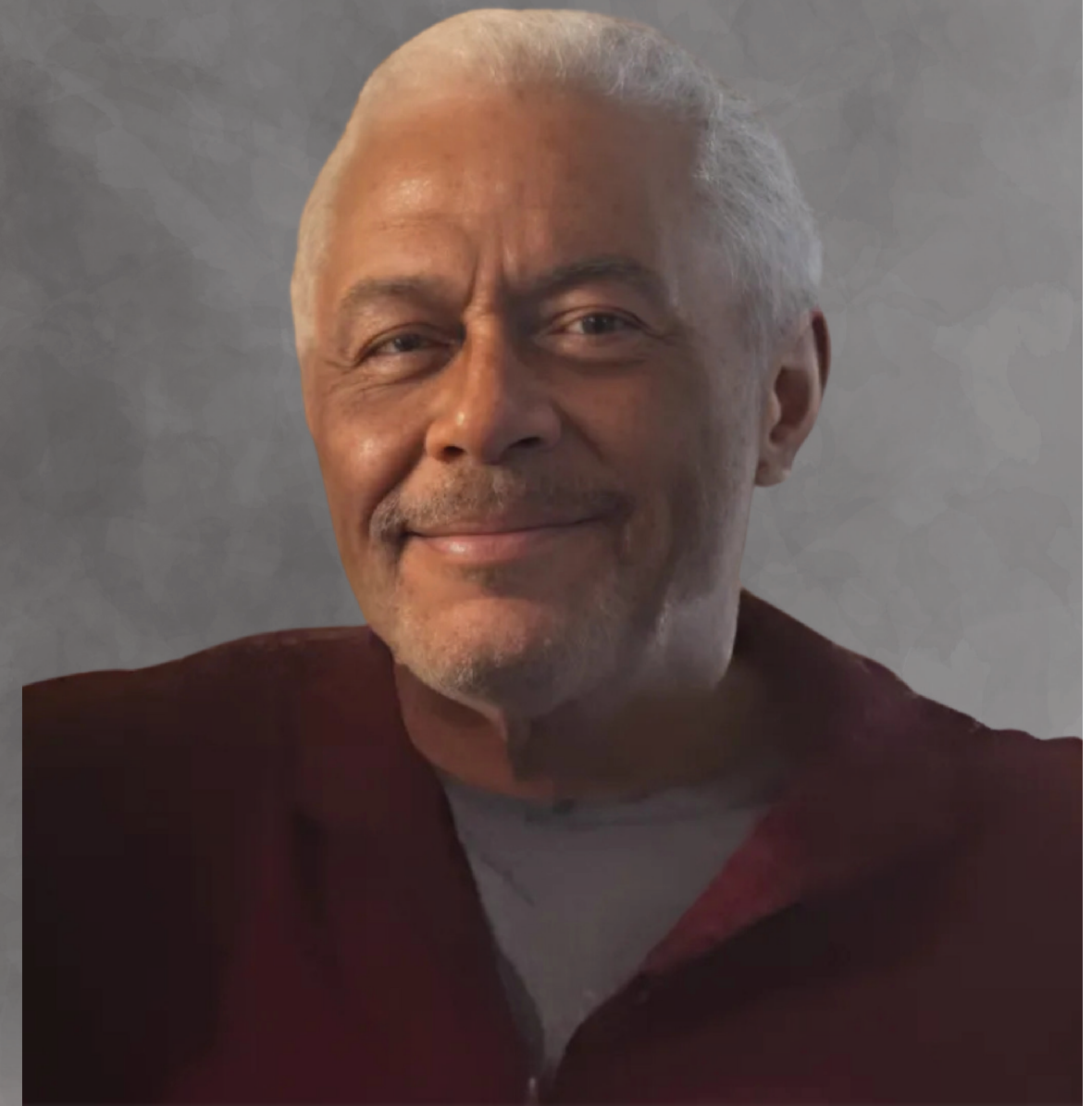
### IN MEMORIAM

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 "PUNKIN" HENRY L. JERNIGAN PATTERSON, SR.

MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2025 • 1:00 P.M.

HARRIS FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL  
515 South 6th Street • Opelika, Alabama 36803

PASTOR HENRY LIGON, OFFICIATING



# - THE OBITUARY -

Henry L. Jernigan Patterson, Sr., affectionately known as “PUNKIN,” departed this life on March 6, 2025, at his cherished home in Middletown, Ohio. Born on January 9, 1948, in Lee County, Alabama, Henry’s journey through life was marked by his unwavering spirit and the deep love he shared with his family and friends.

A man of profound faith, Henry embraced his spiritual path and accepted Christ on November 11, 2021, at Bethlehem Temple Apostolic Church in Middletown, Ohio. This pivotal moment was a testament to his commitment to growth and personal development, which he carried with him throughout his life.

Henry was a man of many talents and interests, a testament to his intelligence and curiosity. His career was as diverse as his passions; he excelled as a Master Mechanic, honed his skills as a Carpenter, served diligently as a Security Guard, and was a fervent historian and craftsman. His family and friends will remember him as an amazing father, son, grandfather, brother, and uncle, whose guidance and love were unwavering.

His legacy is not only in the hearts of those he loved but also in the tangible treasures he leaves behind—a collection of antiques, coins, and historical artifacts that reflect his appreciation for the past. Henry’s innate ability to recognize the beauty in the natural world earned him the title of a true Naturalist.

As we bid farewell to Henry L. Jernigan Patterson, Sr., let us honor his memory by celebrating the remarkable life he led and the indelible impressions he made on our lives. His spirit will continue to inspire and guide us, just as the memories we hold dear will forever keep him close to our hearts.

He was preceded in death by: his father, Jack Jernigan; his mother, Mary Ellen Harper Patterson; one son, Henry L. Patterson, Jr.; one daughter, Annie Louise Galbreath; one grandson, Tyreese Pugh, Jr; two sisters, Sarah Miles and Mary Elizabeth Patterson.

He leaves to cherish his precious memory: three daughters, Selma Billingslea (Ronald Spivey) of Opelika, AL, RaShay Patterson and Kia Thomas (Antione Brown) both of Middletown, OH; eight sons, Johnny (Marquetta) Patterson, Charles Patterson, Anthony Patterson all of Opelika, AL, Lewis Patterson (Donna McDonald), Christopher (Marcie) Patterson; David (Danielle) Thomas, Kelvin (Brandy) Thomas and Brandon Latimore all of Middletown, OH; two sisters, Mary Nell Hall of Opelika, AL and Mary Morgan of Columbus, GA; three brothers, Willie James (Juanita) Patterson of Decatur, GA, George (Katie) Patterson and Johnny A. (Christine) Richardson both of Opelika, AL; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

