

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

- PALLBEARERS -

Family and Friends

- FLORAL ATTENDANTS -

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- INTERMENT -

Evergreen Cemetery
1409 Monroe Avenue
Opelika, Alabama 36801

- ACKNOWLEDGMENT -

The family of the late Mr. Morris Lee "Unk" Edwards wishes to express our sincere appreciation for the many acts of kindness, love, and support shown during our time of bereavement. Your prayers, calls, visits, flowers, and every gesture of sympathy have brought us comfort and strength. We are deeply grateful.

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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MORRIS LEE
"UNK" EDWARDS

SUNRISE: JULY 25, 1957

SUNSET: MARCH 26, 2026

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026
1:00 P.M.

FRIENDSHIP
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
432 Maple Avenue
Opelika, AL 36801

REVEREND VINCENT SYKES
OFFICIATING

- REFLECTIONS OF HIS LIFE -

Mr. Morris Lee Edwards, son of Ms. Sarah Edwards and the late Mr. Marvin Andrews, was born July 25, 1957, in Lee County, Alabama. He was a man full of life, laughter, and unwavering love for his family. Known as the life of the party, Morris had a joyful spirit and a contagious smile that brought light to every room he entered.

Morris was a man of strong faith who devoted his life to God. At an early age, he confessed his life to Christ at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Opelika, Alabama, where he faithfully sang in the choir and worked as a dedicated armor bearer for his pastor. His love for worship and fellowship remained a cornerstone of his life as he became an ordained minister.

He found great joy in traveling and spending time with his family and friends. In his downtime, Morris enjoyed scrolling and sharing moments on Facebook and TikTok, often connecting with loved ones and spreading laughter through his posts. Whether near or far, he treasured every opportunity to celebrate life and create lasting memories.

On March 26, 2026, when his earthly body had grown weary, God gently called him home. Morris peacefully departed this life, leaving behind a legacy of laughter, faith, and love. Morris was preceded in death by: his father, Marvin Andrews; his sister, Ella Mae "Gwen" Edwards Core; his brother, Cecil L. Edwards.

He leaves to cherish his memory: five children, Erika Blunt-Jackson, Morris Freeman both of Opelika, AL, Gwendolyn "Portia" Edwards of Atlanta, GA, Mario Winfrey and Brian Winfrey both of Cleveland, OH; wife, Deborah Blunt of Opelika, AL; loving mother, Sarah Edwards of Valley, AL; step-mother, Louise Andrews of Cleveland, OH; two sisters, Frances Carlisle of Opelika, AL and Marnise Andrews of Cleveland, OH; a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren; two stepsisters, Gwen Compton and Cheryl (Tommy) Etheridge both of Cleveland, OH; three brothers, John Edwards, Johnnie Frank (Barbara) Edwards both Opelika, AL and Richard Edwards of Columbus, OH; one stepbrother, Charles Reese of Opelika, AL; one uncle, Billy (Judith) Edwards of Opelika, AL; one aunt, Grace Andrews of Cleveland, OH, a special god-aunt, Catherine Tolbert of Opelika, AL; a special companion, Linda Marbury, who was a devoted source of love and support, of Opelika, AL; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and dear friends.

Morris Lee Edwards will be remembered for his laughter, his love for life, and his deep devotion to his family, his faith, and his community. His "Here I Go" legacy will forever live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.



*Remember me with love, not sorrow,
For there is peace in each tomorrow.
Hold onto moments we once shared,
The laughter, kindness, how I cared.
Do not let tears outweigh the light,
Of memories shining warm and bright.
I walk with you though not in sight,
In every heart, I still shine bright.*



- ORDER OF SERVICE -

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Welcome and Opening Prayer..... Reverend Vincent Sykes

Scripture Readings:
 Old Testament Reverend Roger Jones
 New Testament..... Reverend Larry Patterson

Prayer of ComfortPastor Troy Clark

Musical Selection Barbara Ann Sanford
"I Trust in God"

Reflections:
 Evangelist Patricia Tucker
 Pastor Charles Magby

Special Tributes and Remarks Two Minutes Each (Please)
 Grandchildren
 Family and Friends

ResolutionFriendship Missionary Baptist Church

Acknowledgements Franèsa L. Edwards

Special Tribute..... Asia Mazique-Payne
"A Dance for My Sister"

Musical Selection "My Soul is Anchored in the Lord"

Eulogy Reverend Vincent Sykes

Recessional

- TRIBUTES -



Dear Daddy,

I have always longed for the consistent love, care, discipline, knowledge, words of encouragement, and presence of my father. And, of course with the circumstances that you were going through in your own life that made you be in and out of my life. Even though you were in and out of my life, I had that consistent love, care, discipline, knowledge, and presence from my mother's brother-in-law, James, uncle Cecil "his brother", uncle Ricky "his brother", grandmama Lillian "my mother's mom", grandmama BIG "his mother", her sisters Fatima and Hortense, her nieces Tori, Joi, Jia, and Tara, my auntie Ella "his sister", godfather Michael, godmother Kimberlynn Lewis, and other male figures that stepped in. But as always, they all made sure that I knew who you were, that you deeply and truly loved me, and I was your heart "babygirl". Yes, I still longed for a stronger and better relationship with my father. So, at the age of 17, I finally had that privilege of finally building that with you. We have been inseparable ever since and I deeply and truly thank God for giving me that chance to have it with you. I thank God for that though because yes, we had our disagreements, arguing, not seeing eye to eye I still loved my father. Boy, oh boy, my daddy was the freshest, stylist, caring, funny, creative, loving, and realest person ever and would give whoever the shirt off his back. When you were doing good I didn't worry or stress. I only worried and stressed when I didn't hear from you, you wouldn't answer your phone, or you wouldn't be on, or posting on Facebook and TikTok. When I could and was able to we spent many family functions together, and in February when my Auntie Gwen passed, I was there with you and when my uncle passed, and was sick you called to make sure that I was alright. All my life I wondered did my Dad love me and now I can answer that question with a yes because you made sure that I knew you did. You've always made sure that I knew that I had my bigger siblings and for that I am truly grateful. When we talked at the end of each conversation you made sure to tell me Daddy loves you and even though you can't read or hear these words, Daddy, your baby girl loved you and will truly miss you. RIP to my father Morris Edwards.

Your babygirl,
Gwendolyn

Dear Papaw,

Thank you for being who you are. We will miss and love you very much and continue to push through and stay strong in this crazy world we live in. Wish we had more time with you but we didn't and that's okay. It's okay because the time that we did have with you we will remember and cherish those times. We, appreciate and thank God for allowing us to see and know you. We love you grandpa! You were a great man to everyone. Your words spoke out of love and care. He loved all of us and himself. He was a very nice person, and he loved a lot of people. We wish that you could come back to life and be here with us, but you can't and we will remember you by the photos. We love you very much Grandpa Morris. Your granddaughter NiMya, granddaughter Tracey, granddaughter Nakiamalika, granddaughter Taniyah, grandson Shomari, grandson Xylon, granddaughter Neveah, grandson Tashaun, grandson Malik, grandson Mason, granddaughter Brooklyn, grandson Amari, grandson Jossiah, granddaughter Alaina, grandson Tyler, grandson Jossiah, grandson Miles, and stepgrandson, Justin, great grandson Tobias, great grandson Kason, great granddaughter Alona, and great granddaughter Teagan.

Dear Morris,

We love and miss you deeply. You are forever and always in our hearts and spirits. We will cherish and remember the good times and good conversations we had together. Fly high and watch over us! We love you!

Your devoted friend,
Daniel

Dear Morris,

When I met you, I did not just fall in love with you. I found the part of me that I did not know was missing. You gave me reason to trust again, and to dream again. You held part of me with your love that I thought was broken. And I will always love you for that and I will miss you so much. Forever in my heart as you would say baby.

Your devoted friend,
Linda