

– MEMORIES OF A SPECIAL HUSBAND –

*It's been the hardest thing to lose you
You meant so much to me.
But you are in my heart, my love
And that's where you'll always be.
I know that Heaven called you
But I wish you could have stayed.
At least the memories I have of you
They will never fade.
I did not want to lose you
But you did not go alone.
Because a part of me went with you
When Heaven called you home.
So just remember one thing
We are not apart.
You're with me in my memories
And in my broken heart.*

– THE STRENGTH HE LEFT BEHIND –

*You taught us how to stand up tall,
To rise with courage when we fall.
Your steady hands and faithful way
Still guide the choices that we make.
You showed your love through all you did,
In sacrifices often hid.
You carried burdens without praise
And cared for us in quiet ways.
Though we must walk without you here,
Your voice within us still feels near.
The lessons planted through the years
Will lend us through our grief and tears.
Your laughter echoes in each room,
A light that sorrow cannot consume.
The stories that we proudly share
Remind us you are always there.
So rest now, Daddy, your journey's through,
Yet part of us still walks with you.
For every strength our hearts may find
Is part of what you left behind.*

– PALLBEARERS –
Family and Friends

– FLORAL ATTENDANTS –
Family and Friends

– INTERMENT –
Evergreen Cemetery
1409 Monroe Avenue
Opelika, AL 36801

– ACKNOWLEDGMENT –

The family of the late Mr. James Edward Caldwell 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. We are thankful to the many healthcare workers that have given him their care and attention, notably the CAVHCS Home-based Care program with the Tuskegee VA Medical Center and the Augusta SCI/D Center within Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center. Special thanks to his dedicated CNA and adopted granddaughter, Detra Landers. May God bless each 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.



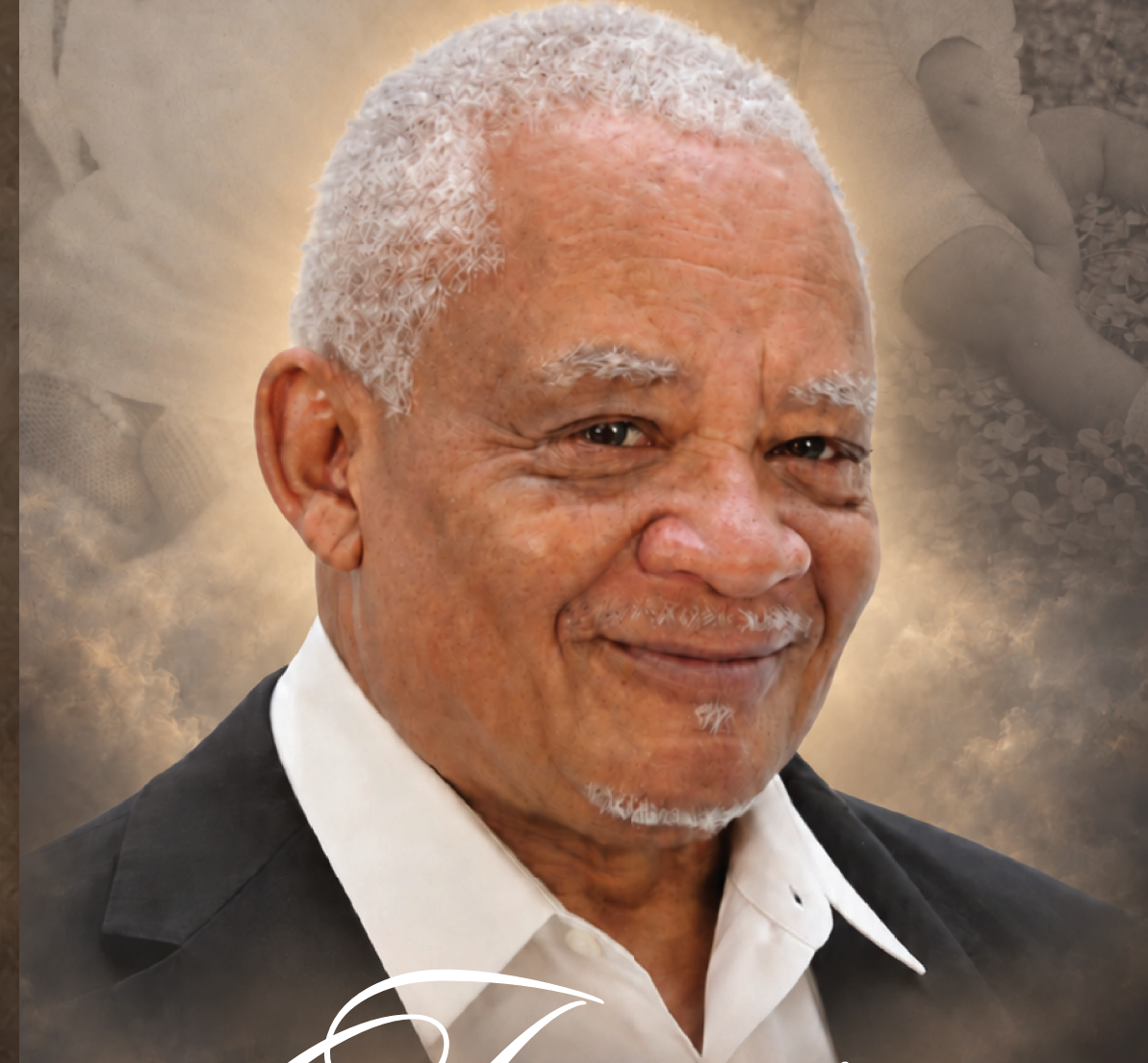
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A CELEBRATION
OF
Life



James
EDWARD
CALDWELL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026 | 2:00 P.M.

BETHEL No.1 MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
2324 Double Hill Road | Opelika, AL 36801

REVEREND SHARROD COLEMAN, PASTOR

REVEREND GARY L. DIXON, EULOGIST

– OBITUARY –

James Edward (Ed) Caldwell made his arrival into this waiting world in a hurry as the family soon realized this would be his method of life. Weighing in at 1½ lbs, James was not expected to survive on December 12, 1945, in John Andrews Hospital of Tuskegee, Alabama. He was the first baby delivered at the facility by Dr. Steele, the first black physician in the area. After spending months in an incubator, he was brought home to a humble and loving family.

In a hurry as usual, James entered the Chambers County School system at age 4 in Waverly, Alabama. It was decided that he would finish his early education in Fairfield, Alabama in the care of his uncle and aunt, John S. and Annie Jewel Caldwell. After finishing high school in the Class of 1963 in Fairfield, Alabama, he attended Alabama A&M University Class of 1969.

In July 1969, James married Doris Faye Powers of Sylacauga, Alabama. In August 1969, James was inducted into the United States Army and spent ten (10) months in Vietnam. He was honorably discharged at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina in 1972. At his discharge, James rejoined his coworkers at Uniroyal Rubber Company in Opelika where he remained until 1992.

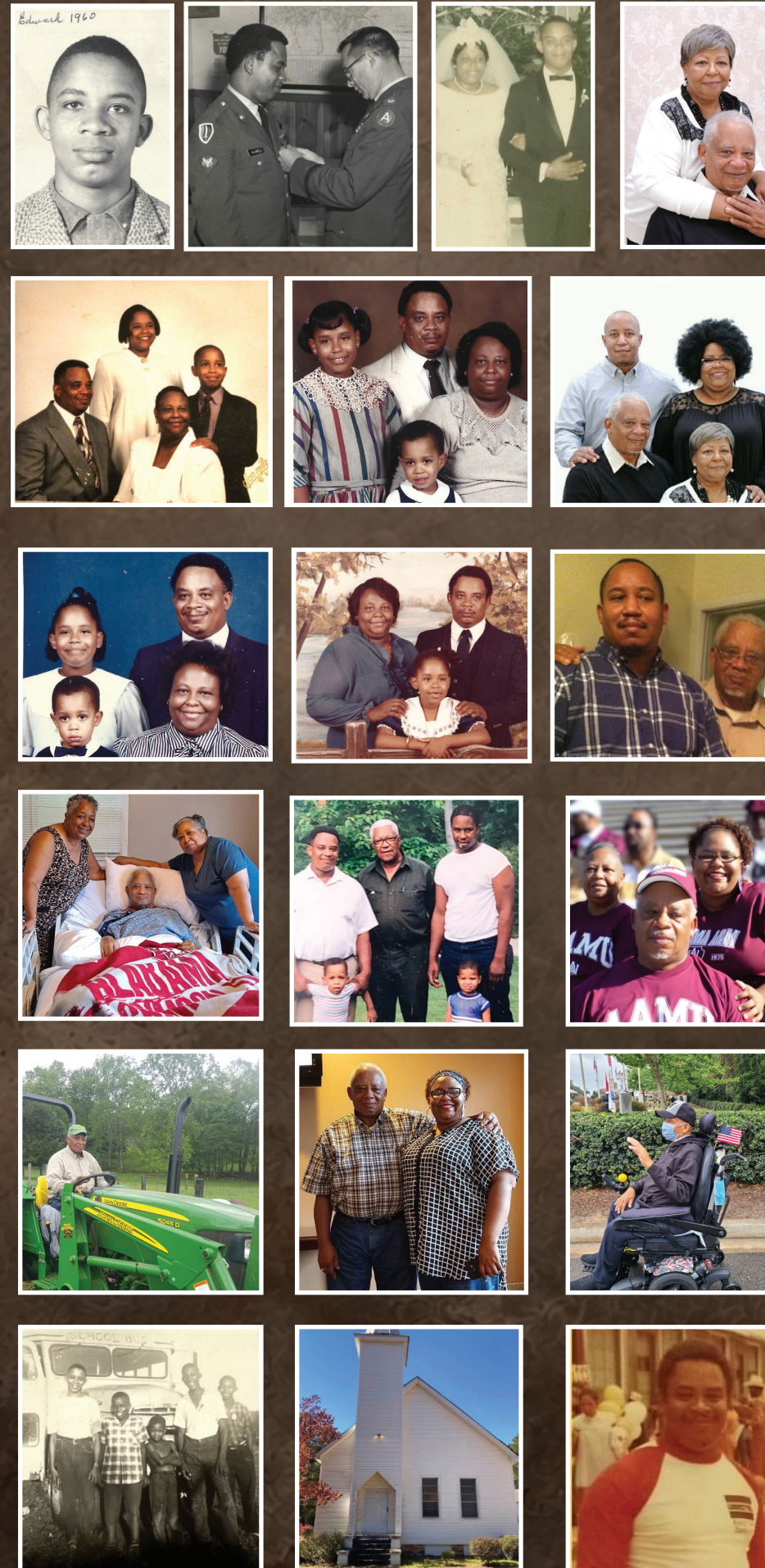
At this time, he also returned to his home church, Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church of Waverly, Alabama. He served most of his adult life in this church as usher, maintenance, treasurer, and chairman of the deacon board. While carrying out these duties, he was the corresponding secretary of the Bowen East District Missionary Association and later as the treasurer of the same until his health would not allow.

James was a member and former president of Lee County Cattlemen Association. He also served as an adviser with the Alabama State FSO for Lee, Chambers and Randolph counties.

James had a second career of cattle farming for himself, which he loved. He spent a great number of hours on his farm, Low Country Angus Farm in Waverly, Alabama. This was not a chore for him, but a joy. James always had a love of the land and all forms of agriculture. He operated his own farm, as well as helping anyone that needed an extra hand. He used his knowledge to make a difference in the community. He NEVER met a stranger and had a ready smile.

James is preceded in death by his grandfather, William Caldwell; his grandmother, Ludie Caldwell; his mother, Ruth Caldwell Carter; his stepfather, James Carter, his brother, Maurice Carter and his sister, Yvonne Carter Patterson.

James leaves to cherish his many memories: his wife of 57 years, Doris Faye Caldwell of Opelika, AL; a daughter, Cindy Renee Caldwell of Opelika, AL; a son, Christopher Edward Caldwell of Opelika, AL; a sister, Glenda Carter Blackman of Buffalo, NY; a brother, Theodore Carter of Marion, VA; a host of other family members, friends and acquaintances.



– ORDER OF SERVICE –

REVEREND JIMMY THOMAS, DIRECTOR OF SERVICE

ProcessionalClergy and Family

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Reverend Gary Varner

New TestamentReverend Michael Pouncey

SoloKatrina Merkersen

"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

"I Need Thee"

(Acapella)

Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend James Whetstone

Musical Selection Reverend Alford A. Booker

"Father, I stretch My Hands to Thee"

ReflectionsMayor Jamie Heard

Mahlon Richburg

Willie Thomas Pouncey

Musical SelectionSister Ruby Holloway

"Won't It Be Grand"

Eulogy Reverend Gary L. Dixon

Recessional

