

### THE LAST REQUEST

*Please don't say that I gave up  
just say that I gave in.  
Don't say I lost the battle,  
For it was God's war to lose or win.*

*Please don't say how good I was,  
but that I did my best.  
Just say I tried to do what's right,  
to give the most I could,  
not less.*

*Please don't give me wings or halos,  
That's for God to do.  
I want no more than I deserve.  
No extras, just my due.*

*Please don't give flowers,  
or talk in harsh tones.  
Don't be concerned about me now,  
I'm well with God, I have made it home.  
Don't talk about what could have been,  
its over and done.  
Just see to all my family needs.  
The battle has been won!*

*When you draw a picture of me,  
don't draw me as a saint.  
I've done some good, I've done some wrong....  
So use all of your paint.*

*Not just the bright and light tones.  
Use some gray and dark.  
In fact, don't put me down on canvas,  
just paint me in your heart.*

*Don't just remember all the good times,  
but remember all the bad,  
For life is full of many things.  
Some happy and some sad.*

*But if you must do something, then I have one last request:  
Forgive me for the wrongs I've done  
and with the love that's left,  
Thank God for my soul's resting.  
Thank God for all who loved me,  
and praise God who love me the best.*

### PALL BEARERS

Patrick Norwood  
Tommy Barnes  
DeMarcus Norwood  
Gregory Norwood  
Ryan Norwood  
Willie Norwood III

### FLOWER LADIES

Denise Peacock  
Angie Peacock  
Cassandra Hurt  
Zakia Alexander

### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The family of Harold Norwood would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions. Your phones calls, visits, flowers, thoughts, and prayers have all helped greatly during our time of bereavement. May God continue to be bless each of you is our prayer.

# *Celebration of Life* *for* HAROLD NORWOOD

Sunrise  
February 22, 1957

Sunset  
September 11, 2025



Sunday, September 14, 2025  
2:00 p.m.

SHADY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH  
255 Shady Grove Church Road  
Shady Dale, Georgia 31085

Pastor Willie Frank Norwood, Jr., *Eulogist*  
Elder Donald Ross, *Presiding*



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# HAROLD'S STORY

**Mr. Harold Norwood**, 68, of Shady Dale, Georgia, gained his heavenly wings, Thursday, September 11, 2025. He was born on February 22, 1957, in Shady Dale, Georgia, to the late Emma Florine Ross and Willie Frank Norwood, Sr.

Harold was raised in Shady Dale and attended Jasper County Comprehensive High School, graduating in 1975. From a young age, Harold found solace and community in Shady Grove Baptist Church, where he embraced his faith and remained a devoted member throughout his life. He dedicated over 25 years of service to Georgia Pacific and later transitioned to roles at Swift's transportation and the Board of Education transportation before his well-deserved retirement.

On March 24, 1989, Harold exchanged vows with his beloved wife, Rebecca Mathis. From their union, they were blessed with two children, Jasmine and Harold Jevon Norwood. Harold found joy in the simple pleasures of life, especially in spending time outdoors, grilling, gardening, and creating lasting memories with his grandchildren.

Harold is preceded in death by his parents, Emma Florine Ross and Willie Frank Norwood Sr.; bonus son, Bruce Cooper; and brother, Curtis (Claudette) Norwood.

Harold leaves to cherish his memories his devoted wife, Rebecca Norwood of 36 years; his children, Miranda (Jearld) Washington of McDonough, GA, Joshua (Gail) Norwood of Covington, GA, Jasmine Norwood of Eatonton, GA, and Harold Jevon (Ebony) Norwood of Locust Grove; brothers, Pastor Willie Frank (Phyllis) Norwood, Elder Donald (Pastor Patricia) Ross, and Lester Norwood; his sisters, Charlene (Love) Avery and Nyokia Barnes; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and grandchildren.

In his passing, Harold Norwood leaves behind a legacy of love, faith, and cherished memories. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

*"You cannot argue with yourself"*

## Precious Memories



# ORDER OF SERVICE

PROCESSIONAL

MUSICAL SOLO.....Charnika Ross

PRAYER..... Reverend Preston Campbell

SCRIPTURE:  
Old Testament..... Pastor Patricia Ross  
New Testament..... Minister Jeannette Peit

REFLECTIONS (two minutes, please)

MUSICAL SOLO..... Reverend Tracy Jackson

EULOGY..... Pastor Willie Frank Norwood, Jr.  
*Shady Grove Baptist Church*

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS .....Bernard's Family Funeral Care Staff

RECESSIONAL

**INTERMENT**  
Shady Grove Baptist Church Cemetery