



THE BROKEN CHAIN

We little knew the 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.

“I measure every Grief I meet,” the nineteenth-century poet Emily Dickinson wrote, “With narrow, probing, eyes I wonder if It weighs like Mine / Or has an Easier size.” The poem is a moving reflection on how people carry the unique ways they’ve been wounded throughout their lives. Dickinson concludes, almost hesitantly, with her only solace: the “piercing Comfort” of seeing at Calvary her own wounds reflected in the Savior’s: “Still fascinated to presume / That Some are like my own.”

The book of Revelation describes Jesus, our Savior, as a “Lamb, looking as if it had been slain” (5:6; see v. 12), His wounds still visible. Wounds earned through taking upon Himself the sin and despair of His people (1 Peter 2:24-25), so that they might have new life and hope.

And Revelation describes a future day when the Savior will “wipe every tear” from each of His children’s eyes (21:4). Jesus won’t minimize their pain, but truly see and care for each person’s unique grief while inviting them into the new, healing realities of life in His kingdom, where there is “no more death or mourning or crying or pain” (v. 4). Where healing water will flow “without cost from the spring of the water of life” (v. 6; see 22:2).

Because our Savior has carried our every grief, we can find rest and healing in His kingdom. Revelation 21:1-6

PALLBEARERS

Joseph Ellison, Jr., Bobby Kennedy, Amari Grier
Darrell Zanders, Jr., Derrick Zanders, Darrius Zanders

FLOWER ATTENDANTS

Family and Friends

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of Major Zanders, Sr., wishes to extend a special thank you for all the well wishes, comforting messages, calls, prayers, and all other acts of kindness. We deeply appreciate your kind expressions of sympathy in our time of great sorrow. Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers.

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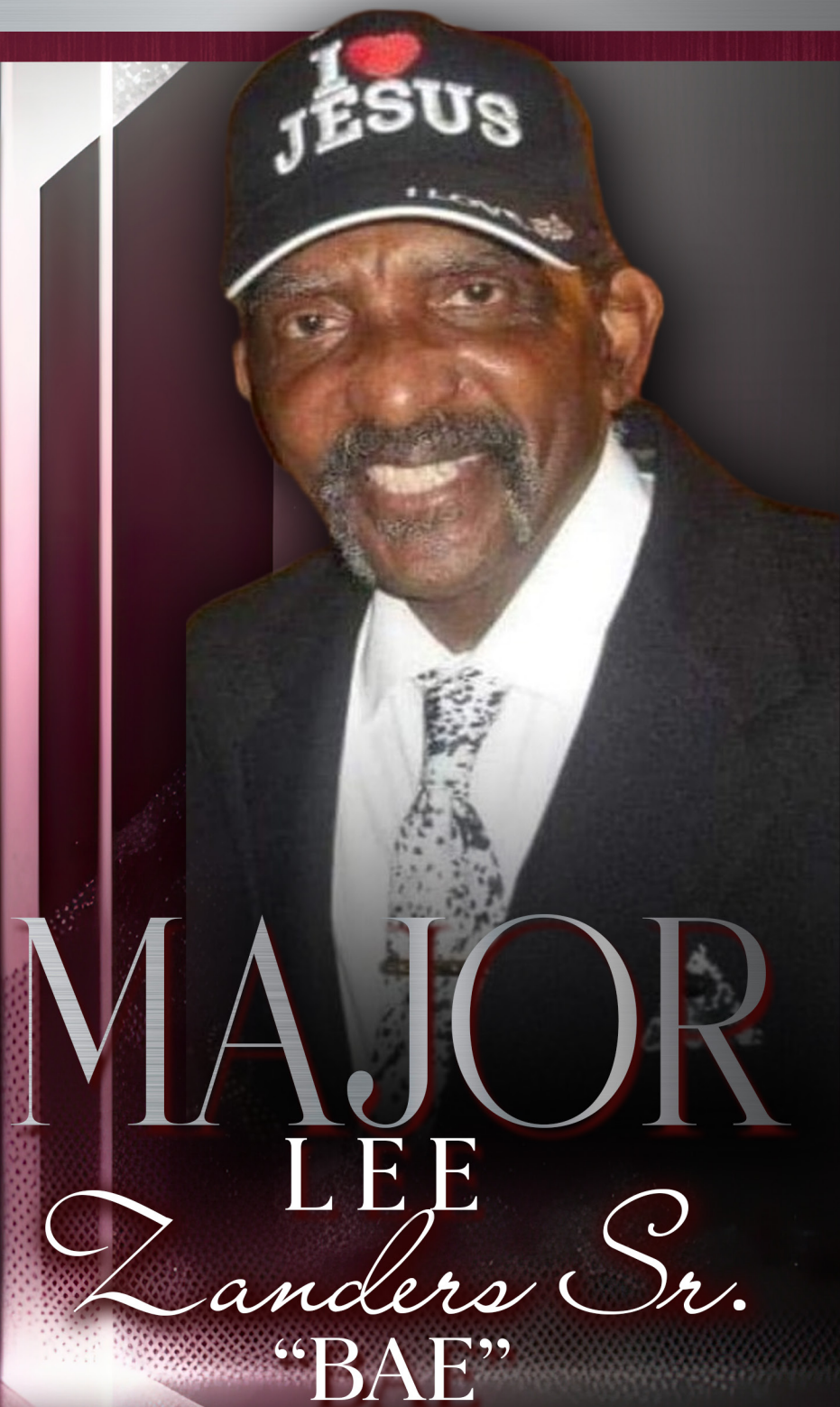
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Rev. Stavius Powell-Officiating



HIS LIFE
& LEGACY

MAJOR LEE *Zanders Sr.*

Major Lee Zanders was born on December 9, 1941 in Quincy, Florida to George Walter and Sophie Lee McCloud Zanders.

Major worked in maintenance the majority of his life and retired from Southeast Toyota doing what he loved.

Major was known to his loved ones as “Buddy” and “Bae”. He was a devout Christian and was a member of Greater Mt. Vernon where he served on the Trustee and Deacon Boards. He was a praying man that was not ashamed of calling on his Heavenly Father.

Major was united in holy matrimony to Beverly Diane Zanders and was a loving and devoted husband.

Buddy was an all-around nice guy. You could always find “Bae” with a smile on his face.

On September 21, 2023, Major answered the Master’s call and will forever be missed.

Major was preceded in death by his father: George Walter Zanders; mother: Sophie Lee McCloud Zanders and sister: Alice Marie Zanders Hobley.

He is survived by his lovely and devoted wife of thirty eight years: Beverly D. Zanders; children: (13 tribes of Major Lee Zanders, Sr); Tina Zanders Youman, Major Lee Zanders, Jr., Cynthia Zanders, Darrell Zanders, Sr (Regina), Shirley Zanders (Ivory), Derrick Zanders, LaToya Richardson, Kim Grier (Charlie), George W. Zanders II (Victoria), Alecia Richardson-Fogle (Darryl), Tessa Davis, Joseph Ellison, Jr. (Elisa) and Shirquandala Zanders; thirty six grandchildren, twenty four great grandchildren, one great-great grandchild, and a host of other relatives and friends



ORDER OF SERVICE

Rev. Stavius Powell

Processional/Viewing.....Oh I Want to See Him

Selection.....He’s a Battle Axe

Scripture(s):
Old Testament.....Psalms 103:1-8-Pulpit
New Testament.....Ephesians 2:8-12-Pulpit

Invocation.....Pulpit

Selection.....Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

Reflections
(As a courtesy to the family, please remember the two-minute rule)
As a member.....Deacon Michael Thomas
Family member.....Tatiana Gadson

Acknowledgements and Resolutions.....Kim Grier/Deacon Gencal Robinson

Hymn.....A Charge to Keep

Words of Comfort.....Rev. Stavius Powell

Recessional.....Going Up Yonder