

## DON'T CRY FOR ME

Don't cry for me.  
I will be okay.  
Heaven is my home now,  
and this is where I'll stay.  
Don't cry for me.  
I'm where I belong.  
I want you to be happy  
and try to stay strong.  
Don't cry for me.  
It was just my time,  
but I will see you someday  
on the other side.  
Don't cry for me.  
I am not alone.  
The angels are with me  
to welcome me home.  
Don't cry for me,  
for I have no fear.  
All my pain is gone,  
and Jesus took my tears.  
Don't cry for me.  
This is not the end.  
I'll be waiting here for you  
when we meet again.



# LAWRENCE

L A M A R S T A R L I N G



## PALLBEARERS

Family and Friends

## FLOWER ATTENDANTS

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We, the family of Lawrence Starling, would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for your prayers, comforting words, donations, and all acts of kindness shown during our time of bereavement. Your love and support have brought comfort and peace to our hearts. May God bless and keep each of you.

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HOMEGOING CELEBRATION FOR

# LAWRENCE

L A M A R S T A R L I N G

*Alpha*

December 29, 1951

*Omega*

October 27, 2025

SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 8, 2025 | 11:00AM  
NEW BETHLEHEM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

1824 Prospect Street | Jacksonville, Florida 32208

Rev. Dr. Marion A. Wise, Senior Pastor



# LIFE STORY

*"Well done, thou good and faithful servant... enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."  
— Matthew 25:21*

Lawrence Lamar Starling was a man whose life reflected his steadfast faith, love for family, and unwavering service to God. Born the third eldest of seven siblings, Lawrence grew up surrounded by love, laughter, and the values that would guide him throughout his life faith, hard work, and humility. For forty-two years, Lawrence dedicated himself to Peninsular Warehouse/Suddath in Jacksonville, where he was admired for his integrity, work ethic, and quiet strength. Outside of work, his passion for basketball led him to serve as a referee for over thirty years, always fair, always patient, and well respected.

But his truest calling was in service to the Lord and his church family. A devoted member of New Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, Lawrence faithfully served in many capacities. He was the Chairman of the Finance Ministry and Trustees, Co-Leader of the Tribe of Joseph (Districts 3/4) and an active member of the Budget Ministry and Official Board. He also participated in the Men of Bethlehem (MOB) and the Seasoned Soul Vessels, where his wisdom and humor blessed those around him. Most recently, he was humbly serving as Deacon in Training, a role that perfectly reflected his servant's heart. Lawrence was the founder of the church's ministry, Breadbasket Food Pantry, where he proudly served as Ministry Coordinator. Through this outreach, countless lives were touched, and God's love was made visible through Lawrence's compassion and commitment to ensuring that no one in his community would go hungry.

A man of simple pleasures and great devotion, Lawrence loved his Florida Gators and the Jacksonville Jaguars. He especially enjoyed traveling with his beloved wife, Carol and son, Ervan. His greatest joy, however, came from spending time with his family sharing stories, laughter, and love.

On October 27, 2025, Lawrence Lamar Starling heard a soft, gentle voice calling, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." — Matthew 11:28–29. Lawrence answered that call peacefully, entering eternal rest with his Lord and Savior.

Lawrence is survived by his devoted wife of fifty years, Carol Starling; his loving sons: William (Stacy), Lurelle, and Ervan Starling; cherished grandchildren: Jaramy, Malcolm (Bre), Essence, Vaughn, and Grayson Starling and beloved siblings: Arlease Starling, Dr. Paulette Starling and Mrs. Karen Nathan (Jerome).

He leaves behind a legacy of faith, kindness, and generosity that will forever live in the hearts of those who knew him. Though he will be deeply missed, we rejoice in knowing that Lawrence has received his eternal reward. His life was a true testimony of service, and his light will continue to shine through his family, his church, and all the lives he touched.

*"To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord." — 2 Corinthians 5:8*



# ORDER OF SERVICE

*Rev. DeAngelo Lester, Presiding*

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|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Processional          |                                       |
| Opening Selection     | "Every Praise" New Bethlehem Choir    |
| Invocation            | Pastor Marion Wise                    |
| Old Testament Reading | Eyangelist Paula Bryant               |
| New Testament Reading | Rev. Michael Lane                     |
| Solo                  | Sis. Loyce Dobson                     |
| Acknowledgements      | Q. L. Douglas Funeral Home Staff      |
| Resolutions           | Sis. Darlene Ashley                   |
| Selection             | New Bethlehem Choir                   |
| Reflections           | (2 Minutes Please)                    |
| Presentation          | Pastor Marion Wise & Deacons Ministry |
| Solo                  | Sis. Minnie Morman                    |
| Words of Comfort      | Pastor Marion Wise                    |
| Recessional           |                                       |

