## **TEST OF A MAN**

The test of man is the fight that he makes.

The grit that he daily shows.

The way he stands upon his feet.

And takes life's numerous bumps and blows.

A coward can smile,
When there's not to fear.
noting, his progress bars.
But it takes a man to stand and cheer.
While the other fellow stars.

It isn't the victory after all,
But, the fight that a brother makes.
A man when driven against the wall
still stands erect and takes
The Blows of Fate.

With his head held high.

Bleeding, bruised, and pale

Is the man who will win, fate defied,

For he isn't afraid to fail.



### Floral Bearers

Falicia Ellis Indria White Kimberly White Beverly Wimberly

Sharon Endsley

## Pallbearers

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

## Honorary Bearers

Burt High School Class of 1968

## Acknowledgement

The family of the late Wayne D. Townsend would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for all acts of kindness, prayers, flowers, cards, gifts, food and other expressions of love. Special thanks to: Rev. & Mrs. Delbert R. Brown, Rev. George Douglas, Mrs. Capri Griffey Allen, Mr. Cornelius Stevens, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Young, Mr. Derick Allen, Mrs. Eloise Griffey, Mrs. Doris Witherspoon, Mrs. Frances Lyle, Rev. & Mrs. Clifton Chestnut, Mr. Terrence Evans, Ms. Tasha Saunders, Ms. Joan Wells, Mr. Aaron Shambley, Mr. Waymon Peer, Mr. Bronson Worthy, Mr. DeAndre Jones, Mr. Michael McGee, Ms. Barbara Johnson, Dr. Robert Geller, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Mrs. Melinda Jones, Emory University Department of Pediatrics and everyone who shared prayers and concerns during my dad's period of illness. May God richly bless each of you!

The Townsend Family

#### Interment

Concord Memorial Garden Clarksville, Tennessee

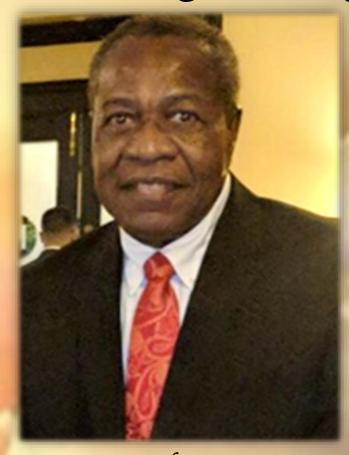


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## Celebrating the Life



Mr. Wayne Douglas Townsend
Sunrise
December 1, 1950

Sunset
July 1, 2021

### Service

Thursday, July 8, 2021 11:00 a.m.

## Foston Memorial Chapel 816 Franklin Street

816 Franklin Street Clarksville, Tennessee 37040

Rev. Delbert R. Brown ~ Pastor Rev. Dr. Settle Townsend, Jr. ~ Eulogist

# Life's Reflections Mr. Wayne Douglas Townsend

1950 ~ 2021

Wayne Douglas Townsend was the ninth child born to John T. Townsend Sr. and Maggie B. Townsend on December 1, 1950 in Christian County, Kentucky. He was 70 years old at the time of his death, departing on July 1, 2021 at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia.

Wayne graduated from Burt High School in Clarksville, Tennessee in 1968. He attended Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee where he received a BA degree in 1972. He is a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated and crossed in 1969.

He enjoyed a successful industrial engineering career at various shoe manufacturing companies such as Stride Rite, Reebok International, and Adidas. His first employment after college was as an Industrial Engineer at Acme Boot in Clarksville, Tennessee and then Stoughton, Massachusetts. During his career, he travelled extensively to China, India, South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Indonesia, Bali, Singapore, Thailand, and Japan. He also travelled extensively within the United States to Maine, Arizona, Hawaii, New York, Las Vegas, Florida, Oregon, California, Texas, Indiana, and Georgia.

During Wayne's life, he had a strong religious interest with the Jehovah's Witnesses, which was encourage by his father. He studied the bible and attended meetings in Maine, Tennessee, Indiana and Georgia. Wayne encouraged his son and other family members to always study the bible, and use its teachings within their lives.

Wayne was an incredibly loving and caring soul. He loved spending time with family and friends, traveling, listening to music, bass fishing, fine dining, sports, and attending movies with his son. He also enjoyed the Townsend family reunions and Burt High School class reunions.

Wayne spent his last 4 years in Atlanta, Georgia with his son and family. There, he earned one of his favorite titles: "Grandfather" or "Paw-Paw".

He leaves precious memories to be shared by his son, Adam Douglas (Tiara Wells) Townsend; granddaughter, Alexandra Grace Townsend, whom he called "Grace"; sisters: Mayolta T. Mallory and Isoria T. (Booker) White and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

## Order of Service

Procession and Seating of the Family Soft Music Musical Selection Veronica Long Stem "Amazing Grace" Scripture Evangelist Sharon Endsley Prayer Rev. Delbert R. Brown
Pastor, Concord Missionary Baptist Church Musical Selection Veronica Long Stem Resolutions/Acknowledgement Capri Griffey Allen Reflections "As" Stevie Wonder Musical Selection Veronica Long Stem Tributes: Family\_\_\_\_\_Indria White Friend\_\_\_\_\_Dr. Donald Allen The Eulogy Rev. Dr. Settle Townsend, Jr.

Pastor ~ Auburn Avenue Baptist Church Belle Fontaine, Ohio Musical Selection Gladys Knight
"Wind Beneath My Wings" **Funeral Directors** Recession of the Family







