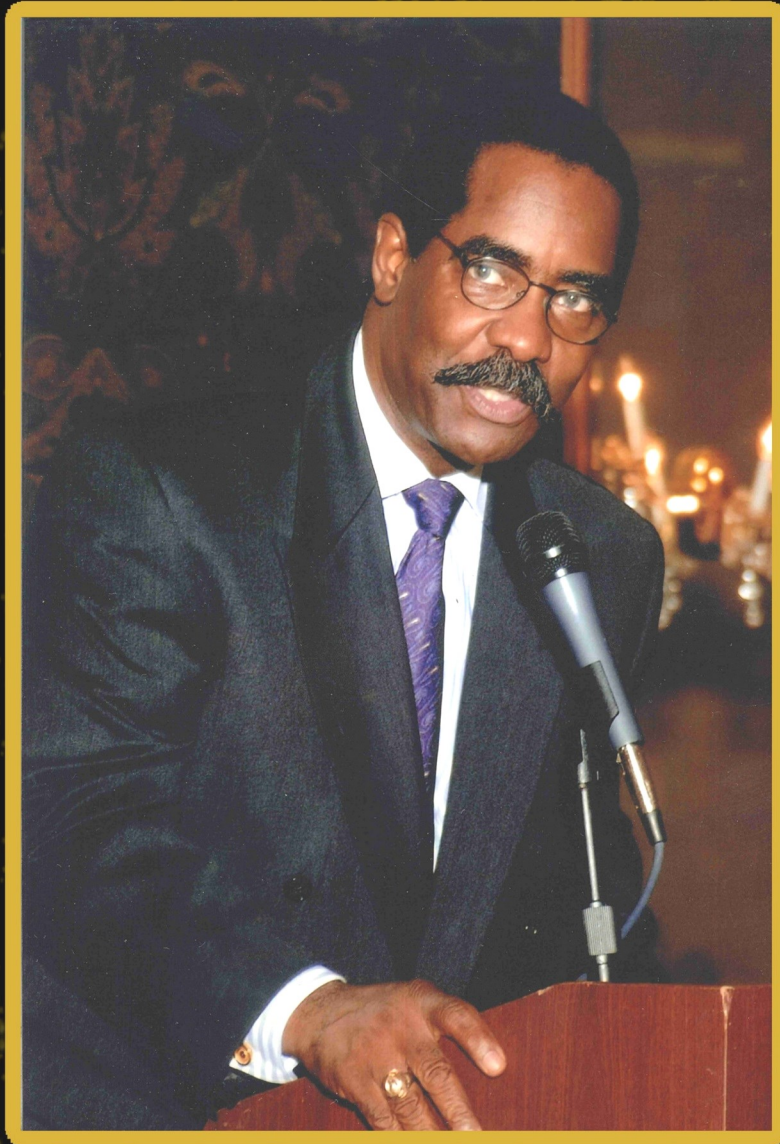


Celebrating The Man, The Life,  
The Brother, The Friend



# Mr. Willie John "Butch" Mitchell, Jr.

Sunrise: January 11, 1946 ~ Sunset: November 4, 2024

Saturday, November 16, 2024 | 11:00 A.M.

ST. MATTHEWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1401 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

Savannah, GA 31415

# *Celebrating The Man, The Life, The Brother, The Friend*

**God, Thank You for blessing us with our wonderful and loving brother, Butch.**

**Although we are so very heartbroken because you left us, we know you would want us to honor your wish to move onward to your Heavenly home.**

**We will forever miss you and love you deeply.**

**Claudine, JoAnne, and Sandra**

*Willie John Mitchell, Jr. was born on January 11, 1946, in Savannah, GA to his wonderful and loving parents, Willie John and Madlin Mitchell, who instilled in him at a very early age the need for education and the love and loyalty for his family and friends.*

*Butch attended elementary school at East Broad Street School. Later, he attended and graduated from Sol C. Johnson High School where he played his favorite sport, football. He was a member of the graduating class of 1964. Following his high school graduation, he continued his education at Savannah State College (now University) where he obtained his bachelor's degree in Business Administration and graduated with the class of 1968. At a young age, he was Baptized and Confirmed in St. Matthew's Episcopal Church where he often served as an Acolyte.*

*After graduating from Savannah State College, he was off to New York City to live with family and to pursue his career in Business Administration. He was asked to be part of the modeling industry. Years later, he moved to Chicago to continue his work with various corporate employers such as Seagram's and Herman Miller.*

*Among his many life's accomplishments, he was most proud to have pledged Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Delta Eta Chapter, in the Spring of 1965 at Savannah State College. He was also a member of the Savannah State College Men's Glee Club. He was also inducted into the Sol C. Johnson Athletic Hall of Fame. He loved projects that involved working with our daddy especially, restoring dad's antique cars and truck and building the garage and pergola that still stands strong in the backyard of our family home.*

*In 1995, upon the death of our father, Butch moved back to Savannah to assist with caring for our mother. He became involved with community projects and worked as a chairman and member of the Historic District Board of Review and a member of the Dixon Park Neighborhood Improvement Association. Upon his retirement, he pursued another one of his passions – gardening: such as collard greens, turnips, tomatoes, cucumbers, broccoli, etc.*

*He will always be remembered for his frank opinions, his wisdom, kindness, strength and as a true friend to those who were fortunate to be part of his life.*

*Butch was preceded in death by his parents, Willie John Mitchell, Sr and Madlin Mitchell; and a brother, Daniel Henry. He leaves to mourn and cherish his memories his loving sisters, Claudine Mitchell Lee, JoAnne Mitchell, and Sandra Mitchell; nephews, Terry Henry (Tyeshia) and Allen Henry (Lisa) all of Atlanta; and he is also survived by a multitude of cousins and friends who will forever cherish and remember him in their hearts.*

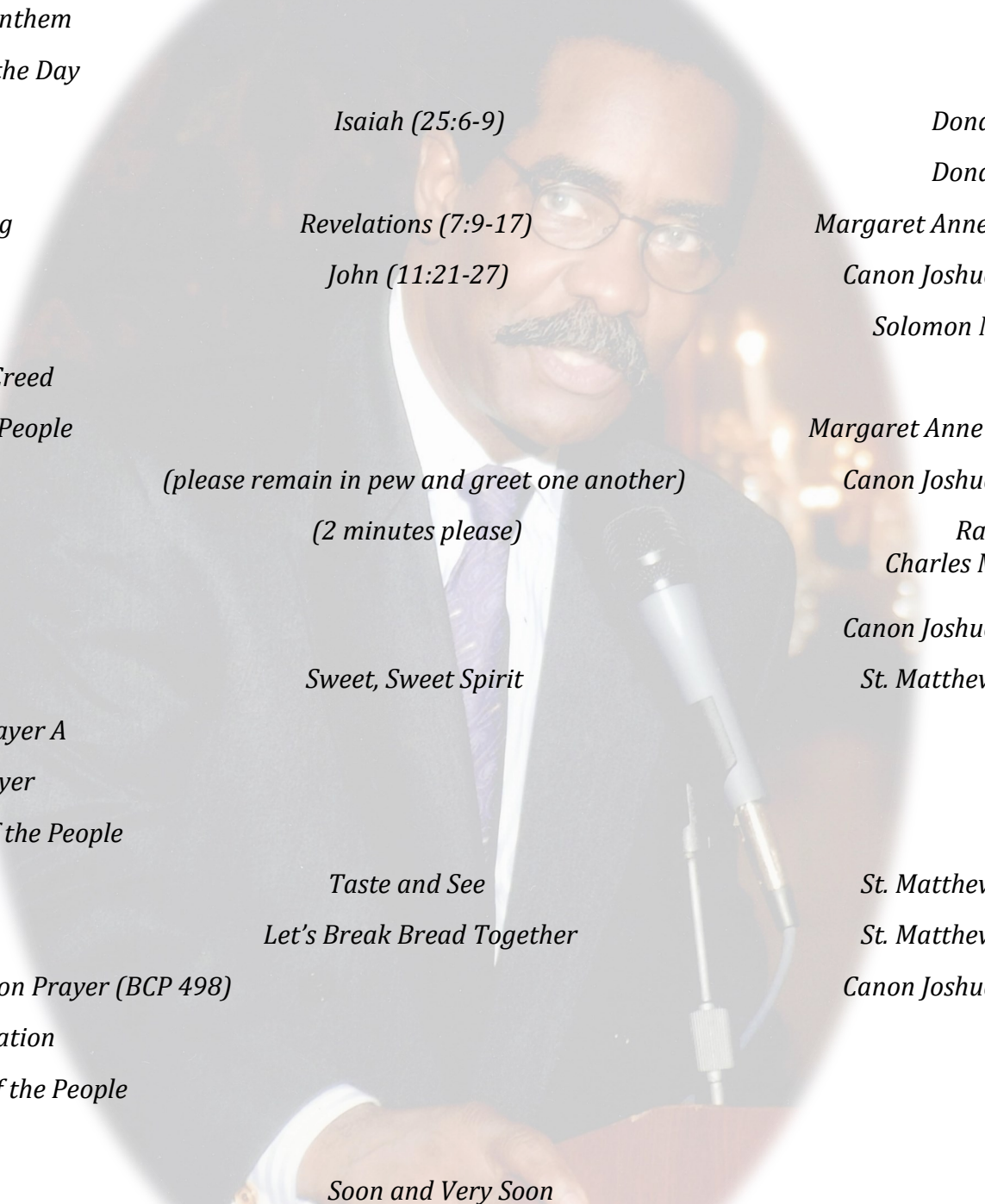
## *Rest Peacefully in God's Beautiful Paradise*





*Willie John "Butch" Mitchell, Jr.*  
*January 11, 1946 to November 4, 2024*  
*Burial Eucharist*

*St. Matthew's Episcopal Church*  
*Saturday, November 16, 2024, at 11AM*  
*Live Streamed to [www.Facebook.com/StMattSav](http://www.Facebook.com/StMattSav)*

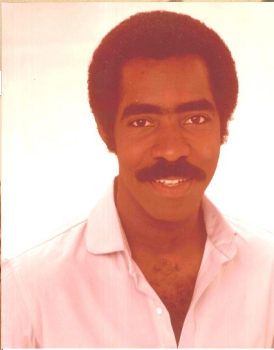
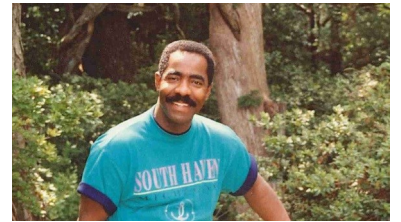
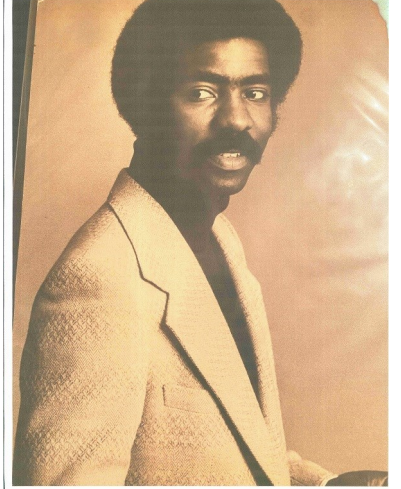
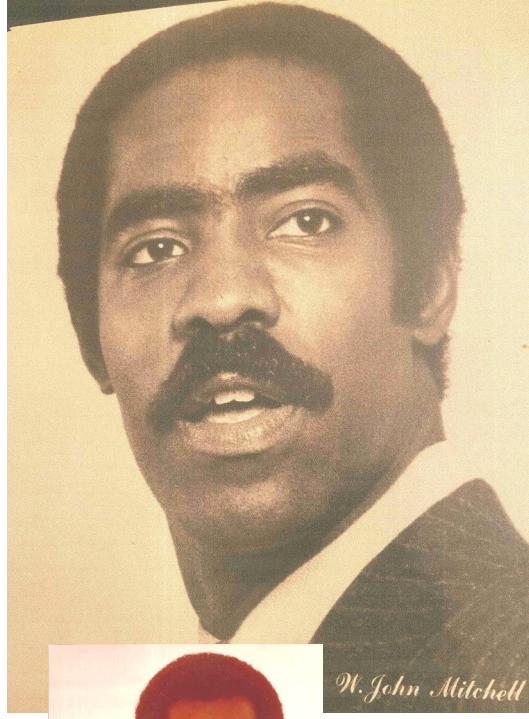
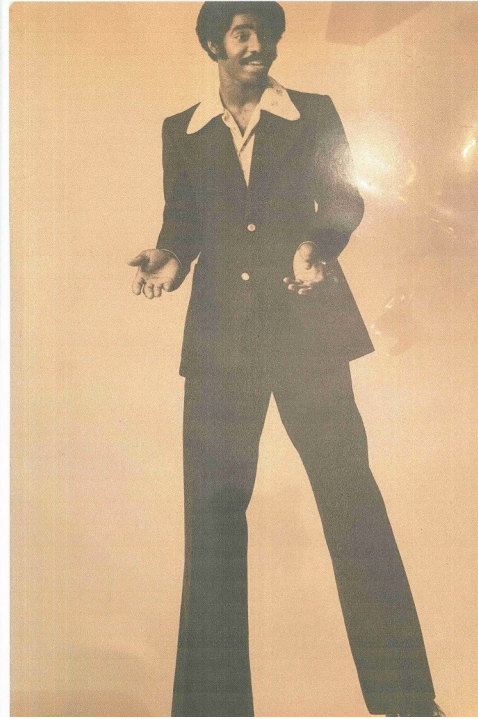
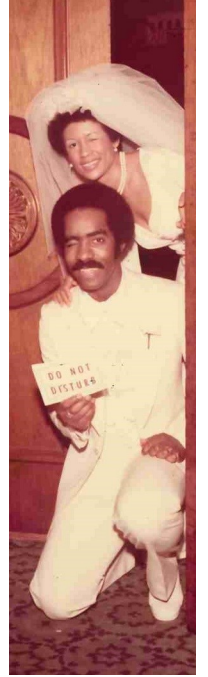
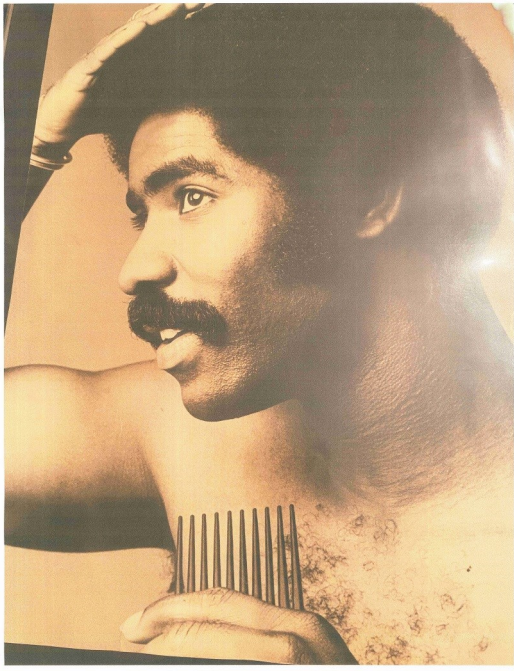


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| <i>The Opening Anthem</i>              |   | <i>BCP 491</i>                                |
| <i>The Collect of the Day</i>          |   | <i>BCP 493</i>                                |
| <i>First Reading</i>                   | <i>Isaiah (25:6-9)</i>                              | <i>Donald Jones</i>                           |
| <i>Psalm 121</i>                       |   | <i>Donald Jones</i>                           |
| <i>Second Reading</i>                  | <i>Revelations (7:9-17)</i>                         | <i>Margaret Anne Pearson</i>                  |
| <i>The Gospel</i>                      | <i>John (11:21-27)</i>                              | <i>Canon Joshua Varner</i>                    |
| <i>The Eulogy</i>                      |   | <i>Solomon Myers, III</i>                     |
| <i>The Apostles' Creed</i>             |   | <i>BCP 496</i>                                |
| <i>Prayers of the People</i>           |   | <i>Margaret Anne Pearson</i>                  |
| <i>The Peace</i>                       | <i>(please remain in pew and greet one another)</i> | <i>Canon Joshua Varner</i>                    |
| <i>Reflections</i>                     | <i>(2 minutes please)</i>                           | <i>Ralph Stell</i><br><i>Charles McMillan</i> |
| <i>The Offertory</i>                   |   | <i>Canon Joshua Varner</i>                    |
| <i>LEV #120</i>                        | <i>Sweet, Sweet Spirit</i>                          | <i>St. Matthew's Choir</i>                    |
| <i>Eucharistic Prayer A</i>            |   | <i>BCP 361</i>                                |
| <i>The Lord's Prayer</i>               |   | <i>BCP 364</i>                                |
| <i>Communion of the People</i>         |   |   |
| <i>LEV #154</i>                        | <i>Taste and See</i>                                | <i>St. Matthew's Choir</i>                    |
| <i>LEV #152</i>                        | <i>Let's Break Bread Together</i>                   | <i>St. Matthew's Choir</i>                    |
| <i>Post Communion Prayer (BCP 498)</i> |   | <i>Canon Joshua Varner</i>                    |
| <i>The Commendation</i>                |   | <i>BCP 499</i>                                |
| <i>The Blessing of the People</i>      |   |   |
| <i>The Dismissal</i>                   |   | <i>BCP 500</i>                                |
| <i>Recessional</i>                     | <i>Soon and Very Soon</i>                           | <i>LEV #14</i>                                |

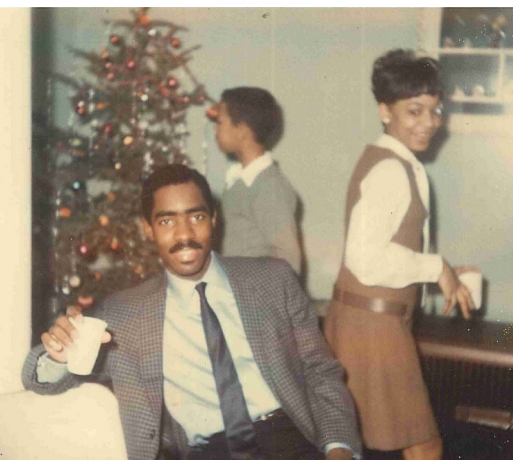
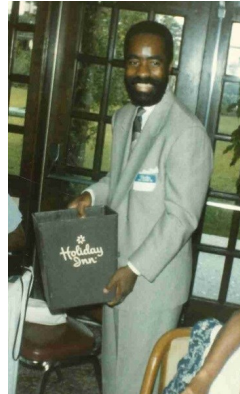
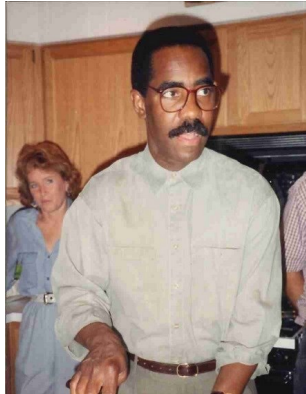
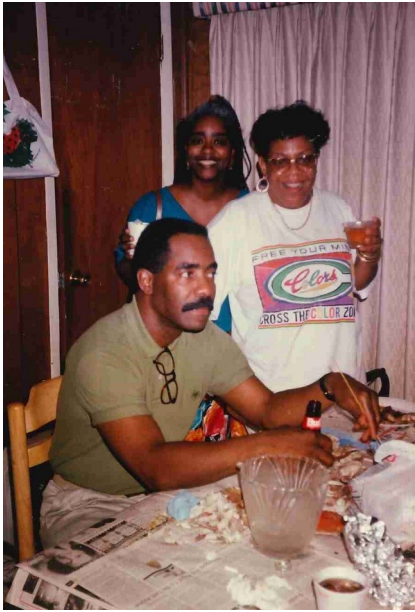
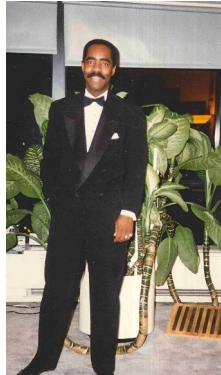
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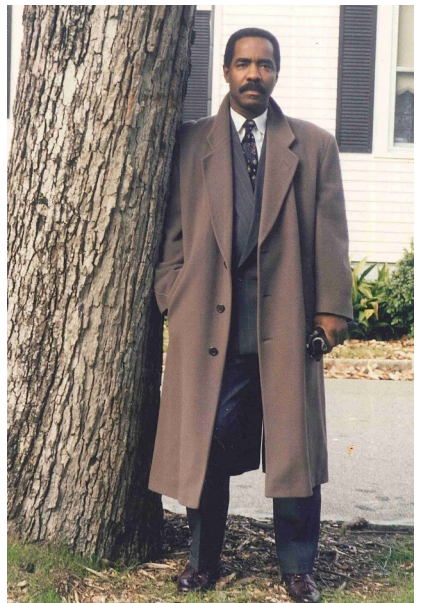
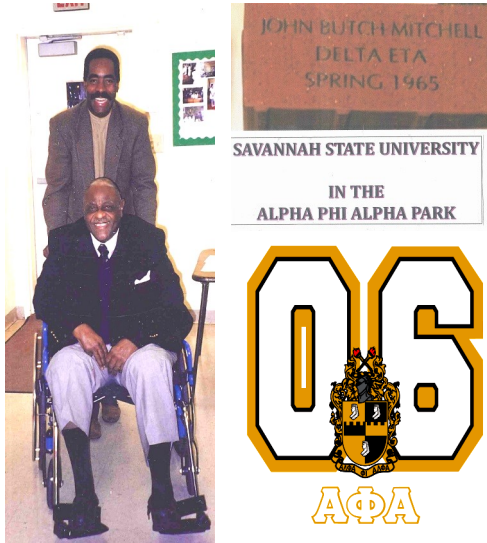
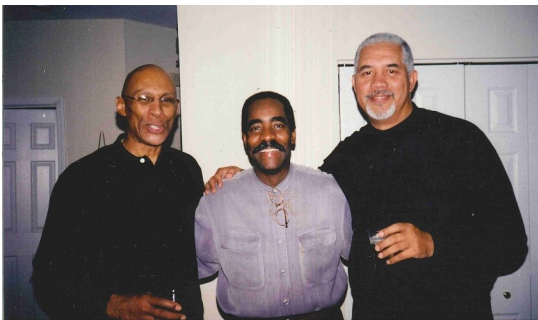
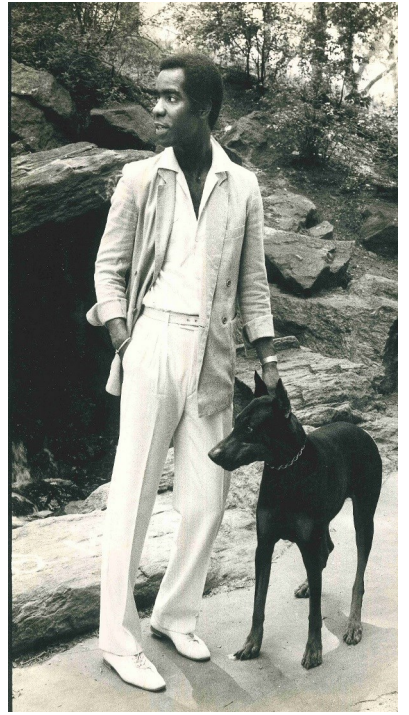
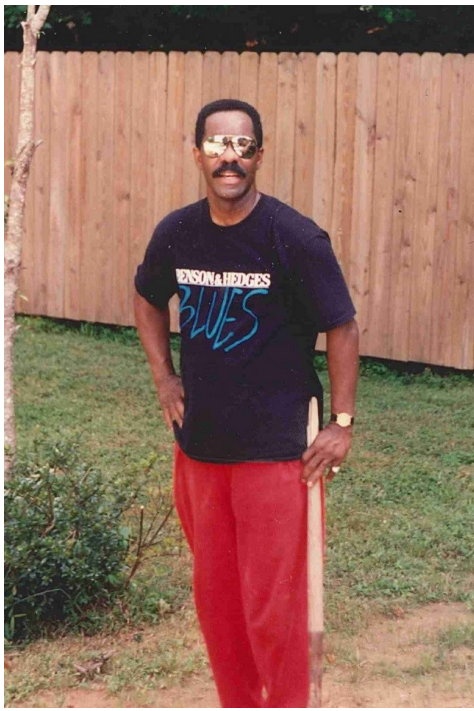




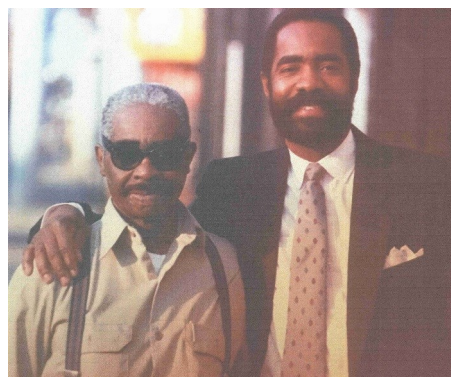
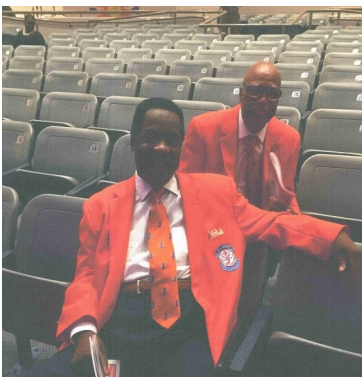
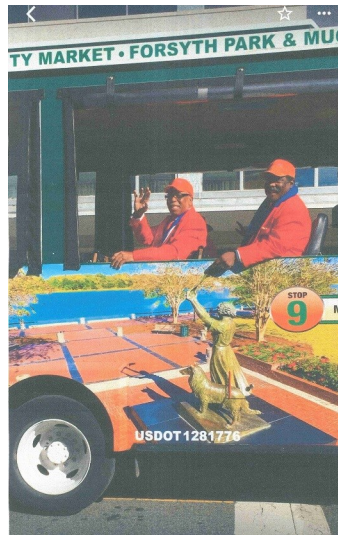
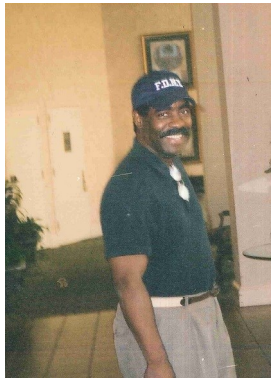
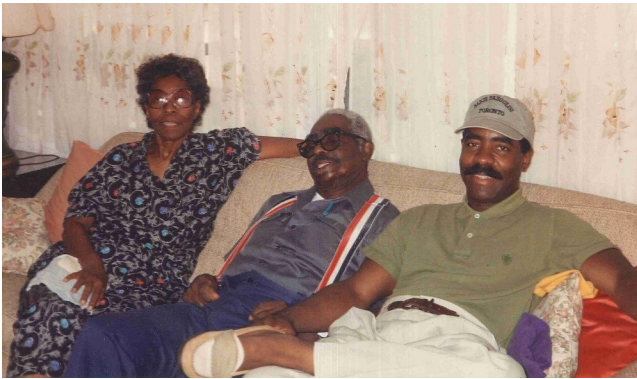
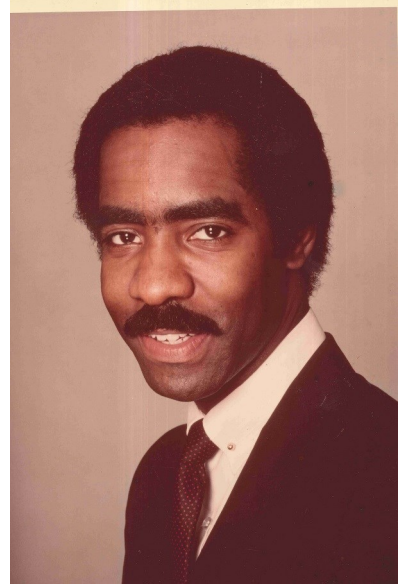
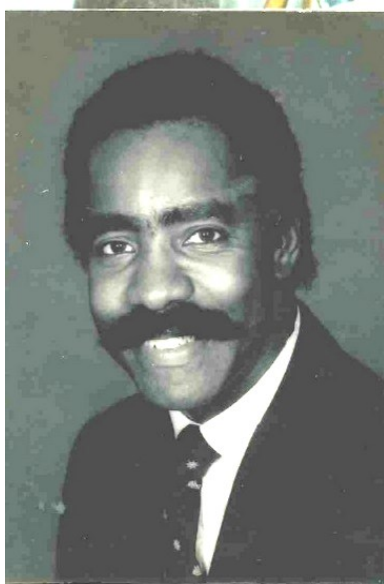




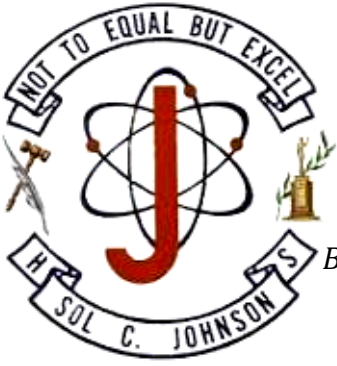












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## A Very Special Thank You

**Clergy** - Father Arboleda and Deacon Ella Rountree-Davis for your home and hospital room visits to offer Butch prayers, communion, and comfort.

**Friends** – Solomon Myers, III (for always coming over to engage him in conversation and being his “little brother”) and for keeping Butch’s black beauty tuned up and road worthy. Sorry that you did not get to take him for one last ride/drive; Ralph and Delma Stell (for your continuous uplifting visits to the house and hospital and the many delicious meals); Louis Grady Cooper (THE BEST NEIGHBOR, EVER for taking over the planting and harvesting of his beloved gardens for the past several years); Harold Singleton and Serdalia (for always stopping by and bringing that delicious food, especially, that great red rice – his favorite); Keith Lord (our computer guru and carpenter for always answering his calls and not hesitating to stop by to solve the problems); and Curtis Walker - Our best friend for life!! For always being there to help take Butch to his medical appointments both local and out of town, and back home safely.

THANK YOU for always being present!!

**Medical Staff:** Dr. Roel Laygo, Dr. Kevin Ammar, Dr. William Hartley, and Dr. Kevin McClune. Butch really enjoyed your many discussions and patience. The medical staff at St. Joseph/Candler Hospitals, Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital, and Select Specialty Hospital.

Adams Funeral Services, Inc. for your patience as we navigated through this tough journey to a new normal – without our terrific brother, Willie John “Butch” Mitchell, Jr.

## Acknowledgements

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We thank all of the program participants, and especially the family and friends who traveled the distance to be with us today. There are no words that can express our gratitude to each of you.

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