

Acknowledgement

The family of Johnny Paul Bigham Sr. wishes to thank each of you for your prayers, expressions of love, and deeds of kindness. Your thoughtfulness in an effort to soothe and comfort our grieving hearts mean so much to us. We are grateful to God for the life of our loved one. May God continue to bless each of you.

The Bigham Family

Flowers Bearers

Nieces

Sister-In-laws

Active Pallbearers

Tristin Lankford
Garrett McCalla
Zack James

Johnny P. Bigham, Jr.
Darvin Newsome, Sr.

Toi James
Kevin Hawkins, Jr.
Quantelle Turman

Honorary Pallbearer

Gale Daniels
Charles Evans
Gregory Avery
Michael Caraway

James Clark
Kendrick Martin
Terry McKnight
Brother-in-laws
Montello Hollis

Eddie Palmer
Nephews
Joe Mac King
Willie Kinchion

Honorary Class of 1967

Interment

Cedars Memorial Gardens
1830 S. Pacific Street

Repast

McFarland Community Center
708 S. Stone Street
Mineola, TX 75773

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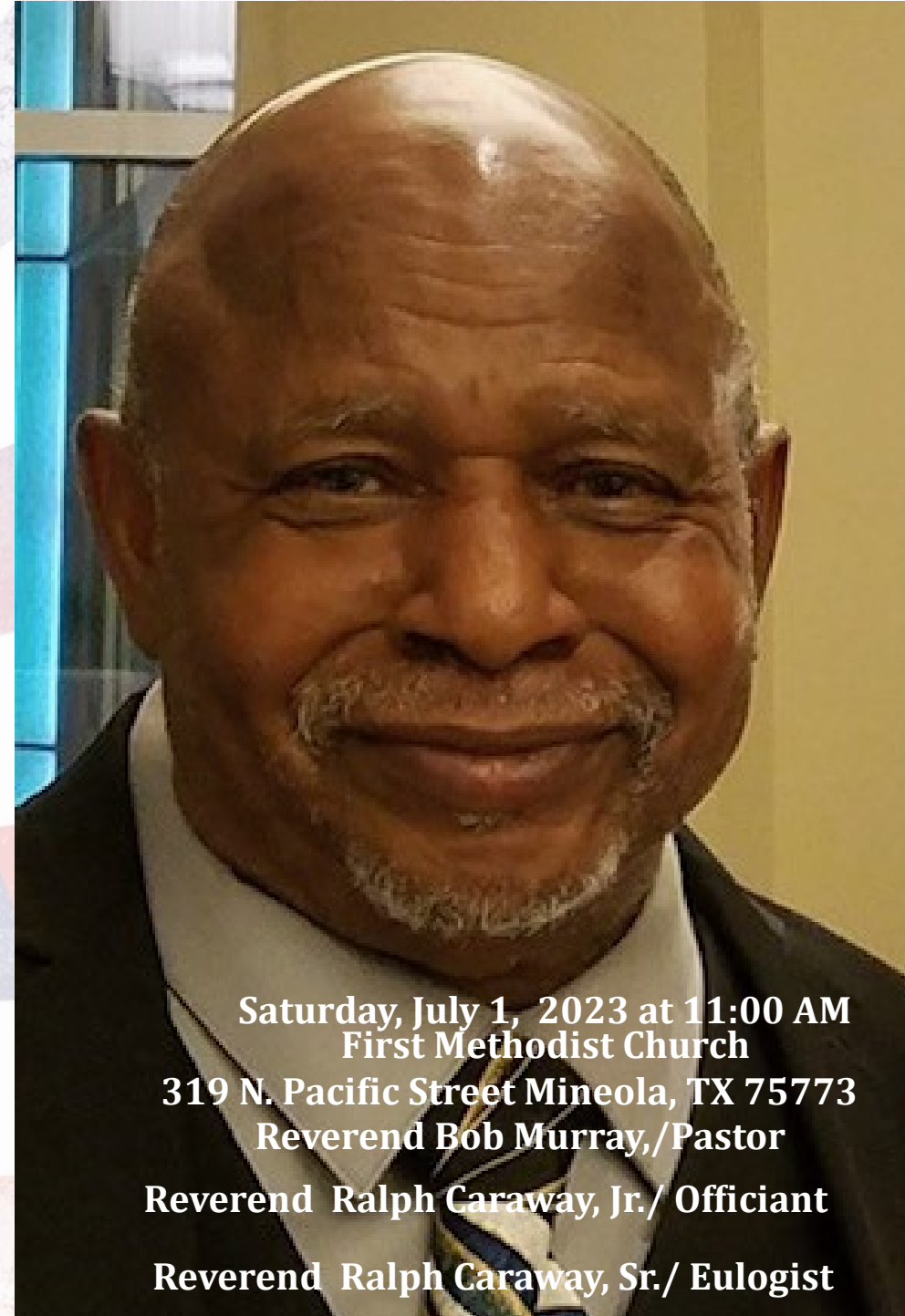
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Rodney London, Owner/ Manager



A STANDING OVATION FOR



Sgt. Johnny Paul Bigham, Sr.

Sunrise: January 15, 1948- Sunset: June 25, 2023

Saturday, July 1, 2023 at 11:00 AM
First Methodist Church

319 N. Pacific Street Mineola, TX 75773

Reverend Bob Murray, /Pastor

Reverend Ralph Caraway, Jr./ Officiant

Reverend Ralph Caraway, Sr./ Eulogist

In Loving Memory of a Very Special

Grandad

If I could write a story

It would be the greatest ever told,

Of a kind and loving grandad

Who had a heart of gold.

I could write a million pages

But there's one thing I would say,

Just how much I love and miss you

Every single day.

You were a firm foundation

Through all the storms of life,

A sturdy hand to hold onto

In times of stress and strife.

A true friend I could turn, to

In times of good and bad,

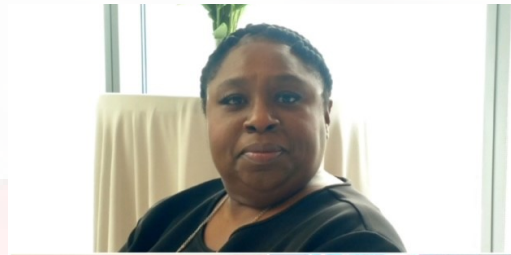
One of life's greatest blessings

The man I call Grandad

Love,

Eliza, Tristin, Aaliyah

& Elonii



Dad

You never said I'm leaving,

You never said goodbye.

You were gone before I knew it,

And only God knew why,

A million times I cried,

If love alone could have saved you,

You never would have died.

In life I loved you dearly,

In death I love you still,

In my heart you hold a place,

That no one could ever fill.

It broke my heart to lose you,

But you didn't go alone.

For part of me went with you,

The day God took you home.

Love ,

Vivian, Paula, Johnny Jr., and

Yvonne



Husband

I can't believe I've been so blessed
With a husband such as you;
To stand by me and hold my hand
To help me make it through.
It hasn't always been good times
We've had our share of tears.
We've faced obstacles together
And overcome our fears.
In good times we have laughed so
much
And shared such awesome days
No one knows me like you do.
We grow closer every day.
I know that you were made for me.
Our life I so adore
I hope you know deep in my heart
I could not love you more.



Love
Your wife,



Reflections

Johnny Paul Bigham was born in Mineola, Texas on Thursday, January 15, 1948, to Johnny and Ella Mae Staples-Bigham. He departed this life on Sunday, June 25, 2023, at his residence in Mineola, Texas.

He accepted Christ at an early age, uniting with East Chapel CME, and later he joined Johnson Chapel where he was a steward.

Johnny education begin at McFarland High School, and after integration he attended Mineola Public School System where he later graduate with the Class of 1967. Paul was an all-around athlete. He excelled in sports and was a standout performer on the football team. Which in term lead to the phrase “Give the Ball to Johnny Paul.” His performances on the football field have since lead to him being inducted into the Mineola High School Hall of Fame.

After high school, he enlisted in the United States Air Forces in 1968. Serving four years active service, and another two years in reserve. After leaving the military he worked at several jobs, but would later retire from Goodyear-Kelly Springfield, formerly in Tyler, TX.

In June 1973, he married Novada Stephens. And fifty years later they remained each other’s rock to lean on. Paul was a family-oriented man who loved his family. He provided love, knowledge, and wisdom for his family. All the ingredients needed to survive in this world.

Johnny Paul reunited with his parents Johnny and Ella Mae Bigham, sisters: Alice J. Bigham, Linda Dunlap, and Rossalita Bigham-Trunnell, brothers: Glen R. Bigham, Charles L. Bigham, and James Bigham.

He leaves to cherish his memories his wife, Novada Bigham, children: Vivian Bigham of Mineola, TX; Paula Bigham of Dallas, TX; Johnny P. Bigham, Jr. of Mineola, TX; and Yvonne Moore (Jimmy) of Tyler, TX; One sister, Sandra Pipkins of Van, TX; one brother, Jerry Don Bigham of San Antonio, TX; grandchildren : Eliza , Tristin, and Aaliyah; one great-grand baby Elonii, A special aunt, Bessie Caraway and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Old Testament

Reverend Benny Reynolds

New Testament

Elder Byron Caraway

Prayer

Reverend Ralph Caraway, Jr.

Resolutions

Johana Cooper

Solo

Janet Turner

Special Remarks

Rufus Jackson

Remarks

(Limits Two Minutes)

Acknowledgements

Cecelia Brumsey

Solo

Granger Williams

Eulogy

Reverend Ralph Caraway, Sr.

Final Tribute

London’s Mortuary

Recessional