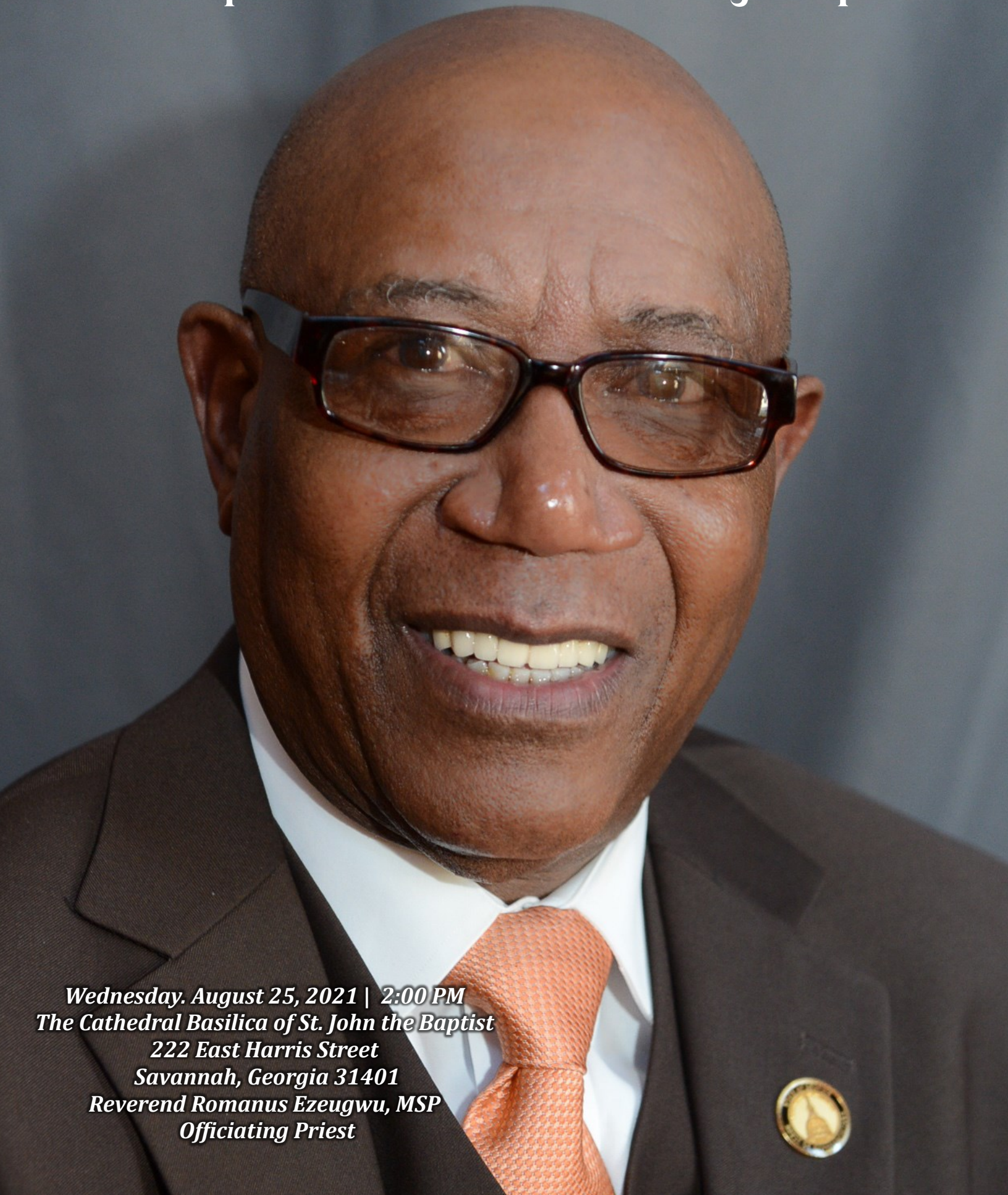


Funeral Mass for  
**State Representative Edward “Mickey” Stephens**



*Wednesday, August 25, 2021 | 2:00 PM*  
*The Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist*  
*222 East Harris Street*  
*Savannah, Georgia 31401*  
*Reverend Romanus Ezeugwu, MSP*  
*Officiating Priest*



# Obituary

*“Come you who are blessed by my Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world” (Matthew 25:34).*

Representative Edward “Mickey” Stephens was born in Savannah, Georgia to the late Mattie Dinkins Stephens and Robert Stephens, Sr. on April 4, 1944. He was one of five children born to this union.

He was married to the love of his life, Gloria Fields Stephens for over 50 years, with two children, Edward, Jr. and Karlis; and three grandchildren, Kyrin, Lauren (Blessed Memory) and Raven.

A communicant of St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church, Savannah, Georgia, he was actively involved in restoration and development projects within the parish. Mickey has been a part of the Savannah community all of his life and has served his community as an educator, coach and as a member of the Georgia General Assembly. He was a product of the Savannah Chatham School System, graduating from Alfred Ely Beach High School. He never hesitated to proudly inform or remind others that he was a “Mighty Bulldog.” Not only was he formally educated in the public school system, he was molded and nurtured which resulted in positive indelible memories, which left a lifelong impact on his life. Upon graduation he continued his love for education by completing his Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Arts Education from Savannah State College (University) and his Master of Education from Cambridge College in Boston, Massachusetts.

His first teaching offer was from the Atlanta School System but Mickey chose to work for the same educational system which molded him. He completed 32 years of service as an Industrial Arts (Shop) Teacher at John W. Hubert Middle School, Instructor of Technology at Shuman Middle School and retired as an Instructor of Technology at Savannah High School. In addition to his teaching duties, he coached at the above and at Richard Arnold High School. After retirement, Mickey’s love for the people personality led him into the political arena. He represented District 2 on the Savannah Chatham County School Board. Mickey, known as “A Man of Quiet Strength,” represented Savannah in the Georgia House of Representatives for one term from 2002-2003 and was re-elected in 2008. He was a fixture in the House where he served on numerous committees until his passing. Some committees include: Health and Human Services, Insurance, Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment, Regulated Industries and Ways & Means.

Mickey’s repeated re-elections clearly indicated that he was the candidate who could best represent all the people of the 165<sup>th</sup> District. His commitment to serving the community was unquestioned, volunteering his time to help people from all walks of life; ranging from students in his Fraternity, the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Mentorship Program, members of his congregation at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church and struggling single parents trying to get their lives back on track. He understood well the importance of creating a community at which all people could live and enjoy a good quality of life.

Mickey unquestionably contributed to the well-being and prosperity of our city and state. Of his many accomplishments, he would regularly pride himself as being instrumental in securing millions of dollars in funding for Savannah State University and helping Home Depot build a partnership with the City of Savannah which resulted in building a new Home Depot on Victory Drive and thus creating hundreds of jobs in his district and the Savannah community.

Mickey, we love you but God loves you more. May your countless good deeds speak for you in eternity, “For when I was hungry you gave me to eat, a stranger and you welcomed me, in prison or in hospital and you visited me.” (Matthew 25:35-36).

Mickey, may your gentle soul rest in the Lord!

# Order of Service

## Introductory Rites

## Liturgy of the Word

First Reading:	Wisdom 3:1-9
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalm 23
Second Reading	2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10
Gospel:	Matthew 25:31-46
Homilist:	Fr. Romanus Ezeugwu, MSP
Prayer of the Faithful	

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Altar and the Gifts
Eucharistic Prayer
Communion Rite
Acknowledgements
Final Commendation
Procession to the Cemetery

**Interment:**  
Catholic Cemetery

# Hallbearers

Chatham County Delegation  
Of the Georgia General Assembly

# Honorary Hallbearers

The Georgia General Assembly

# Acknowledgements

The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude for the many expressions of kindness extended during this time of bereavement. Your prayers, love, kindness and caring thoughts have been a source of inspiration and strength to all of us.



Each night I shed a silent tear,  
As I speak to you in prayer.  
To let you know I love you,  
And just how much I care.  
Take my million teardrops,  
Wrap them up in love,  
Then ask the wind to carry them,  
To you in heaven above  
(Unknown Author)

Your Loving Wife



Final arrangements for our loved one entrusted to:



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