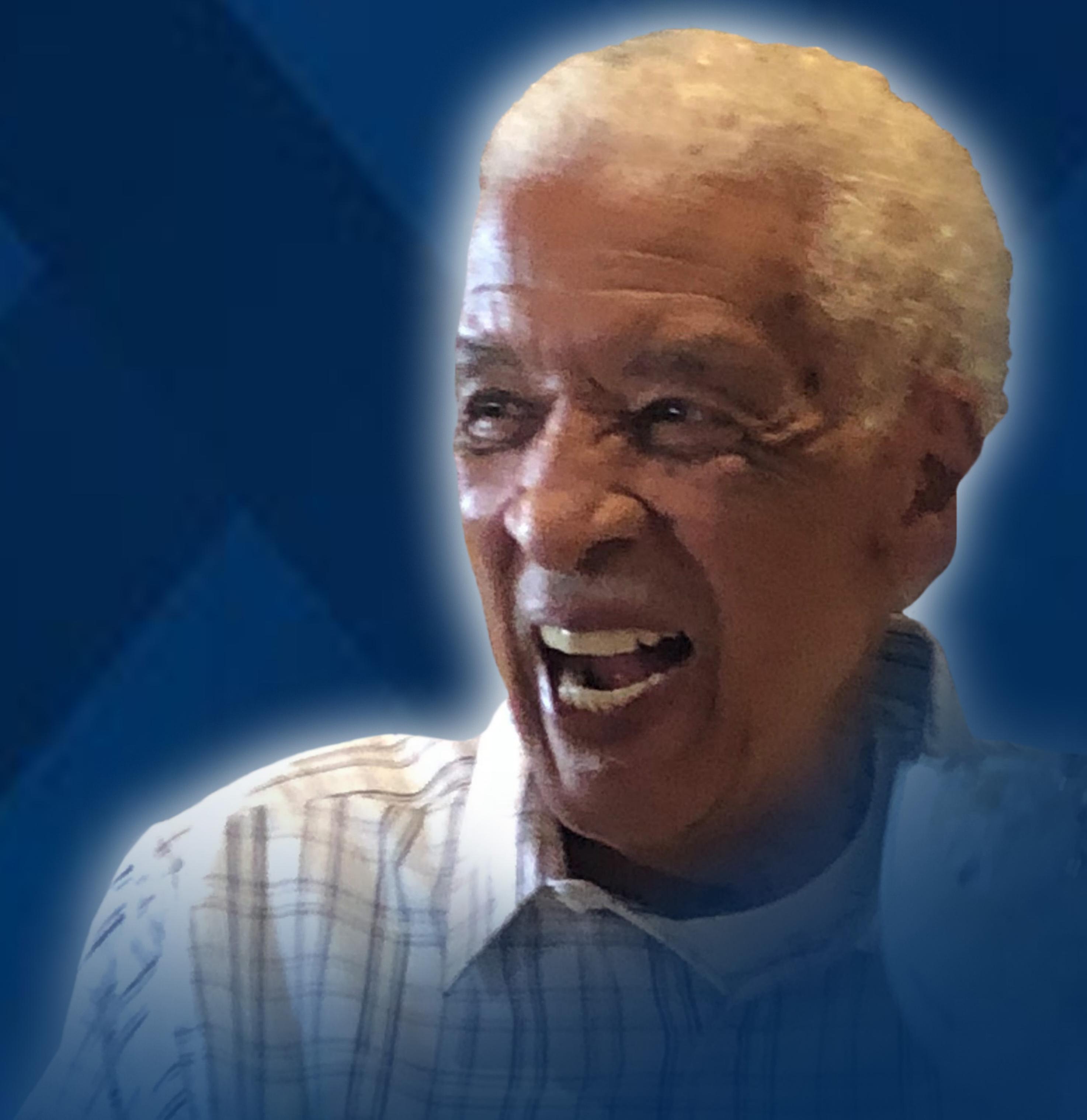
If You Could See Me Now

If you could see me now you wouldn't shed a tear. Though you may not understand why I'm no longer there. Remember my spirit that is the real me because I'm still very much alive, I've just been set free, Oh, if you could only see! I have beheld our Father's face and I've touched my Savior's Hand. All of Heaven's angels rejoiced as I entered the promised land. Beyond the gates of pearl I've walked on the golden streets. I've touched the walls of jasper and dipped my foot in the crystal sea. The beauty is beyond words and nothing could compare, I've even seen your mansion and someday I'll meet you there. Let Jesus be your guide because his word will show you the way! So please don't cry because we will meet again someday.

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Tuesday September 12, 2023 11:00am RISING STAR MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH 1500 S. Dayton Street Aurora, Colorado 80247 envice Minister Marques Johnson, Officiant Pastor Reginald Taylor, Eulogist Processional... Clergy and Family "Musical Melody" Parting Memories..... ..Pipkin Braswell Director Selection..... .Rising Star MBC Choir "Every Praise" .Rev. John Quick Old Testament- Psalms 23 / New Testament- Matthew 6:33 God Listens......Rev. Dr. Gregory Johnson Selection......Rising Star MBC Choir "Emmanuel" Acknowledgements Condolences & Obituary Sis. Lilli Fox Obituary.....Read Silently Video Tribute Expressions DEACON LAWRENCE COLEMAN (LONG TIME FRIEND) DEACON BRIAN FERGUSON, KARL DAVIS, ALAN RICE (ADOPTED SONS) **Family Tributes** JERALD C. LEGINS, III (GRANDCHILDREN) JERALD C. LEGINS, II (CHILDREN) Ecclesiastical Remarks......Rev. Dr. Gregory Johnson Selection......Rising Star MBC Choir "Thank You" Eulogy......Pastor Reginald Taylor Pipkin Braswell Staff "I Shall Wear A Crown" Recessional......Clergy and Family "Soon and Very Soon" **ACTIVE PALLBEARERS** Deacon Eddie Washington Deacon Alton Smith Deacon Malix Turner Deacon Lee Riggins Deacon Earnest Reese Deacon Larry Howard Deacon Luskey Degrafinried Deacon Shelwyn Reed HONORARY PALLBEARERS

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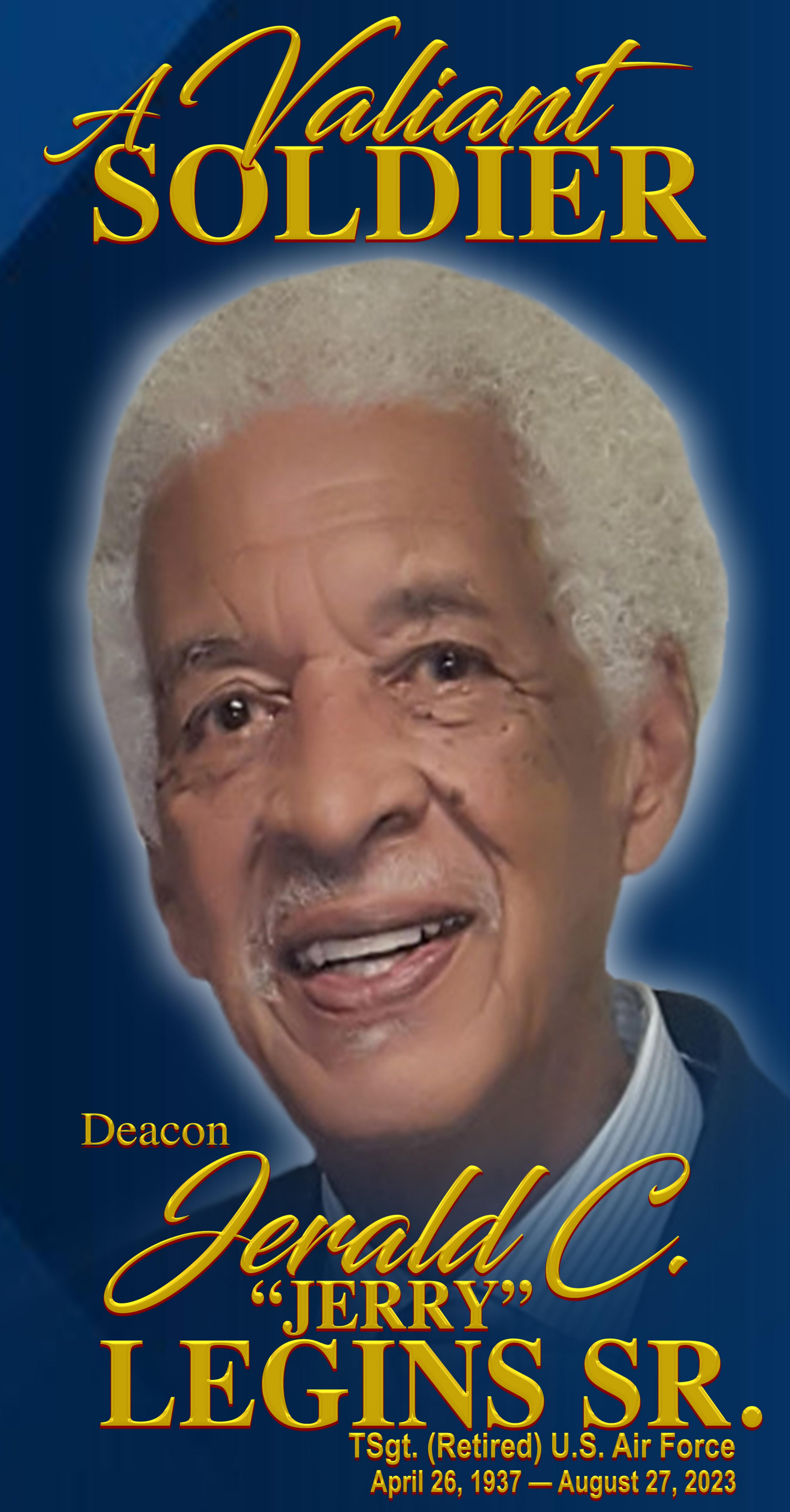
Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, If so we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, That anyone could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all, Just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We thank you so much whatever the part....The Family Of Jerald C. "Jerry" Legins

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JERALD CARLTON LEGINS SR.

The chapters of life began for Jerald Carlton Legins Sr. as he entered the world on April 26, 1937. Affectionately also known by those who loved him as "Jerry", Jerald was born in Spartanburg, South Carolina to his loving parents, Reverend Benjamin John Legins and Louise Macy Legins. Jerald was the youngest of four children born to this union. As

a young child, Jerald spent his early years sitting cross legged on the floor beside his father in the pulpit at Ebenezer Baptist Church. His spiritual upbringing and involvement with church at such a young age laid a strong foundation for his life and would serve as one of the major pathways that would lead him to accept Christ as his Savior, as well as in developing his own close and personal relationship with the Lord. As Jerald continued to grow, he would often travel to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. At the age of 14, Jerald would visit and attend Tenth Memorial Baptist Church, a church which had a large youth congregation and where he would further grow into his fellowship with other believers and in his service to God. Eventually, Jerald stayed in Philadelphia during one of his visits and was blessed to complete his formal education, graduating, and enlisting in the United States Air Force at the age of 18.

While attending Tenth Memorial Baptist Church during his youth, it was also during this time that he would meet the woman that would become his future wife, Margie. Upon meeting Margie, Jerald knew right away that, one day, he was going to make her his wife. The two married on November 2, 1957, and were blessed to share in various accomplishments, make countless memories, and share a lifetime of love together. Jerald and Margie were blessed to share 65 years of inseparable, enduring, abounding love, as one. Amazingly, over the course of their marriage, Jerald NEVER missed being with his wife on their wedding anniversary, an accomplishment that not too many men can attest to.

Through his military assignments, Jerald and Margie's journey took them all over the world. His first assignment began at Tinker AFB in Oklahoma City, where he met several members of his mother's family. From there, they went on to Karamursel AFB, in Turkey where he became well known amongst the local people in the town of Yalova. While on assignment in Turkey, their Turkish landlord took them on several trips to see cultural sites. When his assignment was completed and the time had come for Jerald and Margie to leave, the entire town came to the dock to say goodbye. Their next stop landed them at Darmstadt AFB in Germany. After residing there for a short while, they traveled to Ent AFB NORAD in Colorado Springs, Colorado where he was part of the first personnel to be working at NORAD. After settling in Colorado Springs, Jerald went on to be stationed in Danang, Vietnam, which felt like an eternity for him and his family. Thankfully, he returned to Colorado Springs, briefly, just in time to celebrate his anniversary, and then they were off to Zweibrücken AFB, in Germany again.

During his time in the military, Jerald and his wife were blessed to start a family. While moving about the country and traveling the world, Jerald and Margie's marriage was further enriched with the birth of their children, Jerald II, Jeffrey, Tamara, and Ian. Jerald was an exceptional father to his children and always strived to be the strong example and role model they needed. During this time, Jerald and his family became heavily involved in the church, which was such a unique experience with all the various members of the church belonging to different faiths. It was indeed a gift from God to fellowship with so many people of faith.

Eventually, Jerald's military journey brought him to Aurora, Colorado, where he was stationed at Buckley AFB. He bought a house for his family and in less than a month he was scheduled to go to Samsun, AFB in Turkey and receive his Master Sergeant stripe. The children had just enrolled in school and Margie said, "You go on to Samsun AFB, I will be here when you return." It didn't take Jerald long to make up his mind after hearing those words, and after serving 23 years in the military, he retired with honor as Tech Sergeant at Buckley Air Force Base.

In addition to his military service, Jerry worked at J.C. Penney's for several years before eventually launching his own business, Federal Supply, a federal contractor of office supplies. After selling the company, he started Innovative Sales with offices in Colorado and California. He later started consulting independently with federal prime contractors. Though his business successes were plentiful, what he valued most was his service to the Lord.

A man of trust and faith in God, Jerry was involved in the choir and was active with the various men's groups while stationed at the different military bases during his time of service. While residing in Aurora, Colorado, Jerald and his family joined Union Baptist Church in 1977. While attending Union, they met the late Rev. Dr. Jules E. Smith and Deacon Frank Waller and Family. In 1982, Jerald and his family joined Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church under the pastoral leadership of Rev. Smith. Jerald was a very active member at Rising Star. He sang in the choir, regularly attended bible study, was ordained, and served as a Deacon, worked on countless other church committees, and served as one of the leaders of the Family Ministry Team. Jerry, Margie, and their son Jeff traveled to Israel in 1999 with several members of Rising Star, including the late Pastor Smith, where Jerald was rebaptized in the Jordan River. He was recognized as Deacon Emeritus on June 20, 2021.

Jerald was a social butterfly and loved being surrounded by his family and friends. His greatest accomplishment was being a loving husband, father, and dearly loved his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. He often said his wife was his greatest blessing and that he was a walking miracle.

Jerald was fondly known as a Road Warrior. Jerald loved taking road trips, didn't mind a fresh cup of coffee, watching westerns, traveling, cruising, and he loved to barbeque for his family and friends. His last road trip was to Texas in July of this year with his oldest son.

The final chapter of Jerald's life story were completed on August 27,2023, as he accepted the call to enter into eternal rest with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Margie R. Legins, of Aurora Colorado; his children, Jerald C. Legins II (Brenda), Tamara D. Conley (Carroll), Jeffrey D. Legins, Ian G. Legins (Aspen); his grandchildren, JC III (Alexis), Jeremy, Katie (Dustin), Gabe (Tonyette), Tristan, Myranda, Malia; his great grandchildren, Jayven, and Alex; Brother-in-law Roger "Sonny"; and over 70 nieces and nephews, a host of extended family, and many, many friends. He also leaves behind his lifelong friend, Deacon Lawrence Coleman, and adopted sons, Deacon Brian Ferguson, Karl Davis, and Alan Rice.

While we know that our beloved Husband, Father, Grandfather, Deacon, and Military Hero is absent from his earthy body, we rejoice with exceeding joy in knowing he is present with the Lord and we hold fast to our faith, in knowing that one day, we will see him again.

