

Pallbearers

Kelvin Blalock	Richard Miller
Virgil Blalock, Jr.	Tyrome "TY" Tukes
Kevin Harris	Glen Tukes
Dexter Martin	Genard Weatherspoon

Honorary Pallbearers

Marvin Brown	Westley Owens
George Floyd	Kevin Paul
Alvin E. Jackson	Anthony Taylor
Paul Miller	Joshua Tukes
Phillip Morris	Ronnie White

Kirk Willis

Flower Attendants

Nieces and Nephews

Special Thanks

The family expresses sincere thanks to all who responded during our season of bereavement. We appreciate your prayers, support and acts of kindness shown. We thank each of you for coming to help bear our grief. May God bless you and Heaven smile upon you.

The Family

Arrangements Entrusted to

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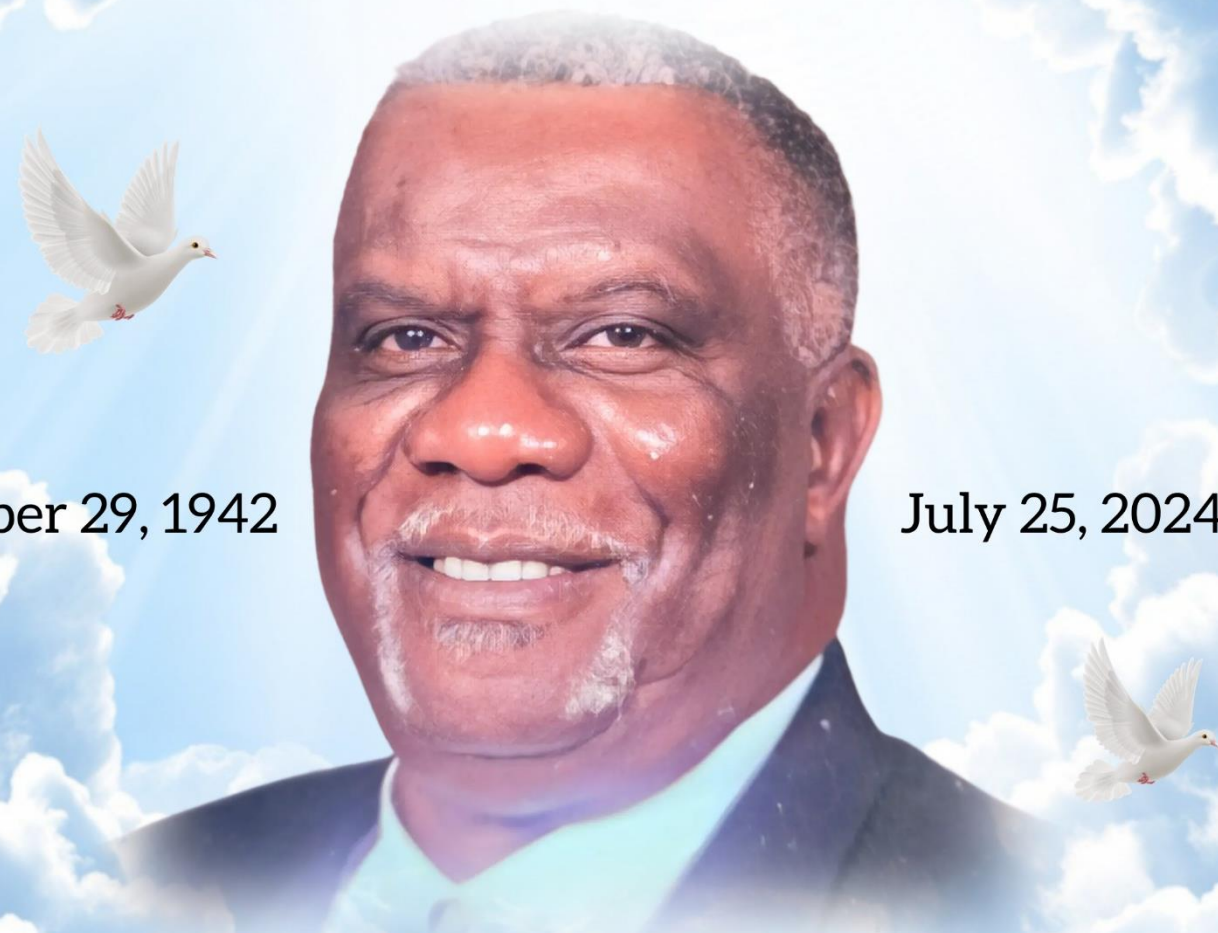
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CELEBRATING THE LIFE

OF

Samuel David Tukes



October 29, 1942

July 25, 2024

Saturday, August 3, 2024
11:00 AM

Saint John Baptist Church
7834 SR 96 East
Fort Valley, Georgia 31030

Pastor Al Sanders, Officiant
Jimmie L. Ross, Pastor

Obituary

Samuel David Tukes was born on October 29, 1942, the third of seven children born to the late David C. and Ida Bell Fields Tukes. He graduated from H.A. Hunt High and attended Fort Valley State University, formerly Fort Valley State College.

In high school, Samuel excelled in sports and academics. He ran track, played football, baseball and basketball. His senior year in high school, he was captain of the basketball team. He was voted most athletic and most popular. He received several college scholarships upon graduation from high school. He briefly played football for the United States Army and Fort Valley State.

He formerly worked for Bibb Manufacturing Company in Fort Valley and was a deputy for the Peach County Sheriff Department. He was later employed by Proctor and Gamble and retired from Weyerhaeuser in Oglethorpe, Georgia. Samuel served in the United States Army. He was a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division. He was a member of Davis - Dennis American Legion Post 268.

On August 17, 1964, Samuel married Ernestine Laney and they shared fifty-nine years of marriage.

Later, he joined St. John Baptist Church where he served faithfully as a Deacon. He was an active member until his health began to fail.

He was preceded in death by his four sisters; Louise Tukes Harris, Viola Tukes, Lucy (Robert "Fannie") Tukes Young, Lois (Cleveland) Tukes Scott; brother, Kenneth Tukes; three nieces: Lydia Harris, Carolyn Harris and Lashonda Scott, six aunts: Annie Laura Fredrick, Lucinda Hall, Pearlie Tukes Brown, Daisy Tukes Girdner, Annie Joe Tukes Postell, David Lee Marks, five uncles: John "J.T. Tukes, Riley Tukes, Willie Gordon Tukes, George Fields and Bill Bridges; mother and father-in-law, John and Gladys Laney; God Son, Kerey Weatherspoon; brother-in-law, John Laney.

Samuel leaves to cherish his memories; his devoted wife Ernestine Tukes; a loving son, Ronald (Thu) Robinson of Warner Robins, Georgia; a loving daughter Stephanie Tukes Manuel of Warner Robins, Georgia; a devoted brother Dannieth Tukes of Atlanta, Georgia; four grandchildren: Daniel Robinson, Tanisha M. Robinson both of Regensburg, Germany, Justin Vergara of Mannheim, Germany and Kayla Thomas Williams of Warner Robins, Georgia; six great grandchildren; aunts: Nancy Fields, Queen Turner and Joan Wilson; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law: Rev. Willie Frank and Nettie Brown; Emma and Harold Tate, Rev. Jimmie and Linda Ross; Frederick and Laverne McLaughlin, Hugh Stanley; nieces and nephews that he loved as his own children: Kevin Harris, Verlisa Williams, Glen Tukes, Kimberly Robinson, Bernard Scott, Latonya Montgomery, Jacola Scott, Danielle Andrews, Myriah Robinson, Audrey Clarke-Taylor, and Domeil Johnson; and a host of other great nieces and nephews, several loving godchildren, Katina Kendrick (Levi), Deborah Jackson (Robert), Kelvin Blalock, Virgil Blalock, Jr. (Mara), Genard Weatherspoon (Tangie), Jalesa Findley (Randy), LaKeitha Brown, Keith Jones, Stephanie Brown along with a host of other relatives and sorrowing friends.

A family is like a circle.
The connection never ends,
and even if at times it breaks,
in time it always mends.



FAMILY
WHERE
life BEGINS
and
love
NEVER ENDS

Our Family
Is a Circle of Strength;
Founded on Faith, Joined in Love
Kept by God, Together
forever

For A Special Godfather

Thank you for being my Godfather
I know your love was special
And will guide me along the way.

Your caring hand will make me laugh
and wipe any tears away
I know you were chosen
Because of who you are.

To listen, lead and guide me
On journeys near and far.

I really was so lucky and I
Thank the stars above
For when it comes to Godfathers
I've had the best to love.



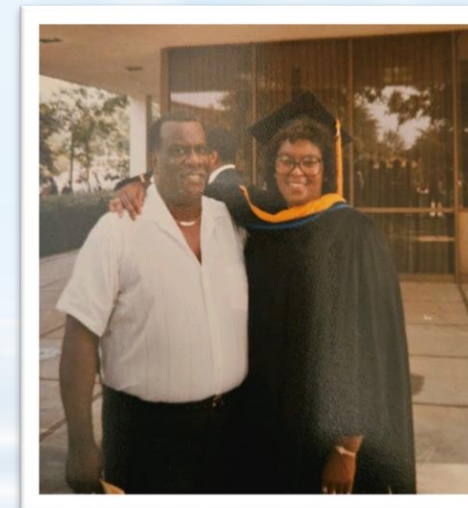
Husband in Heaven

Although you sleep in Heaven now

You're not that far away
My heart is full of memories
And you're with me everyday
You lived your life with meaning
And with a smile upon your face
A world that was full of happiness

Is now an empty place
People say that only time
Will heal a broken heart
But just like you and me

It has been torn apart
I know you are at peace now
And in a place where you are free
Meet me at the Pearly Gates
When Heaven calls for me



Order of Service

Pastor Al Sanders, Officiating

The Prelude

Processional

Prayer.....Rev. Sidney Kendrick

The Holy Word

Old Testament.....Pastor Jenee' Michelle Jackson

New Testament.....Apostle Kelcey Jackson

Selection.....Rev. Lee Wornum

Tributes of Remembrance

(3 minutes please)

As a Neighbor.....Mrs. Brenda Weatherspoon

As a Friend.....Jay Mason

As a God Father.....LaKeitha Brown

Selection.....Rev. Lee Wornum

Eulogy.....Rev. Ricky Jackson
Interim Pastor
Trinity Baptist Church , Fort Valley, GA

Acknowledgements.....Edwards Small Mortuary Staff

Recessional

Repast

Faith Babies Ministries COGBF
1000 Tulip Drive
Fort Valley, GA 31030

Interment

Willow Lake Memorial Gardens
1854 Willow Lake Road
Fort Valley, GA 31030

Thank You

Thank you for loving my family unconditionally.

Thank you for the support and encouragement you gave to us.

Thank you for loving on my daughter as if she was yours.

Thank you for being more than just an uncle.

You are resting now and with the Lord.

You are not here physically, but we will always carry you in our hearts.

Thank you for being the man God created you to be, "Our Uncle Sam."

We love you and miss you,

Willie, Kim, and Myriah



My Brother

You may have known him as Big Sam,
but to us, he was the Chief.

He was our manhood, our rock, our protector.

He was everything we could have asked for in an older brother.

He was our surrogate Father. He was the Chief.

Chief, we love you. Job well done.

Dannieth Tukes



Words of Wisdom

from Dad

When there is no tomorrow
And when we're not together...

There is something

You must always remember.

You are braver than you believe,

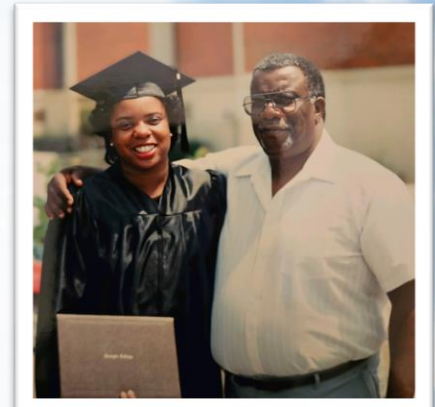
Stronger than you seem, and

Smarter than you think.

But the most important

Thing is even if we are apart,

I'll always be with you.



Daddy

We'll always remember
That special smile,
That caring heart,
That warm embrace,
You always gave us.
You being there
For Mom and us
Through good and bad times,
No matter what.
We'll always remember
You Dad because
They'll never be another one
To replace you in our hearts,
And the love we will always have for you



Tribute to Grandpa

Tribute to a Wonderful Grandpa in Heaven

Now the room will no longer echo

With his laughter,

Since he's moved on into the mists of

Ever after.

But to those who know and love him

Like we still do,

His memory will warm our hearts til

We go to heaven too.

