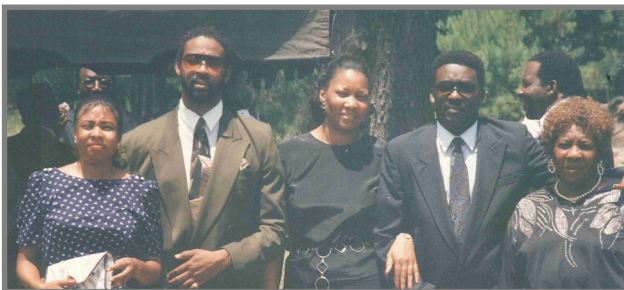




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## Acknowledgements

The family of Mr. Enoch Gardner, III would like to sincerely say thank you for the many prayers, kind words of sympathy, visits, telephone calls and all other acts of kindness shown during this difficult time in our lives. We pray that God would forever bless and keep you.

~ The Family ~



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*Celebration of Life for*

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**GARDNER, III**

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*We Celebrate His Legacy*  
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# Obituary

We come together today to celebrate the life of Enoch Samuel Gardner, III. Born on July 5, 1949, in Savannah, Georgia, he was the beloved son of the late Enoch and Johnnie Mae Gardner. Enoch received his education through the Chatham County Public Schools and developed a deep passion for music. A talented saxophonist, he played with pride in the Tompkins High School Band. He graduated from Sophronia Tompkins High School in 1967. He joined Bobby Lewis and the Royal Entertainers Band, where his love for the saxophone led him to perform at numerous events and venues.

Early in his life, Enoch was an active member of Friendship Baptist Church on Weldon Street in Savannah. He later served as a Walking Deacon/Trustee at Greater Faith Missionary Baptist Church in Winston Salem under the guidance of Pastor Clyde Lindsay.

Enoch's dedication to service extended to his military career. He enlisted in the United States Navy on May 11, 1972, and served as a signalman until February 1973. Upon his return, he became a trailblazer in his community, Enoch was a firefighter in Savannah, Georgia. As a reflection of his dedication, he mentored his peers and guided their careers. His remarkable career as a master firefighter and inspector broke new ground, paving the way for future generations of Black firefighters in Georgia. He later worked at International Paper in the fire department before retiring.

In the early 1970s, Enoch married Fayette Sapp Gardner and to this union two children, Reginald Lavon and Enoch, IV were born. He later married Geraldine Smith and became a stepfather to Michelle and Willie Smith. Stacey and Maurice Gardner were born of this union. In 2017 her married Celestine Hall Gardner and daughter NaKeya Hall (godson) Zaid Brown. In 2021 he married Ruth A. Gardner of Winston Salem, North Carolina.

Enoch is survived by his wife, Ruth Anita Gardner of Winston Salem, North Carolina. He leaves behind his children Michelle, Willie, and Maurice (Sheba) of Savannah, GA; Stacey of North Georgia; and Enoch IV of Honolulu, Hawaii. His legacy also includes his grandchildren Enocia, Sheanese, Alexis, Kiara, Myana, Stacey, Linsey, Travis, Jarel, Kabrim, and twelve great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his siblings: Vanessa Lemon (Reverend Leonard) of Rincon, GA; Jerome (Pat) Gardner of Jacksonville, FL; and Earl Gardner of Miramar, FL. His extended family includes aunts Christine Wilson (Fort Walton Beach, FL) and Marie Sloman (Savannah, GA), as well as uncles Alfonza (Carolyn) Green (Savannah, GA) and Walter Fair Sr. (Miami, FL).

Enoch was deeply cherished by his numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and a wide circle of family and friends. His memory will forever be held close by all who knew and loved him.



# Order of Service

Reverend Leonard D. Lemon, Sr., Presiding Officer

Processional / Final Glance

Opening Remarks

Pastor Leonard Lemon  
Taylor Chapel Independent Methodist Church  
Clyo, GA

Scripture Readings

New Testament  
Old Testament

Mr. Travis Gardner  
Youth Pastor Kaylynn Fobbs

Selection

Brother Kevin Cook

Invocation Prayer

Bishop James Wright  
Pentecostal Miracle Deliverance Center  
Savannah, GA

Reading

Mr. Reginal Gardner

Solo

Minister Darren Deloach

Reflections (three minutes, please)

Band member  
Friend

Mr. Robert Lewis  
Mr. Carl Hamilton

Remarks

Pastor Clyde Lindsay  
Greater Faith Missionary Baptist Church  
Winston Salem, NC

Acknowledgements

Sis. Kiara Gardner Clark

Instrumental Solo

Brother Javon Green

Selection

Brother Kevin Cook

Eulogy/Words of Comfort

Pastor Edward Fuller, Jr.  
Prayer House Mission Holiness Church  
Port Wentworth, GA

Recessional