

Celebration of Life
Collins Theodore Vance, Sr.

Sunrise: March 5, 1932

Sunset: July 7, 2022



Saturday, July 23, 2022, 10:00 AM
St. Peter's A.M.E. Savannah, GA 31405 Church

Rev. Terry Alexander, Pastor
Rev. Joseph Reynolds, Eulogist

Obituary

"And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you." John 16:22

Mr. Collins Theodore Vance, Sr. was born on March 5, 1932, to the late Eugene and Henrietta Vance. He was joined in holy matrimony to the late Alma Eleanor Vance on August 6, 1955. To this union, six children were born.

Collins received his pre-college education in the Shelby County, Alabama School system and received his high school diploma in 1949. Later he attended Savannah State College and earned a degree in Liberal Arts from St Leo's University.

Collins was active in the church at an early age. Collins joined St. Peter's A.M.E. church shortly after he made Savannah his home. He served as Superintendent of the Sunday school for many years. After Sunday school service was over, he along with Sis. Hattie Mayes would feed the children lunch before Church service. He would reward the children for getting good grades in school using his own money. All of this was under the direction of the late Rev Jessie Stephens who was pastor at the time. He organized many bus trips for the children and members went along. He was vice president of the Lay organization and also served on the Steward Board and also in other capacities in the Church throughout the years.

In his early years, Collins desired to become a radio disc jockey. However, Collins joined the United States Air Force in 1952 where he served in Communications. He was deployed to many locations across the world which included Germany, Vietnam, Korea, Taiwan and the Philippines. Collins and his family lived across the country which included Georgia, California, Kentucky, Oklahoma, and Florida. Finally returning to Savannah making it their home.

Collins retired from the Air Force in 1974 after 22 years and went to work for Georgia Ports Authority where he retired in 1994. After he retired, Collins remained active in the church and the Tatenville community where he served faithfully until health concerns restricted him from doing so. He had many sayings including: "Live the Golden Rule and treat others as you wish to be treated," and "Don't take any wooden nickels". His passion was building computers and taking care of his family. He was always proud of his kids and often would start a conversation with anyone about them. Collins never new any strangers.

On July 7, 2022, Collins heard the voice of Jesus calling him home. Collins was preceded in death by his wife of 66 years, Alma; his parents; four brothers, Eugene Vance Jr, Paul Vance, Marvin C. Vance, Harry K. Vance; two sisters, Dorothy Vance Cook, Annie Jean Vance Thompson; son, Calvin Vance; and 2 grandsons, Collins Vance III, and Corey Vance Jr.

He leaves to cherish his memory, four sons, Collins (Debbie) T. Vance, Jr of Lexington, SC, Craig T. Vance of Stone Mountain, GA; Cameron T. Vance of Decatur, GA, Corey (Tarsha) T. Vance of Midway, GA; one daughter Cassandra (Stanley) Boyd of Harvest, AL; thirteen grandchildren; nineteen great-grandchildren; two brothers, Steven (Lorraine) Vance of Atlanta, GA; Bobby Vance of Birmingham, AL; one sister, Cecelia Vance King; one brother-in-law Jesse Reynolds; one sister-in-law Hattie Reynolds Mayes of Savannah, GA; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends including special friends and neighbors Larry (Big) and Margie McLain.

Order of Service

Processional Morning Hymn.....Audience
Blessed Assurance

Prayer.....Pastor Terry Alexander

Scriptures.....Pastor Terry Alexander
Old and New Testament

Selection.....

Reflections.....Open
Please limit 3 minutes

Reading.....Mrs. Chanelle V. Mutcherson

Obituary Read Silently

Acknowledgements.....Mrs. Tonia Reynolds-Pope

Solo.....Ms. Angela Harper

Eulogy.....Rev. Joseph Reynolds

Benediction.....Rev. Joseph Reynolds

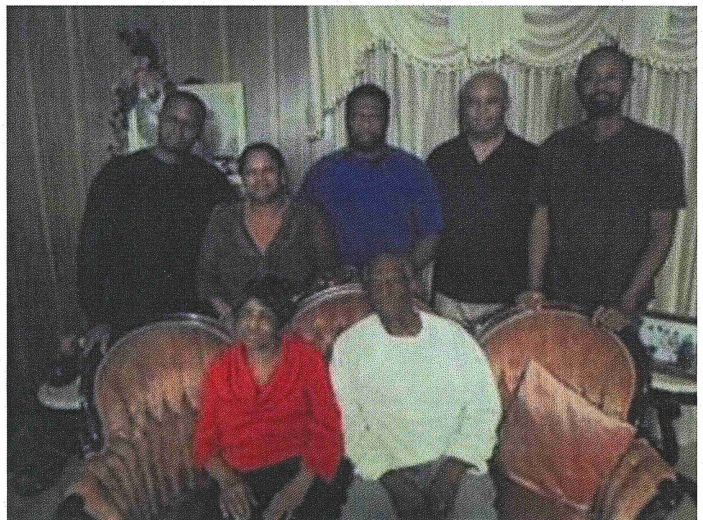
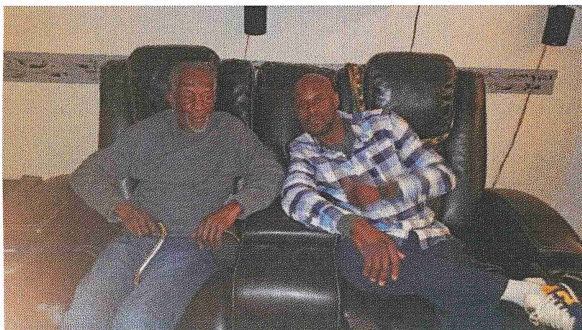
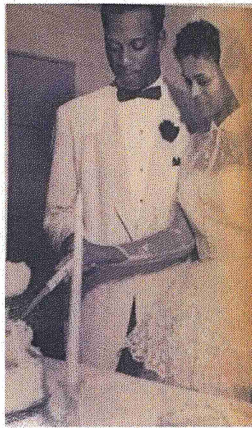
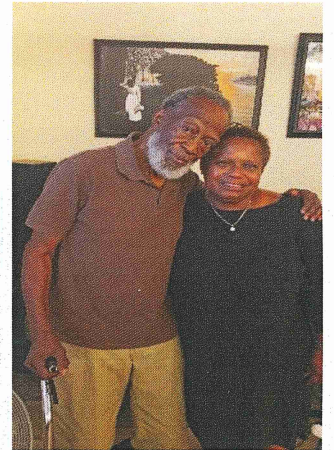
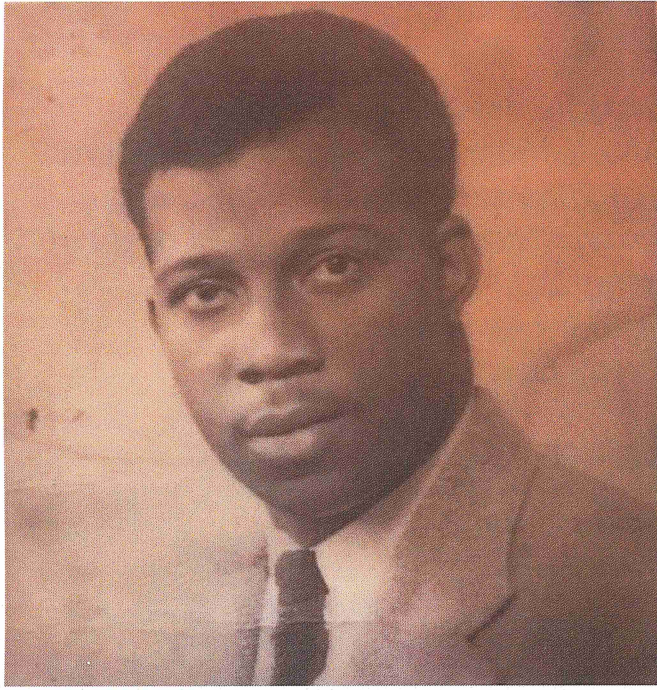
Interment

Lincoln Memorial Cemetery
Hunter Army Airfield Base
Savannah, GA 31404

In Loving Memory of Dad

*He never looked for praises
He was never one to boast
He just went on quietly working
For the ones he loved the most.
His dreams were seldom spoken
His wants were very few
And most of the time his
worries
Went unspoken too. He was
there...
A firm foundation
Through all our storms in life
A sturdy hand to hold on to
In times of stress and strife.
A true friend we could turn to
When times were good or bad
One of our greatest blessings
The man that we called Dad.*

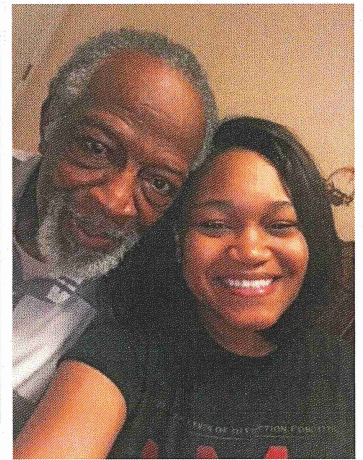
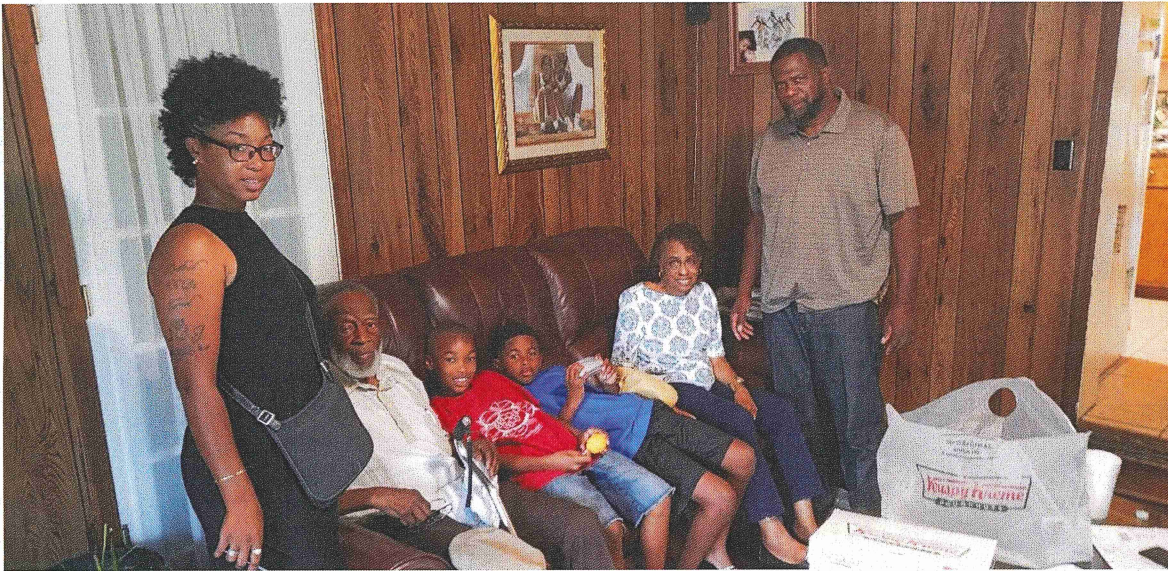


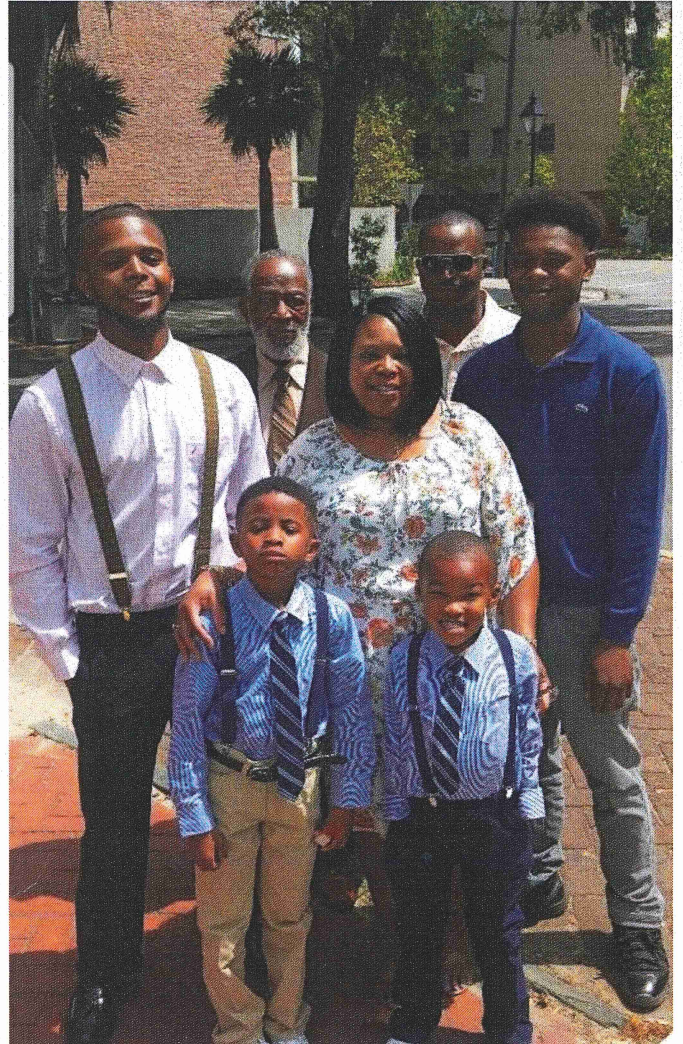
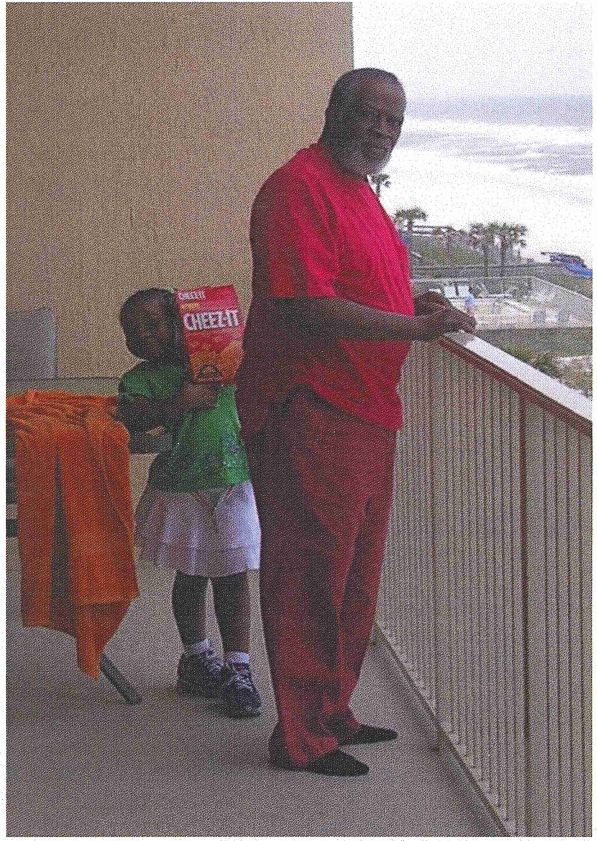
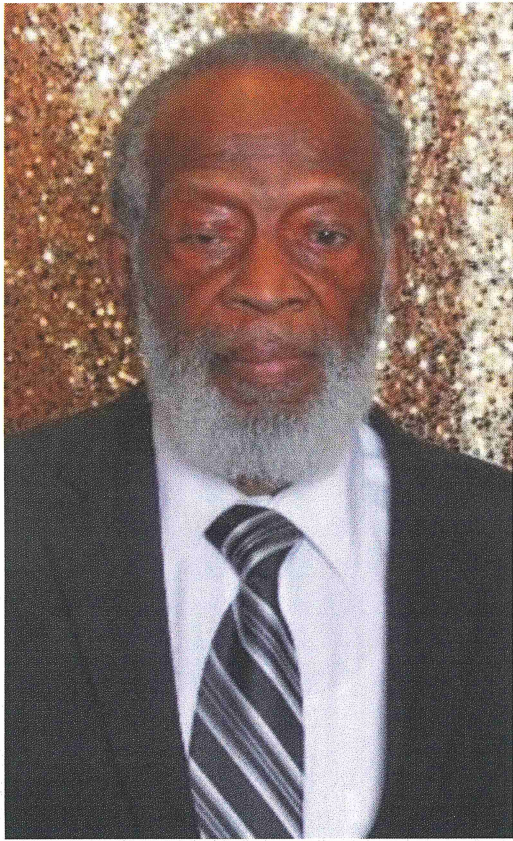


Always There

*Serious talks and long conversations he was always there.
Through life celebrations and eventful accomplishments, he was always there.
My grandfather was a rare kind lovingly, teaching and caring along the way.
When I had my sons, he would see them and say, "Those are my boys Bj and Ya!"
He would graciously answer my 2:00 a.m. calls.
Supportive, strong, loving confidant he was to me.
He will always be in my heart.*

*Your granddaughter,
Chanelle*





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Pallbearers

Grandsons

Acknowledgments

The Family of the late Mr. Collins T. Vance, Sr wishes to thank you and every one of you for all of your acts of kindness during our time of bereavement. We have found great strength in the solace of you, our family and friends. Your comforting words have helped soothe our pain. Your caring has brought a smile. The floral arrangements added beauty. The food helped to maintain our physical strength. Most of all, the prayers have helped sustain our faith. We can never thank you enough for the valuable aid you have rendered. We also thank those of you who travelled near and far. We pray for your safe return and please know you will always be remembered by the family. We pray God's richest blessings upon each and every one of you.

- The Family.



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