

## To A Loving Husband

Although our worlds are different now  
Or is that just how it seems  
For I see you when I close my eyes  
Because you're always in my dreams

I know you're up in Heaven  
And looking down on me  
And when I look up at the stars  
I know that's where you'll be

Even though I miss you  
You're not too far away  
Because my heart is full of memories  
And I treasure them everyday

Our time on Earth was special  
But it's only the very start  
So please keep watching over me  
While we're not so far apart

Someday the time will come  
When I no longer feel this pain  
That is the day when Heaven calls  
And we will meet again

## Active Pallbearers

Walter Alfonso Anthony, Jr.  
James Williams, Jr.  
Aaron B. Anthony  
Jamari Anthony  
Bernard Williams

Aaron Alfonso Anthony  
Timothy Edwards  
Eugene Anthony, Jr.  
Vantwan Shellman  
Daryl Edwards

Stanley Palmer

## Honorary Pallbearers

Sophonra M. Tompkins High School Class of 1969

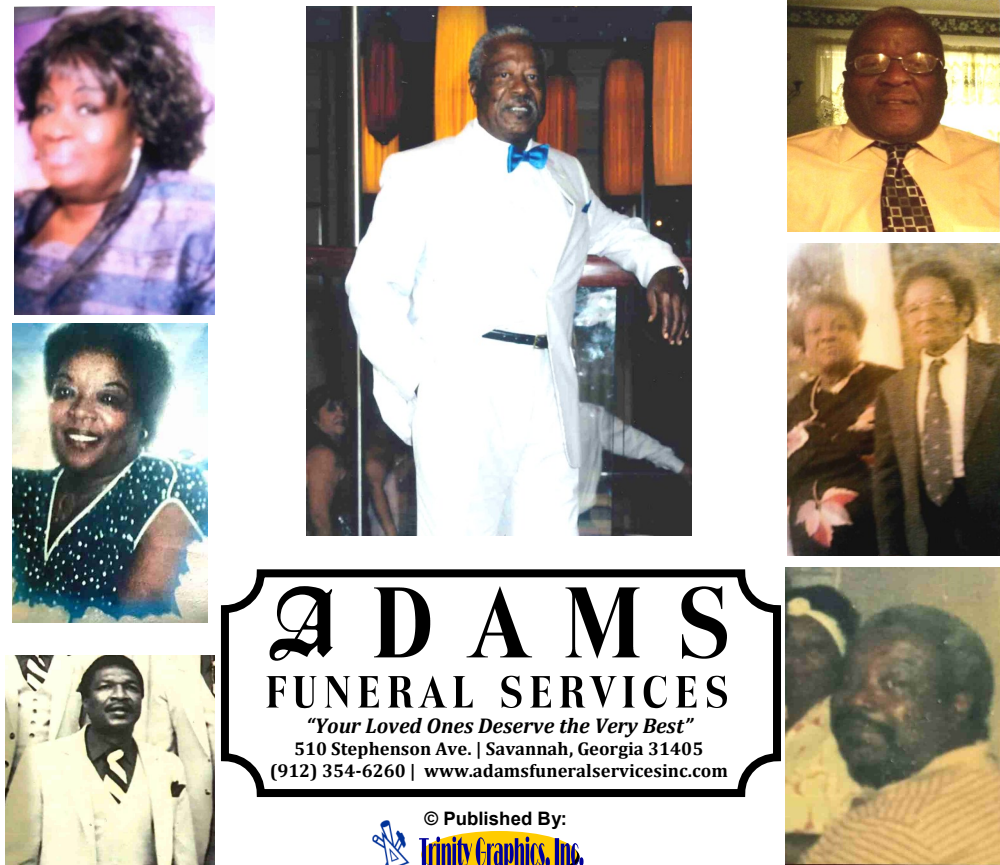
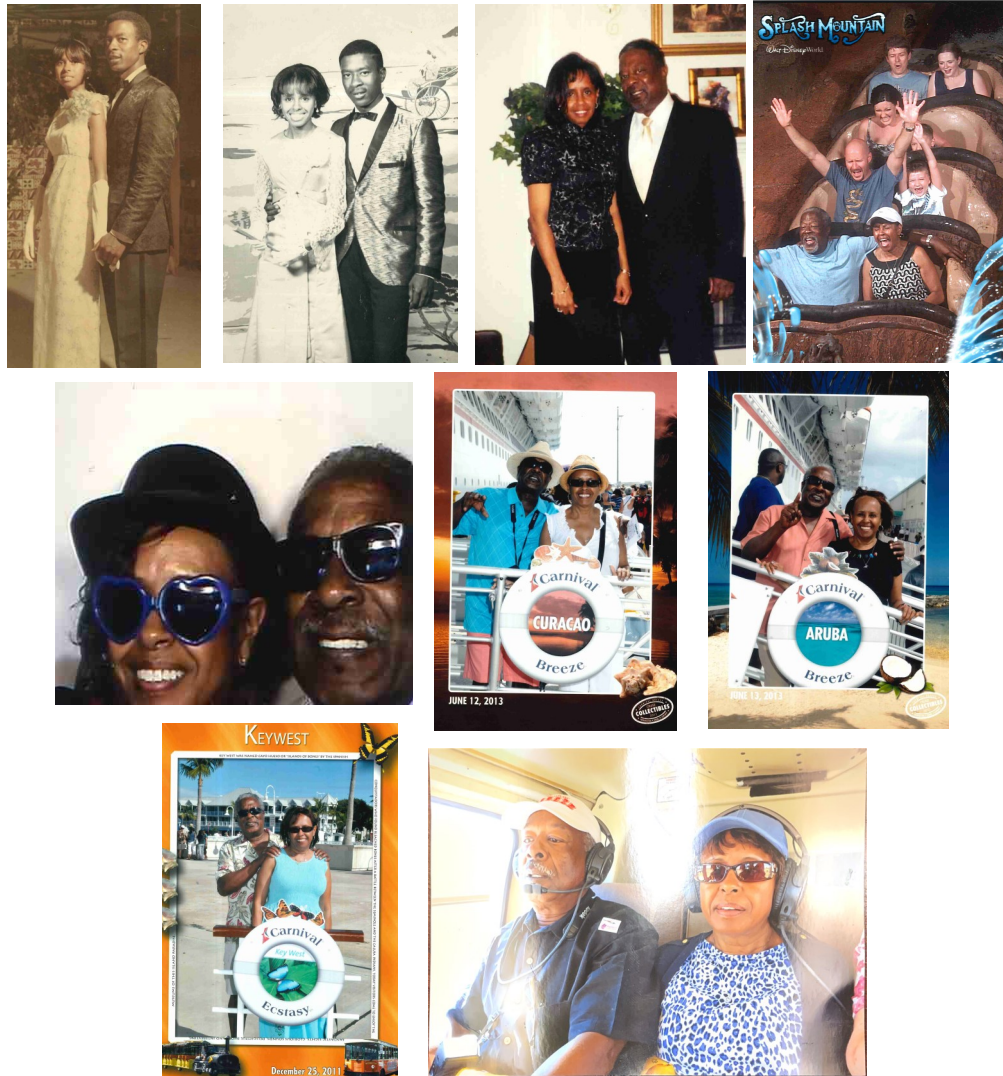
## Floral Attendants

Sophonra M. Tompkins High School Class of 1969  
Friends and Ushers

## Acknowledgements

The family of the late Walter Alfonso Anthony, Sr. would like to thank all of you who shared with our family during our time of sorrow, whether words of comfort, prayers, visits, a meal, a phone call, a card, or a gift of love. We are indeed grateful to God and are strengthened the more for your many acts of kindness. A special thanks to Pastor Harold Edwards, the entire Fairlawn Baptist Church family, Pastor Anthony Lee Edwards, and the entire Beulah Baptist Church family.

*"Until We Meet Again..."*



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# Celebration of Life Service

In Honor of

Alpha:  
May 11, 1951

Omega:  
December 9, 2024



**DEACON WALTER ALFONSO ANTHONY, SR.**

*"Ooga Boy"*

Saturday, December 14, 2024 | 11:00 A.M.  
**FAIRLAWN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
4719 Augusta Road  
Savannah, Georgia 31408  
Minister Harold Edwards, Sr., Pastor



# Profile of Life

*"For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an eternal house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." II Corinthians 5:1*

## A Time to be Born:

In the Spring of 1951, when the azalea flowers were blooming, birds were singing, the sound of beach waves out of eternity passed, and the mind of God blessed Deacon Elmore, Sr., and Louise Gainer-Anthony with handsome designer original baby boy, Walter "Ooga Boy" Alfonso Anthony who was the fourth boy, ninth child of fourteen born May 11th, in the beautiful historic city of Savannah, Georgia. Six siblings have preceded him in death: Mildred Anthony, Eugene Anthony, Sr., Elmore Anthony, Jr., Abbie Dell Anthony-Edwards, Raymond Anthony, and Catherine Anthony-Thomas.

## A Time to Live:

He was educated and graduated from Sophronia M. Tompkins High class of 1969. Shortly after graduating high school, Walter joined his father and became a valued employee of what was formerly known as The Seaboard Coastline Railroad, Inc., currently CSX; C can stand for Chessie, S for Seaboard, and X, the multiplication symbol, means "together we are so much more." Walter was one of the first African Americans in the southern region to be promoted to Railroad Conductor, later a trainer conductor, and finally a safety instructor within the corporation. Walter retired after more than 42 years of commitment and dedication to CSX. The vision and mission of CSX were a part of his life mantra.

## A Time to Love:

Therefore, shall a man leave his father and his mother and shall cleave unto his wife, and the two shall become one flesh, Genesis 2:24 KJV. On February 10, 1970, Walter joined in Holy Matrimony to the love of his life, his high school sweetheart, his heartbeat, and his rib, Barbara Crawford. This union has stood the test of time for more than a half-century (54 years) of building memories and legacy. The two of them were avid travelers traveling across the United States of America and abroad.

## A Time to be Fruitful and Multiple:

And God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth'" (Genesis 1:28). To this union four beautiful children were born, Latana, Walter, Angel, and Aaron to continue the Anthony Legacy.

## A Time to Worship:

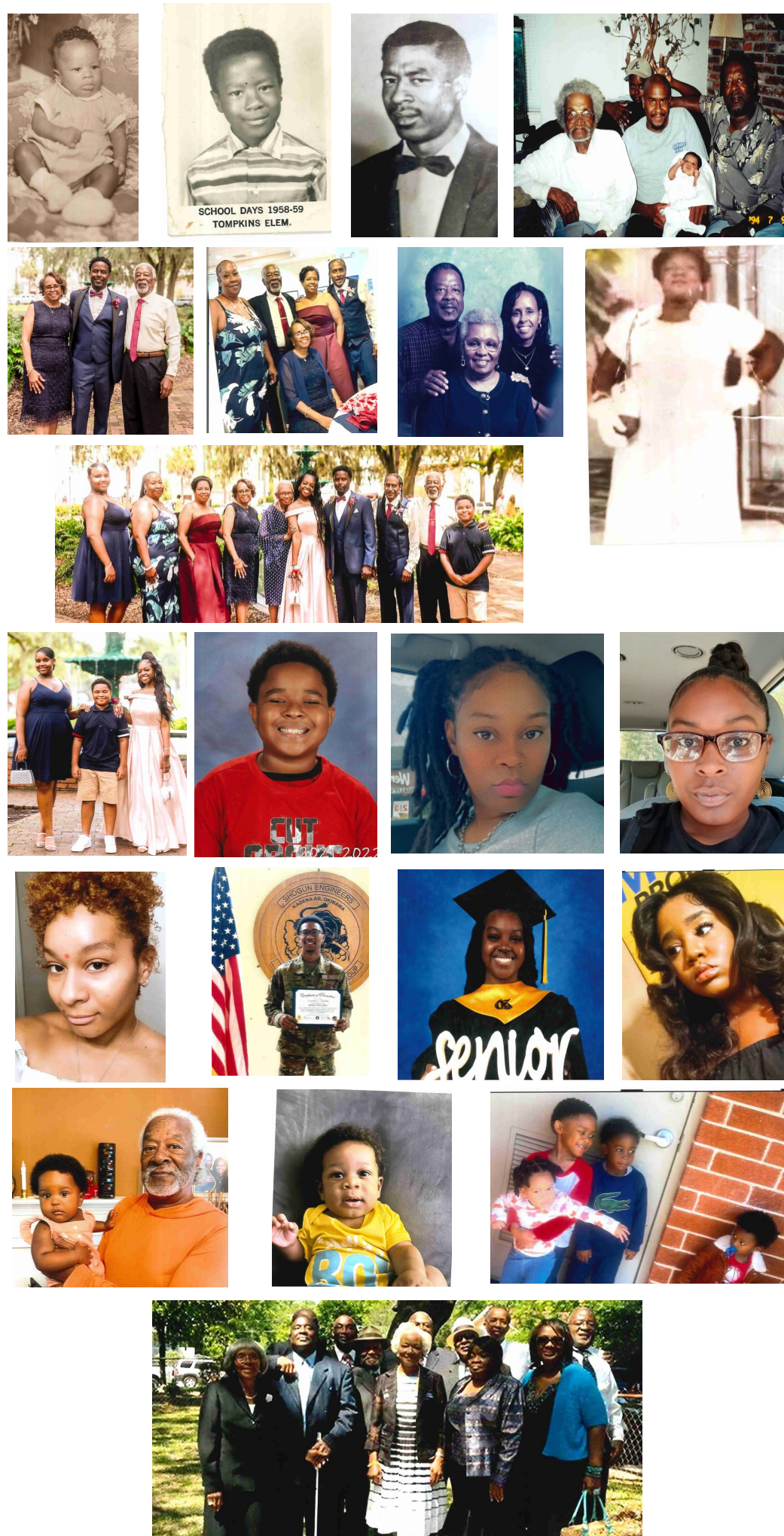
At an early age, he was baptized and became a member of First African Baptist Church of Woodville, where he worked faithfully with his family under the leadership of Rev. Thomas. Walter was ordained a Deacon during his young adulthood. Later in life, as he grew in grace remembering his father's teaching, he recommitted his life to Christ and joined Beulah Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Anthony Edwards, where he served as a Deacon. Walter later joined Fairlawn Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Harold Edwards, Sr, where Walter began to make preparations for eternal life. He was faithful to the house of God, serving as an ordained Deacon, and sang in the Fairlawn Male Chorus. In addition, as a member and one-time President of the Original Barons of Savannah, Walter served his community through service and charitable giving.

## A Time to Die:

On the Lord's Day, Monday, December 9, 2024, Walter was at home, relaxing and watching cowboy westerns. When God called, Walter answered and quickly departed from this life, being summoned home. He bid farewell to the cares of the world and entered eternal rest after a full day's work.

## A Time to Mourn:

To know Walter was to love him, his straightforward manner of addressing any issue, a heart of gold, and a giving spirit that reflected the character of God, he never met a stranger. He leaves to celebrate his life, cherish his memories and carry on his legacy, his devoted and loving wife of 54 years, Barbara J. Crawford; two (2) sons, Walter Alfonso Anthony, Jr. and Aaron Alfonso (Isai) Anthony; two (2) daughters, Attorney Latana Monique Anthony, and Angel Felicia Anthony; a devoted mother-in-love, Ora Lee Crawford; eight (8) grandchildren, Indigo (Marlon) Murphy, Cheyenne Anthony, Sienna Anthony, Cayman Alfonso Anthony (Priscilla), Aanyiah Angel Anthony, Angel Latana Chisholm, Ayden David Anthony, and Isla April Anthony; five great-grandchildren. Three (3) sisters Maggie Williams, of Columbia, SC, Joyce Parris and Pamela Shellman, both of Savannah, GA; four (4) brothers, LJ Anthony, of Savannah, GA, Deacon Michael (Co-Pastor Marcia) Anthony, Cornell Anthony, both of Savannah, GA, and Deacon Darnell (Sharon) Anthony, Sr., of Harris Neck, GA; Two (2) brother-in-love Lonnie (Yolanda) Crawford; Jericho Kenyatta Three (3) sisters-in-law, Deacon Rosa L. Anthony, Thelma Anthony, and Eleanor Haynes all of Savannah, GA, One (1) god-son, Brandon Crawford; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, friends, and the entire Fairlawn Baptist Church and Woodville/Pooler Community.



## "The Conductor" Celebration Service

Dr. Carolyn A. Eiland, Pastor, President  
New Greater Owens Temple Ministries

<b>Musical Prelude</b>	FBC Music Ministry
<b>Processional</b>	Clergy, Family, Friends
<b>Opening Selection</b>	Fairlawn Adult Choir
<b>Prayer</b>	Min. Emanuel Gray, FBC
<b>Scripture Readings</b>	
Old Testament	Deacon Marvin Perry
New Testament	Minister Chris Spears
<b>Reflections</b>	
My Best friend/Coworker	Mr. Staring Thomas
As a Deacon/Church Member	Deacon Marion Smalls
As a Neighbor	Brother William Riley
Sophronia M. Tompkins High School	Beverly Davis
Class of 1969	
<b>Solo</b>	Brother Elliot Simmons
<b>Special Tribute</b>	
From Grandchildren	A Letter to Grandpa
<b>Obituary</b>	Read Silently
<b>Acknowledgments</b>	Sister Beverly Deaton
<b>Song of Preparation</b>	Fairlawn Adult Choir
<b>Words of Comfort</b>	Min. Harold Edwards, Sr. Senior Pastor, Fairlawn Baptist Church
<b>Recessional</b>	
<b>Closing Song</b>	

## Service of Committal & Interment

Magnolia Memorial Gardens  
5532 Silk Hope Road | Savannah, GA 31405

## Repast

The family invites you to Fairlawn Baptist Church  
"The Rufus Peters Building"