

*Harold H. Franklin, Jr.  
Isaac H. Franklin  
R. Joshua Franklin*

*Honorary Pallbearers*

*Reginald L. Franklin  
Nathan A. Franklin  
Anthony Gadsen*

*Pallbearers  
Deacons of SAB*

*Flower Attendants  
Church Members and Friends*

*Expressions of Gratitude*

*The family would like to express our heartfelt and deepest appreciation for all of your prayers, visits, phone calls, cards and other expressions of love shown to us during our time of bereavement. May God bless each and every one of you.*

*Repast  
Second African Baptist Church*

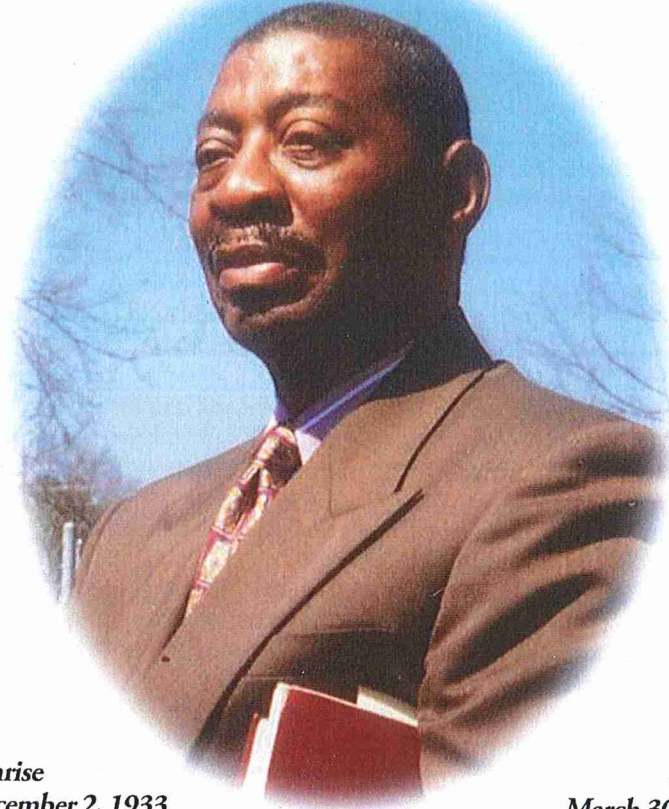
*Interment  
Richmond Cemetary  
Hwy 21, Port Wentworth Ga.*

*Professional Services Entrusted to:  
Adams Funeral Services, Inc.  
510 Stephenson Avenue  
Savannah, Ga 31405  
912-354-6260*

# **Celebration of Life**

For

## **Mr. Harold Hansen Franklin, Sr.**



*Sunrise  
December 2, 1933*

*Sunset  
March 30, 2024*

*Saturday, April 13, 2024  
11:00 a.m.*

*Second African Baptist Church  
123 Houston Street, Savannah, Ga 31401  
Rev. Chauncey Blige, Pastor*

*Rev. Jesse Blackshear- Officiating  
Rev. Dr. Lavell Sanders- Eulogist*

### **Mr. Harold Hansen Franklin, Sr.**

Harold H. Franklin, Sr. was born in Savannah, Georgia on December 2, 1933, the only son and middle child of Henry Hansen Franklin and Lena Ladson Franklin. He passed away on March 30, 2024, at the age of 90 years old.

Harold was educated in the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System and graduated from Woodville High School (later known as Tompkins High School) in 1951. On December 15, 1952, he enlisted in the United States Air Force where he served for 4 years reaching the rank of Airman 3rd class. Harold was honorably discharged from service on December 4, 1956.

On June 14, 1958, Harold was joined in holy matrimony to his high school sweetheart, Pender Vernell Steele, and to their union were born 2 sons, Harold H. Franklin, Jr. and Reginald L. Franklin. The union of Harold and Pender would go on to last 61 years, until her passing in 2019.

In April of 1959, Mr. Franklin went on to secured federal employment with the United States Postal Service, where he worked as a postal clerk for more than 40 years, mainly responsible for devising plans for the systematic and proficient flow of mail to its destination, better known as "building schemes." He retired from the Post Office on May 1, 2001.

Mr. Franklin, affectionately called 'Pops' by his sons and daughter-and-laws, as well as 'Pop-Pop' by his grandchildren, was a revered amateur league bowler, garnering voluminous trophies in recognition of his consistent high scoring and tournament winning. He was also an avid fisherman, known to wow his friends and family with his fishing prowess, and generosity in sharing his catches. He was industrious and admired as hardworking by his peers and loved ones. Although he was frugal with money, he was undercover big-hearted, and when asked and/or a need was perceived, he opened his wallet. While he was considered doggedly opinionated and philosophical, he never hesitated sharing what he had.

A very special thanks goes out to those ladies that took care of him in his later life. We thank Ms. Ernestine and Ms. Samantha Fulse for all you did for him, and to his very special "Angels of Mercy", Ms. Courtney Wright and Ms. Patricia Singleton, who went so far beyond the job of taking care of him, and became Family. We Love You all.

Mr. Franklin is preceded in death by his sisters, Mrs. Emmalyn (William) Wesley, and Ms. June Bussie. He is survived by his sons Harold Jr. (L'Tanya) of Atlanta, GA and Reginald (Latesa), of Savannah GA, 4 grandchildren, Isaac Franklin, Nathan Franklin, Rynne Franklin, and Reginald Joshua Franklin, and host of cousins from the Bell and Adams families.

### **How we live...Forever...In the Pictures**

To Lose someone we Love is always Hard  
It shakes us Profoundly to our Core  
It's not eased by platitudes in a Greeting Card  
And it lingers Painfully like an open Sore...

So where can We find Solace from the waves of Grief  
They Wash over and over Us like the violent Sea  
They Steal from us Our Strength like a silent Thief  
They Test our very Faith, Feeling alone from THEE...

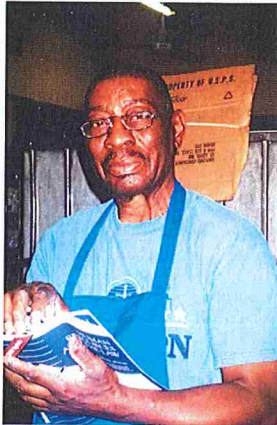
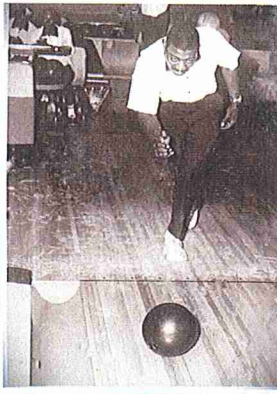
Where can our Hearts find Healing after They are Broken  
Into so many pieces, It's something We can hardly Bare?  
Can we ever Find Real Comfort, not some useless Token...  
What can soothe our troubled Spirits, so void without Care?

It's Our Memories of Our Loved that can Sustain Us...  
They Live Forever in Our Minds...Always There...  
And in the Pictures we carry of them that Linger...  
Those eternal Snapshots in Time We'll always Share.

It's in the Pictures We can almost Touch Them...  
In that Moment We're fixed in Time Forever...  
Their Faces... Their Feelings... Each one a Gem...  
In the Pictures, we'll Always be Together...

It's in These Pictures, Forever We Live...  
It's in These Pictures, Forever We Love...  
Where We're Together... In The Pictures... Forever  
Till We Meet... At Last... In Heaven Above.

Reginald L. Franklin '19



# Order of Service

Officiating.....Rev. Jesse Blackshear

Prelude.....Second African Choir

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Hymn of Comfort.....SAB Inspirational Voices

Prayer of Consolation.....Deacon Frank Mitchell

### Scripture Readings

Old Testament.....Deacon Ronald Lockett

New Testament.....Deaconess Jean Wilson

Musical Selection.....SAB Inspirational Voices

### Reflections

As a Friend.....Mr. Anthony Gadsen

As a Church Member.....Dea. Eugene Artis

Obituary.....Read Silently

(Music Playing Softly)

Acknowledgements..... Sis. Mozelle Allen

Musical Selection.....SAB Inspirational Voices

Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. Lavell Sanders

Pastor, Stockbridge First United Methodist Church

Stockbridge, Georgia

Recessional.....Let the Church Say Amen

