

Celebration of Life  
for

*Mr. Clarence*  
*"Deke" Mustipher*

Sunrise

October 8, 1940

Sunset

February 24, 2024

*Saturday, March 2, 2024*

**11:00 A.M**

**St. James A.M.E Church.**

**632 East Broad Street \* Savannah \* GA 31401**

**Rev. Anthony Scott, Sr., Officiating**



## *The Obituary*

Clarence "Deke" Mustipher was born October 8, 1940, to the parents of the late Mr. Mike and the late Mrs. Geneva Mustipher, in Savannah Georgia. "Deke" was the second oldest of seven children, three preceded him in death, Mr. Lloyd Smalls, Mrs. Annie Mae Mustipher Martin and, Mr. Henry Mustipher. He joined Flipper Chapel A. M. E. at an early age, where he sang in the choir and attended Sunday School regularly.

Clarence was a star athlete at Alfred Ely Beach High School, lettering in track and field. Clarence took 2nd and 3rd places of honor in the City Region State Class AA Track and Field. His events included the high jump, 440 relay, 220 dash and mile relay. This talented track star won first place at Savannah State, Fort Valley, and Tuskegee as first leg in the mile relay. He won top honors in Orangeburg, South Carolina, in the Wilkerson relays in the city, region and State Champion Class AA. Deke ran the 120-yard-high hurdle in 1957 with a time of 14.4 seconds. During his senior year at Beach, he was named to the All-City Track Team. Clarence was inducted in the 2014 Beach High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

Clarence was joined in matrimony to the late Mrs. Bernice Price Mustipher in 1960. He was the father of eight children, two preceded him in death, Mr. Clarence Michael Mustipher and Mrs. Almetha Mustipher Reedy.

Clarence sang with the E. Larry McDuffie and the Savannah Community Choir during the late sixties. One of his favorite hymns he loved singing was, "Shine on me, let the light from the lighthouse, "shine on me!"

Clarence worked at National Tailor as a Master National Seamstress and a re-known Tailor. He was employed at Standard Distributing Company, GAF, American Cyamin and was a retired Long Shoreman.

Clarence joined St. James A.M.E. Church and served as an Usher, Vice President of the B. S. Hannah Male Choir, The Sons of Allen and a faithful tithe and offering member. Clarence loved his church, even in his illness (Parkinson's Disease), he was yet a dedicated and loyal member to his church and he attended regularly until his health continued to decline.

God in his infinity wisdom, called Mr. Clarence "Deke" Mustipher home to his eternal resting place on Saturday, February 24, 2024. In the presence of his faithful and devoted daughter whom he lived with, at his side, "Deke" as he is affectionately known and will always be remembered, took his flight.

Mr. Clarence "Deke" Mustipher leaves to cherish his memories with his loving and devoted daughter whom he resided with, Dr. Lekita D. Harvey (his caregiver), and siblings: Ms. Andrea Mustipher, Mr. Darryln Mustipher, Anselm Mustipher, Ms. Youlanda Mustipher and Mr. Edward A. Washington, all of Savannah, GA; one brother, Mr. Robert Smalls (Charlesetta) of Savannah GA; three sisters: Mrs. Katie Newton (Al), Ms. Elaine Franklin, both of Savannah GA, and Ms. Barbara Holmes of Bridgeton, N.J.; Son-n-Law, Pastor Rodney Reedy, of Brunswick GA; Brothers and Sisters-n-Love, Mr. David Price, Flint, MI, Ms. Ernestine Richardson, Miami, FL, Mrs. Betty Jean Phoenix, Bishop Raymond Price, Sr. and Ms. Alfredia Price, all of Savannah GA.; 14 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, and a host of family and friends.

# 'We Saw You Getting Tired'

by Frances and Kathleen Coelho  
(adapted from God Saw You Getting Tired)

We saw you getting tired  
And a cure was not to be – So I put my  
arms around you  
And whispered, you're safe with me

With tearful eyes I watched you suffer  
And saw you fade away –  
Although I loved you dearly  
I could not make you stay.

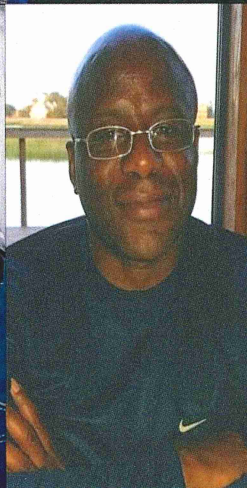
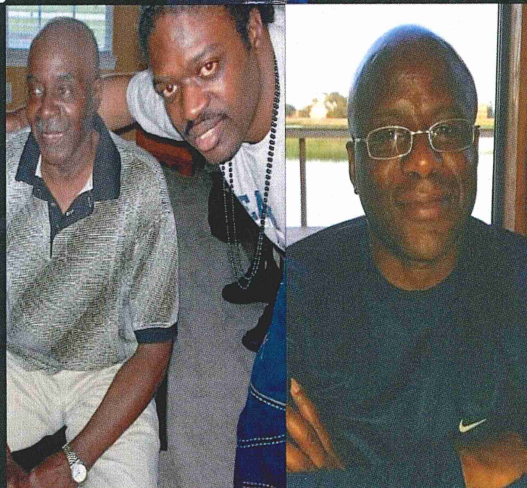
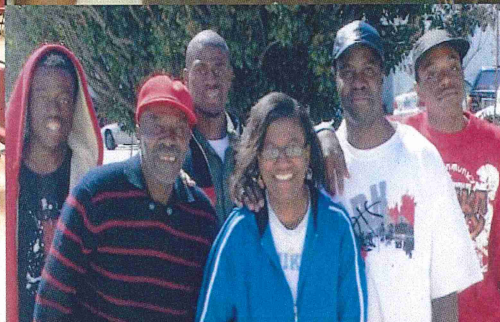
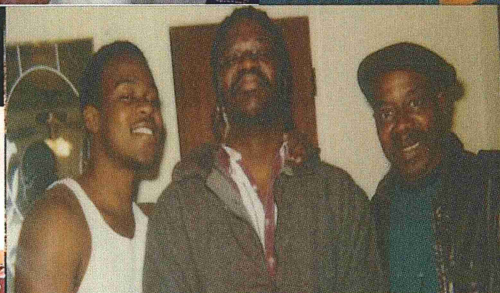
A golden heart stopped beating  
Your beautiful smile at rest –  
Life broke my heart that day  
When time took one of the best.

It's lonesome here without you I miss you  
so each day –  
My life just isn't the same  
Ever since you went away.

When days are sad and lonely  
And everything goes wrong –  
I imagine you gently whispering,  
Cheer up and carry on.

Each time I see your picture  
You seem to smile and say –  
Don't cry, I live on in your heart  
And will do every day.

## *Love Your Children*





# Order of Service



Presider-Reverend Dr. Bernard Clarke

(Pastor of St. Philip Monumental A. M. E. Church)

Prayer.....Dr. Bernard Clarke

## Scriptures

Old Testament.....Rev. Sylvester Lang

New Testament.....Rev. Gloria Lang

Solo.....Brian Harvey (Grandson)

## Moments of Reflections (2 mins please)

“As A Class Leader”.....Bro. John Clark  
Beach High School Representative

Selection.....St. James A.M.E. Choir

Acknowledgements.....Min. Juanita Mustipher

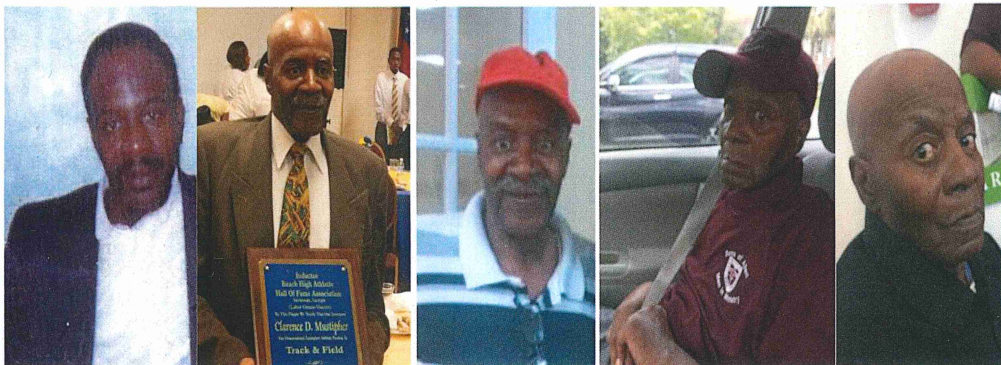
Reading of The Obituary (Silently)

Solo.....Rev. Rodney Reedy (Son-n-Law)

Pastor of Historic St. Paul A.M.E Church, Brunswick GA

Eulogy.....Rev. Anthony Scott, Sr.

Pastor of St. James A.M.E. Church





## Pallbearers

Brian Harvey  
Deandre Taylor  
Charles Boyd

Jared Boyd  
Shome Mustipher  
Sebastian Mustipher

## Flower Attendants

Family, Friends and Church Members



## Expressions of Thanks

The family of the late Mr. Clarence "Deke" Mustipher would like to thank you for your support during this difficult time. Your calls, messages of comfort and contributions are truly appreciated.

"A Special Thanks" goes out to Dr. Eduard Docu Family Medical Practice! Center, Pastor Anthony Scott, Sr. and St. James A.M.E. Church Family, we truly appreciate you! Please continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers. May God continue to bless each of you.



### Service Entrusted to:

Adams Funeral Home  
510 Stephenson Ave  
Savannah, GA 31406

### Final Resting Place

Hillcrest Abby West  
1336 Dean Forest Rd  
Savannah, GA 31405