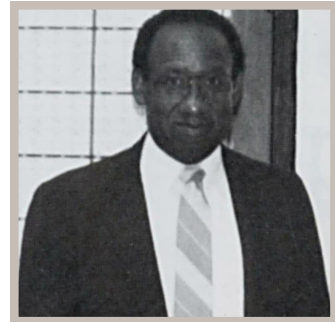



AQUILA 2024



Edward James Dyson, III
October 12, 1941 - February 10, 2024

First Baptist Church Garmon Street
Friday, February 16, 2024 at 11:00 am
Pastor Josh B. Kirvin, Sr., Officiating

His Legacy

On the night of Saturday, February 10, 2024, Edward James Dyson, III entered the gates of heaven and joined his Lord and Savior.

The third of five children, Mr. Dyson was born in Waycross, Georgia to the late Edward Dyson, II and Lula Lorene Williams Dyson. Growing up on his grandfather's farm, he learned early the value of hard work as he learned to pick and cure tobacco. He acquired the reputation of being a caring and responsible young man, often taking care of his younger siblings and cousins. Mr. Dyson graduated from Center High School in Waycross, Georgia and attended Fort Valley State College on a basketball scholarship, where he studied mathematics. In 1964, Mr. Dyson began teaching mathematics in Perry, Georgia. Shortly after beginning his career in education, he met and married his loving wife of fifty-eight years, Silvonja Allen. His teaching career was put on hold while he served our country in the United States Army, spending two years in Germany. Upon his return, Mr. Dyson resumed his high school teaching and coaching career. He transferred to Northside High School in 1970 where he continued teaching mathematics and coaching football, basketball, and track. At one point, he even coached the Junior Varsity cheerleading squad. While teaching, coaching and mentoring, he received his Masters of Education and Education Specialist degree from the University of Georgia and became the Assistant Principal at Northside. In 1980, he continued his success by becoming principal of Northside, a school he had grown to love. While serving as principal, Mr. Dyson not only served in his executive capacity, but he always made

himself available to his students for tutoring or mentoring. Known as a strict disciplinarian, his students were grateful for his guidance that altered the course of many of their lives. Respected as a community leader and role model, Mr. Dyson will forever remain one of the most recognized names in education and support in the Houston County school system. He was committed to his school and his students, which was evident in his visibility. He would often be seen at various school programs throughout the county supporting his teachers and students. Northside High School's baseball field carries the name of this True-Blue Eagle as a reminder of his value and leadership. In addition to his service in education, Mr. Dyson was instrumental in the spiritual lives of so many. A member of First Baptist Church of Garmon Street, he faithfully walked with Christ and was vocal of his love. Mr. Dyson served as Chairman of the Deacon's Ministry at First Baptist, Director of Houston County's YMCA, Chairman of HoDAC of Houston County, chairman of the Hospital Authority of Houston and was a member of the Hospital Authority of Houston County. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Dr. Shana Dyson-Arline, mother, Lorene Williams, father, Edward James Dyson, II, and brother Marvin Dyson.

His memory will forever be treasured by his loving wife, Silvonja Dyson; children, Leslie Dyson and Rebecca Heyward (Alex); grandchildren, Amber Dyson, Andrea Dyson, Brian Dyson, Tiana Newton-Arline, India Newton-Arline, Ceniah Pointer (Brandon), McKenzie Arline, Christopher Samb, Alexis Heyward, Alaina Heyward, and Harmonie Arline; great grandchildren, Chandler Dyson, Mya Porter, Chloe Pointer, Kingston Pointer and Takodi Clark; siblings, Ronzie Patterson (Al), William Dyson, Monette Graham (Larry), Carter Dyson (Virgie) and Barbara McCoy (Doc); son-in-law, Pastor H. Calvin Arline, IV (Charlotte) and Demetrius Austin; and aunts & uncles, Ossie Slaughter, Martha Silas and Alexander Williams and a host of other relatives and friends.

Psalm 1: 1-3

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord;
and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither;
and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.



Order of Service

Processional

Old Testament - Minister Don Edwards

New Testament - Minister Gerald Flowers

Prayer - Dr. Curtis Singleton

A Walk Down Memory Lane

Eulogy - Pastor Josh B. Kirvin, Sr.

Solo

Recessional - "May the Good Lord Bless & Keep You"

Pallbearers

Servant Deacons and Servant Trustees

Honorary Pallbearers

Brian Dyson

Alexander Heyward, II

Christopher Samb

Pastor H. Calvin Arline, IV

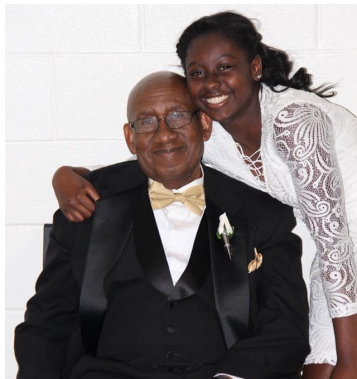
Chander Dyson

Demetrius Austin



If I can help somebody as I pass along,
 If I can cheer somebody with a word or song,
 If I can show somebody, he is trav'ling wrong,
 If I can do my duty as a Christian ought,
 If I can bring back beauty to a world up-wrought,
 If I can spread love's message that the
 Master taught,
 then my living shall not be in vain.





Thank You

We would like to extend our deepest appreciation to the dedicated team at Family Hospice for their exceptional care and support during this difficult time. Their unwavering commitment and compassion have been a source of comfort and strength for our family.

Nurses Tanya, Sarah, and Heather, along with CNAs Andrea and Jaquetta, provided tender care and ensured the utmost comfort for Edward. Their kindness, expertise, and genuine empathy made a profound difference in his journey, and we are forever grateful for their invaluable contributions.

Chaplain Curtis Singleton offered spiritual guidance and emotional support, bringing solace and peace to Edward and our family during moments of reflection and contemplation. His compassionate presence was deeply appreciated and will be remembered with gratitude.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to Michael and The Warehouse for their assistance and support throughout this process. Their dedication to ensuring that every detail was handled with care and respect did not go unnoticed and was greatly appreciated by our family.

To the entire team at Family Hospice and The Medical Warehouse, your unwavering dedication and kindness have touched our hearts deeply. Your support has meant more to us than words can express, and we will always hold a special place for each of you in our hearts.

We'd like to thank Pastor Josh B. Kirvin, Sr., and the First Baptist Church Garmon Street family, as well as our special caregiver Ronald Jones, for their unwavering support.

Our heartfelt gratitude also goes out to our Northside High School Family and the Hospital Authority for their kindness and assistance during this difficult time.

Thanks to McCullough Funeral Home and Parkway Memorial, for the grace and dignity with which they handled the most delicate matters concerning our beloved husband, father, and grandfather. He deserves and has received the very best. We will long remember these acts of kindness and they will continue to be a source of comfort to us.

With sincere gratitude,
The family of Edward James Dyson, III

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