



HOMEGOING *Celebration*

SUNRISE: May 6, 1933 | SUNSET: October 21, 2019

MR. BOB COSPY
WARD

Friday, October 25, 2019 | 10:00a.m.
Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, Five Points, AL
Rev. Lonnie B. Houston, Officiating

Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

Pall Bearers

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Interment

Fort Mitchell National Cemetery

553 Highway 165 Fort Mitchell, AL 36856

Acknowledgements

The family of Mr. Bob Cospy Ward wishes to express sincere thanks for all words, thoughts, and deeds of kindness through their time of bereavement. May God bless you.

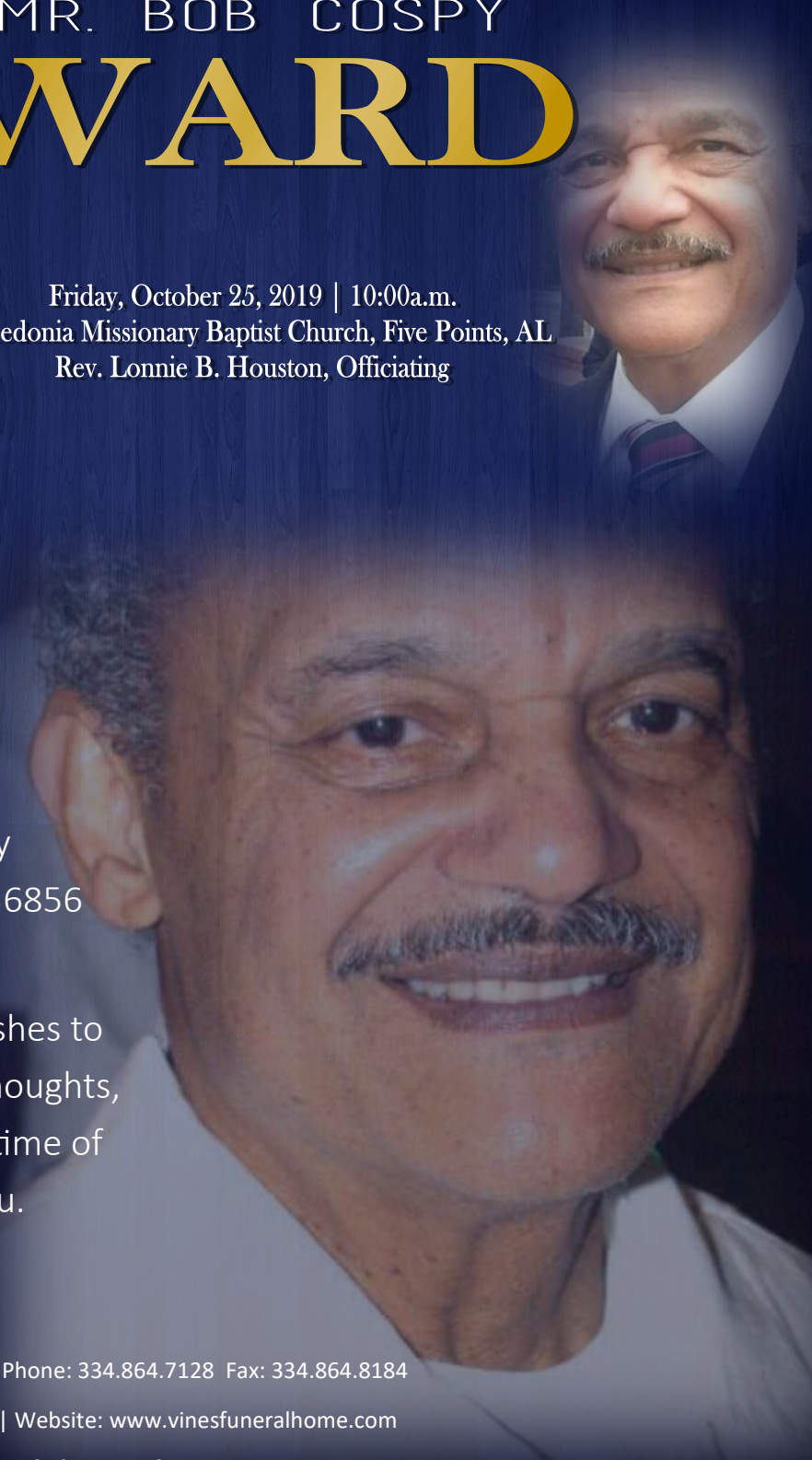
The Ward Family




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OBITUARY

A black and white portrait of Bob Cospay Ward, an elderly man with a mustache, smiling slightly. He is wearing a light-colored collared shirt. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey.

Bob Cospay Ward, 86, was born to the late Tom Ward and Clemmie Cospay Lathem on May 6, 1933 in Chambers County Alabama. Bob confessed Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age and joined the Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in the Five Points community.

He joined the US Navy in 1953 where he dedicated more than twenty years of service on various naval vessels, including the USS Rockbridge, USS Krishna, USS Piedmont, USS Antietam and the USS Constellation obtaining the Chief Machinist Designation. Post Military Retirement he attended and graduated from Southern Union State College in 1976.

Bob Ward had a dream of owning his own business, and with the knowledge and skills obtained as Chief

Machinist he established and operated the only black owned machinist shop in the region. Ward's Machine and Welding Shop operated for more than 30 years in Five Points, offering employment opportunities to members within the community, in addition he mentored numerous students from neighboring colleges.

Mr. Ward was a long-standing member of Macedonia Baptist Missionary Church, where he gave his time unselfishly as a Sunday School Teacher, Church Treasurer, Head of Deacon Board, and Handyman fixing what needed repairing in the church. Deacon Ward gave his time, talent, and tithes to his beloved Macedonia until his decline in health.

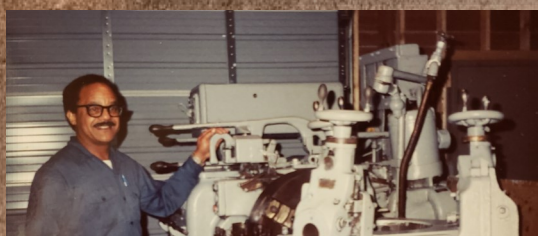
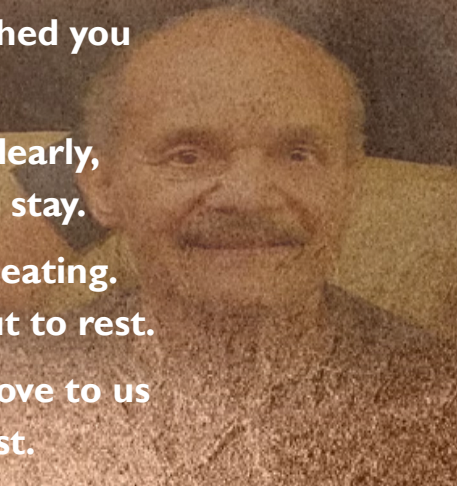
Bob Ward is preceded in death by his loving wife of 54 years, Selena M. Ward, son Victor G. Ward, four brothers: Leon Cospay, Beotis Ward, James Cospay and Edward Cospay; Three sisters: Jessie Mae Todd, Catherine Mangham and Lucille Crossley.

The beloved family members Bob leaves to carry-on are: Four children, Ms. Lesise Middleton, Hampton, GA; Mr. Wayne (Geraldine) Ward, Five Points, AL; Mrs. Kathy (Elliott) Velez, McDonough GA; Mrs. Norma (Frankie) Hicks, Stockbridge, GA; a loving sister, Mrs. Addie Lemerl (Billie) Garner of Maryland; thirteen grandchildren, Trina Ward, Elissa Christian, Brian Mackey, Selena Parks, April Ward, Aaliyah Ward, David Velez, Justin Velez, Sidney Velez, Matthew Velez, Zion Velez, Olivia Hicks, and Zachery Hicks. Seven great grandchildren: Lauren, Erynne, and Bryce Christian; Morgan Dodson, Chase and Nathaniel Hobgood; Jordan Burton; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.



HE ONLY TAKES *the Best*

God saw you getting tired and a
cure was not to be.
So he put his arms around you and
whispered "Come to Me."
With tearful eyes we watched you
slowly fade away.
Although we loved you dearly,
we would not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating.
Your hard working hands put to rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.





1953 - 1973

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional	
Old Testament Scripture.....	Rev. Gregory Sutton
New Testament Scripture.....	Rev. Rickey Cofield
Song	Choir
Prayer of Comfort.....	Pastor Cecilia Broome
Reflections	
As a Neighbor.....	Mr. George James
As a Friend	Dea. John Lewis Blake
As a Church Member.....	Dea. Michael Winston
Song	Choir
Obituary.....	Read Silently
Acknowledgements.....	Mrs. LaShae Smith Herring
Song	Choir
Eulogy.....	Rev. Lonnie B. Houston
Recessional	