

INTERMENT

*Friendship Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery
10810 County Rd 16 Roanoke, AL 36274*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of Rev. Ware would also like to extend our sincere gratitude to the caregivers at Magnolia Place Assisted Living in Auburn Alabama, East Alabama Medical Center, Opelika Alabama, UAB Hospital Acute Trauma Care Unit and the UAB Palliative Comfort Care Unit in Birmingham, Alabama.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in honor of Rev. Joseph Ware may be mailed to:

*Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
4524 County Road 87 Roanoke, AL 36274*

AND/OR

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Attn: UAB Gift Records, AB 1230
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Celebrating the Life of



Rev. Joseph E.
WARE

September 30, 1927- May 22, 2020

Wednesday, May 27, 2020 12:30 pm C.S.T.

Vines Funeral Home Chapel

211 B Street SW LaFayette, AL 36862

Rev. Eric Ware, Officiating



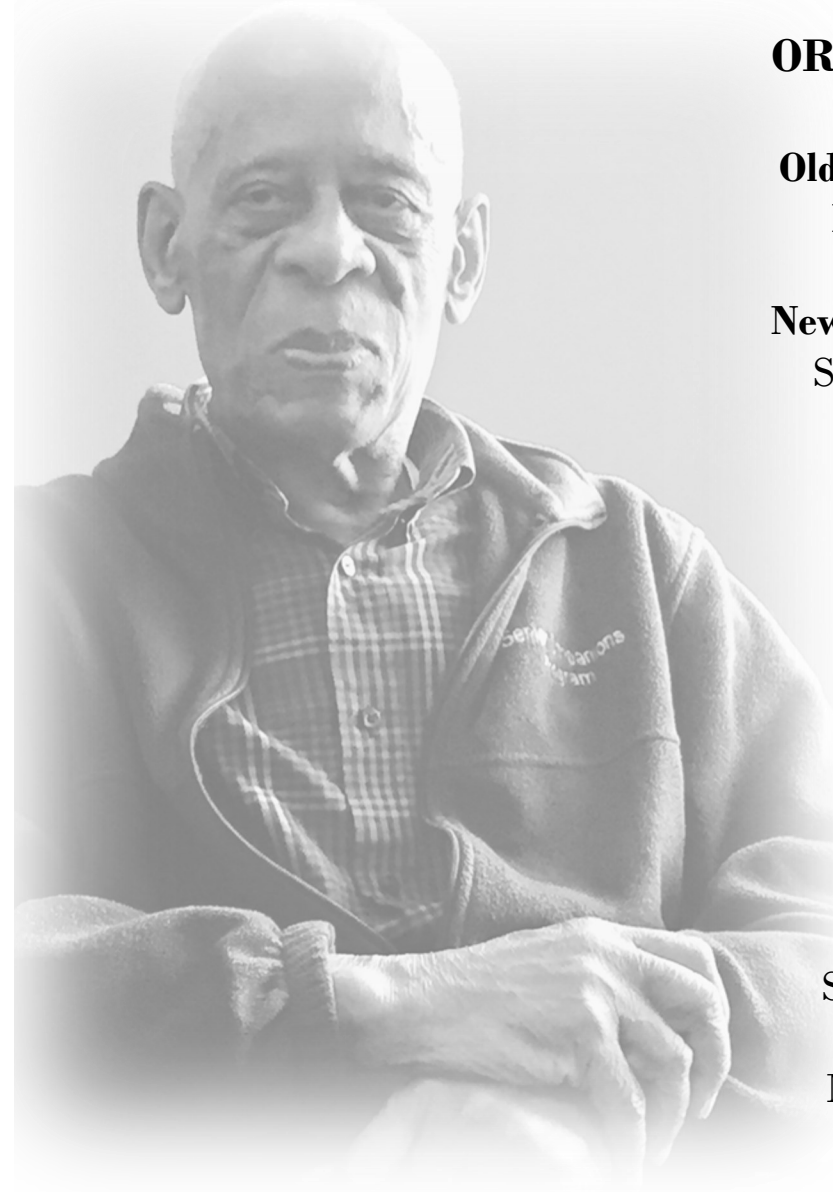


OBITUARY

Reverend Joseph Eugene “Gene” Ware, 92, was called to heavenly rest on May 22, 2020 at University of Alabama Hospital in Birmingham, AL. In life, his faith was obvious to many, and he remained steadfast in his devotion to the Lord until his final days in Auburn, AL.

Born September 30, 1927, in Troup County, GA, Joseph was the third-born son of the late Pierce and Annie Mabel Ferrell Ware. At the young age of 24, Joseph was inducted into the United States Army. He was a veteran of the Korean War and was stationed in Germany during his military service.

In 1954, in Pittsburg, PA, he met and married the former Beulah Mae Mozee of Blakely, GA, and the couple moved to California where their two children, Steven Eugene and Sheryl Lynn were born and raised. Though he was miles away from immediate family, Joseph never lost connection to his southern roots and committed to annual road trips from California to Alabama and Georgia to reunite with family and friends each summer. Also not forgotten, was his relationship with Christ. Joseph maintained membership in Baptist churches and served in various positions of leadership including Deacon, Teacher, and Superintendent of Sunday School in Elizabeth Missionary and St. Luke Missionary Baptist Churches in Richmond, CA. In 1974, he accepted God’s call to serve in ministry, and after several years, served as Assistant Pastor at Bayo Vista Baptist Church, Rodeo, CA and Rose of Sharon Baptist Church Berkeley, CA. He soon was appointed Pastor at Rose of Sharon, and later served as Pastor at St. Joseph’s Missionary Baptist Church in Vacaville, CA. Always one with a heart to give, Joseph would volunteer at hospitals and nursing homes to give haircuts to male patients and pray with them. In addition, he enjoyed his work with Wellstar West Georgia Medical Center in LaGrange, GA as a Senior Companion providing respite service to housebound patients. Whenever he saw a need, he was quick to respond without expectation of reciprocity. “Loan” was not in his vocabulary. He gave freely and without hesitation.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Old Testament Scripture
Bro. Justin Smith

New Testament Scripture
Sis. Cameryn Smith

Prayer
Rev. Eric Ware

Musical Selection
Sis. Brenda Ware

Eulogy
Rev. Eric Ware

Musical Selection
Sis. Sheneka Lewis

Military Ceremony

II Timothy 4:7-8

I have fought the good fight; I have kept the faith; Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day.

Road to Eternity

*Life is but a stopping place,
A pause in what's to be,
A resting place along the road,
to sweet eternity.*

*We all have different journey
Different paths along the way
We all were meant to learn some things
But never meant to stay.*

*Our destination is a place,
Far greater than we know
For some the journey's quicker
For some, the journey's slow.*

*But when the journey finally ends,
We'll claim a great reward,
And find an everlasting peace,
Together with the Lord.*

An industrious man, Rev. Ware believed in business ownership and supported his family through various entrepreneurial roles such as Service Station owner, Independent Construction Contractor (California), and Restaurant Owner (LaGrange, GA); however, the call to pulpit forever remained his most cherished vocation. He took every chance he was given to tell a listener about the goodness of the Lord.

In 1989, Joseph and Beulah moved back to the southeast to LaGrange Georgia, where he assumed the pastoral role at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church. In his latter years, he reconnected with their family church, Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, in Roanoke, AL (Standing Rock). Rev. Joseph Ware will always be remembered for his charisma, generosity, sense of humor and honest conversation, but, most importantly, for his love for others exemplified both in his delivery of God's Word to everyone he met and the sermon of his living example.

Joseph Ware is preceded in death by his wife, Beulah Mae Ware; his son, Steven Eugene Ware; his brothers William Ware, Emory Ware, and Edward Ware. He is survived by his daughter, Sheryl Ware Smith (Charles), Auburn, AL and daughter-in-law Lisa Farrow, LaGrange, GA; his sister, Mabel Ware Winston, CA; his sister-in-law Ernestine Ware, Roanoke, AL; grandchildren Justin Smith, Houston, TX, Cameryn Smith, Auburn, AL, Naiylah Ware, Sacramento, CA, and Nyles Ware, Sacramento, CA; granddaughter-in-law Sheneka Lewis (Jay), LaGrange, GA and great grandchildren-in-law KaLisa Lewis, Jordan Lewis, and Jazmyne Lewis, all of LaGrange, GA. Rev. Joseph Ware will be remembered fondly by his many nieces, nephews, cousins, church members, and friends across the country.



The Life and Legacy of Rev. Joseph E. Ware

