

# Order of Service

PRELUDE..... SOFT MUSIC  
PROCESSIONAL.....FAMILY & CLERGY  
MUSICAL SELECTION .....  
SCRIPTURE READINGS:  
OLD TESTAMENT ..... ELDER TREVOR STEWART  
NEW TESTAMENT..... PASTOR HENRY STREETER  
PRAYER..... PASTOR JOHN E. HILLARY  
SOLO..... MARILYN GACHETT  
OBITUARY..... READ SILENTLY

## Words of Expression

**AS I KNEW HIM**  
(2 MINUTES, PLEASE)

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

MUSICAL SELECTION .....  
WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT.....ELDER STACY STEWART  
EULOGY .....REV. JAMES E. PERSON  
RECESSIONAL ..... SOFT MUSIC  
POSTLUDE



## Acknowledgements

The family of the late **Mr. William Benford Ford** is truly grateful for your prayer and many acts of kindness shown during our time of bereavement.

-The Bowens & Ford Family-

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**CASKET BEARERS**  
NEPHEWS & FRIENDS

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**FLOWER BEARERS**  
NIECES & FRIENDS

**REPAST: NEW MT. SILLA BAPTIST CHURCH**

FINAL ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO:  
**CARTER FUNERAL HOME**  
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# MICKEY



# William Ford

— Alfa: June 14, 1958 ~ Omega: January 24, 2020 —

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2020 ~ 2:00 PM**

NEW MT. SILLA MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
1432 COUNTY ROAD 49 | MIDWAY, AL 36053

**OFFICIATING:**

REV. JAMES E. PERSON, PASTOR

**INTERMENT**

NEW MT. SILLA BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY





## NOW THAT YOU'RE GONE

### FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

You're gone, and all that's left is nothing but memories,

Memories that lead me to silence and tears.

I miss your arms that hold me tight,

Your snore that fills our room at night.

You're gone, and I can no longer stare at you as you sleep,

But thank God he lets me see you as I weep.

In dreams we talk and laugh together.

There I can say I love you more than ever.

You're gone, and I feel so weary when I'm alone.

Wish you were here and would come back home.

I'm hurting and longing for your touch.

Why does parting have to hurt this much?

You're gone forever, and we are now apart.

I'm filled with pain that breaks my heart.

You used to playfully sneak behind the door.

Those lovely eyes I see no more.

You're gone, and I terribly miss your voice,

Your laughter that fills the house with noise.

Your absence makes me feel so blue.

My life is empty without you.

You're gone, but I know I shouldn't be so awful,

For you left me a treasure to cherish and to nurture.

Our precious little angel; she's all that I've got,

A constant reminder that once I had your love.

*Your wife, Ethel*

# Obituary

WILLIAM BENFORD FORD

### A CELEBRATED LIFE

**MR. WILLIAM BENFORD FORD** was born on July 14, 1958 to the late Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Ford-Kent and Arthur Kent Jr. in Huntsville, Al. He attended Tuskegee Institute High School.

He confessed hope in Christ at St. Rebecca Primitive Baptist Church at an early age under the late pastor Joe Pendelton. Later in life, He joined New Mt. Silla Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. James E. Person where he attended faithfully until death.

In 1970, He relocated with his family in Tuskegee, Al where he resided for many of years until 1988 when he met his wife ( Ethel L. Bowens(ford)) and they united in marriage in 1988 and he moved to Midway, Al and lived 31 years with his wife and family.

Mr. Ford worked for 17 years at TNS Mills of Eufaula, Al, 5 years at Keystone Foods of Bakerhill, Al, and 5 years at Wayne Farms of Union Springs, Al until his health failed.

He departed his life January 24, 2020 at Bullock County Hospital. He is preceded in death by his mother (Mary Elizabeth Kent), His Father (Arthur Kent Jr), His sister (Jessie R. Parker), and his two brothers (John Lee Ford and Bobby Ford), and son ( Mackey V. Bowens).

### CHERISHING HIS MEMORY

His memory will be forever cherished by his devoted wife: Ethel L. Ford ( Midway, Al); Daughter: Karen S. Bowens ( Union Springs, Al); Son: Darwin (Belinda) Bowens ( Mobile, Al); Special Granddaughters: Ja'lani Bowens ( Union Springs, Al) and Kimberly Bowens ( Mobile, Al); Special Grandson: Michael Arnett-Bowens ( Mobile, Al); Five Sisters: Dorthy(B.J.) Latham, Marilyn ( Dwight) Sparks, Alfreda Davis, Deborah Battle ( All of Huntsville, Al); and Paula (Tim) Love ( Houston, Tx). One brother, Theoplis Ford, Huntsville, AL; Four Sister In-Laws: Ozie B. Bowens and Arttie B. Grooms (Midway, Al), Julia ( Ernest) Bowens- Simpson ( Chicago, IL), and Annie B. Marshall ( Haines City, Fl).Five Brother In-Laws: Louis Bowens(Tuskegee, Al), Joseph Smith ( Haines City, Fl), Roosevelt ( Joann) Miles ( Atlanta, GA), Eddie Lee ( Dorthy) Miles ( Atlanta, GA), A.C. ( Clara) Miles ( Chicago, IL), and One Aunt: Sara Bell. He was also loved by a host of friends and family. Very Special Friends that he loved dearly : Vanessa ( Joe) Lee ( Tuskegee, Al), Glenda Parham, Carolyn Goshea, Zeke Holmes, Henry Ellison, Willie Boykins ( Midway, Al), Malinda Mayo ( Clayton, Al) and Joseph Sullen.

## TRIBUTES

There's a feeling in our skin, one that we can't ignore. We hate waking up in the morning without you knocking on our door. We miss the way... when you smiled, you lifted up the whole night sky. We miss the way you taught us to never at all be shy. We walk down the streets alone now, without you by our side. We find it when someone mentions your name, not to run and hide. Sit alone in our room in the dark from night. Always hoping you will be standing there when we turn on the light. We didn't see you on your last day, and we didn't get to say all that we could say. We can't miss anyone more than you; without you our family cannever be true. We miss you completely. We miss you, we miss you!

*From your Grandchildren, Jalani & Kimberly and Michael*

## WE WILL MISS YOU

### "WE THOUGHT OF YOU TODAY"

We thought of you with love today; but that is nothing new. We thought about you yesterday, and the day before that too. We speak of you in silence, we often speak your name. All we have are memories and a picture in a frame. Your memory is a keepsake, which with we'll never part. God has you in his keeping, we have you in our Heart.

*From your Daughter and Son*

