

## Active Pallbearers

Donald Celestine  
Joe Celestine  
Peter Celestine

Reginald Celestine  
Robert Celestine  
Steven Celestine

Scott Guillory

## Honorary Pallbearers

Curtis Celestine  
Emile Celestine  
Percy Celestine, Jr.  
Stanley Celestine, Sr.  
Joseph Wells

Cameron Celestine  
Scott Guillory II  
Matthew Guillory  
Peter Bazile  
Richard Hill

Brothers-in-Law

## Family Gratitude

*We would like to express our sincere gratitude to family, friends, and neighbors, for your prayers, visits and support during this difficult time. It was your kind words of encouragement that gave our father the strength to endure his battle. He loved good southern soul music and the Champ Mahammad Ali even as his memory started to fade. Just to hear the name Cassius Clay brought a smile to his face. To hear a blues "oldie but goodie" brought a song to his heart. Thank you for giving him those precious memories back. Thank you to his brothers and sisters, especially Aunt Annette and Uncle Percy Jr., for your tireless devotion to our father. There is no other bond like that of siblings. It was your love and support that kept him grounded to the present until the very end. A special thank you to the staff of Bayou Vista Community Care Center and Bunkie General Hospital for their kind and professional service in the care of our father. We are sincerely grateful for everyone's demonstration of love and support during this time.*

### Music Ministry

Salem Baptist Church Choir (Bunkie, LA)  
Second Union Baptist Church Choir (Bunkie, LA)  
First Evening Star Baptist Church Choir (Cottonport, LA)

### Usher Ministry

Southeast 8<sup>th</sup> District Educational Baptist Association  
First Evening Star Baptist Church (Cottonport, LA)

## Repast

Cottonport Fire Station

## IN LOVING MEMORY

of

# Mr. Collins Celestine



**"THE LORD GIVETH..."**

March 15, 1939

**"THE LORD TAKETH AWAY..."**

May 5, 2018

**Saturday, May 12, 2018**

**11:00 A.M.**

**FIRST EVENING STAR BAPTIST CHURCH**

**320 Swift Street**

**Cottonport, Louisiana 71327**

**(318) 876-3334**

**Reverend Greg Jackson, Officiating**

## Obituary

*“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden,  
and I will give you rest.”*

*-SAINT MATTHEW 11:28*

On March 15, 1939, **COLLINS CELESTINE**, the second of fourteen (14) children, was born to the union of the late Lenora Johnson Celestine and Percy Celestine, Sr., in Long Bridge, Louisiana.

As a child, Collins was nurtured in a Christian home and was taught to love the Lord. He was baptized by the late Reverend Scott Smith in 1947 at the Evening Star Baptist Church in Long Bridge, Louisiana. He happily used his beautiful singing voice in the church choir and with a gospel group as a youth.

Collins was a member of the 1958 graduating class of George Washington Carver High School in Bunkie, Louisiana. As a means for providing for his family, Collins was gainfully employed with the United States Railroad System, Holsum Bakery, Town of Cottonport’s Maintenance Department, and in the construction industry.

On January 31, 1960, Collins was united in Holy Matrimony to Rosa Mae Johnson. To this union of twenty-seven (27) years, six (6) sons and one (1) daughter were born.

In addition to his parents, Brother Celestine was preceded in death by two (2) siblings, Calvin Celestine and Dorothy Celestine-Frazier.

On Friday, May 4, 2018, at 1:30 A.M., Collins’ Creator spoke and he quietly and gently slipped away at Bayou Vista Community Care Center in Bunkie, Louisiana.

Survivors include one (1) daughter, Jacqueline (Scott) Guillory of Montgomery, TX; six (6) sons, Robert Celestine of Bossier City, LA, Steven (Patricia Faye) Celestine of Shreveport, LA, Donald Celestine of Pineville, LA, Joe Celestine and Peter Celestine, both of Marksville, LA, and Reginald Celestine of Atlanta, GA; eight (8) sisters, Queen Esther (Thomas, Jr.) Foster of Bunkie, LA, Josephine (Thomas, Jr.) White of Keithville, LA, Elvira (Anthony, Sr.) Oby of Goudeau, LA, Mae Pearl (Ogden, Jr.) Gaines, Ruth (Alton) Dailey, Leola (Jimmy) Morris, Annette Celestine, and Virgie Celestine, all of Cottonport, LA; four (4) brothers, Percy Celestine, Jr., of Evergreen, LA, Emile Celestine, Curtis (Carolyn) Celestine, and Stanley (Margaret) Celestine, Sr., all of Cottonport, LA; eleven (11) grandchildren and thirteen (13) great-grandchildren; one (1) uncle, Johnnie (Mary Lee) Johnson of Cottonport, LA; a supportive friend, Mr. Richard “Yank” Hill of Moreauville, LA; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

## Order of Service

Service Viewing.....8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.  
Musical Prelude..... Musicians  
Call to Worship.....Pastor Greg Jackson  
Hymn of Inspiration.....“I’ve Got a New Home”.....Choir

-Holy Scriptures-

**OLD TESTAMENT**.....**PSALM 27:1-4**.....Reverend Charlie Jones  
**NEW TESTAMENT**.....**SAINT MATTHEW 11: 28-30**.....Reverend Johnny Williams  
Hymn.....“I Need Thee”.....Choir & Congregation  
Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Leslie Draper III  
Hymn of Consolation.....“I Am Redeemed”.....Choir  
Obituary.....(*Soft Music*).....(Read Silently)  
Acknowledgements.....Tiffany Gaines  
Vocal Solo.....Mary L. Smith  
Recognition of Ministers  
Congregational Hymn.....“Pass Me Not”.....Choir & Congregation  
Eulogy.....Pastor Greg Jackson  
Recessional

**INTERMENT**  
First Evening Star Baptist  
Church Cemetery  
Cottonport, LA

**FUNERAL SERVICES**  
**ENTRUSTED TO**  
Progressive Funeral Home  
Bunkie, LA



**TRIBUTE TO OUR DAD**  
**God Took Him to His Loving Heavenly Home**

*God saw him getting tired, a cure was not to be.  
He wrapped him in his loving arms and whispered, "Come with me."  
He suffered much in silence, his spirit did not bend.  
He faced his pain with courage, until the very end.  
He tried too hard to stay with us, but his fight was not in vain.  
God took him to his loving home and freed him from the pain.*

*Rest in Peace, Daddy*  
~ Jackie, Reginald, Steven, Donald, Peter, Joe & Robert