

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

# Donald "SMOKEY" VINSON

- Pallbearers -  
Family and Friends

- Flower Bearers -  
Family and Friends

- Interment -  
Lincoln Hill Cemetery  
408 Miller Avenue  
Gadsden, AL 35903

- Acknowledgment -

The family of the late Mr. Donald Vinson acknowledges with grateful appreciation all acts of kindness, prayers, cards, visits, telephone calls, flowers and words of comfort extended to us during our time of bereavement. Special thanks to Riverview Regional Medical Center. We pray God's continuous blessings upon you all.

SUNRISE:

SEPTEMBER 28, 1965

SUNSET:

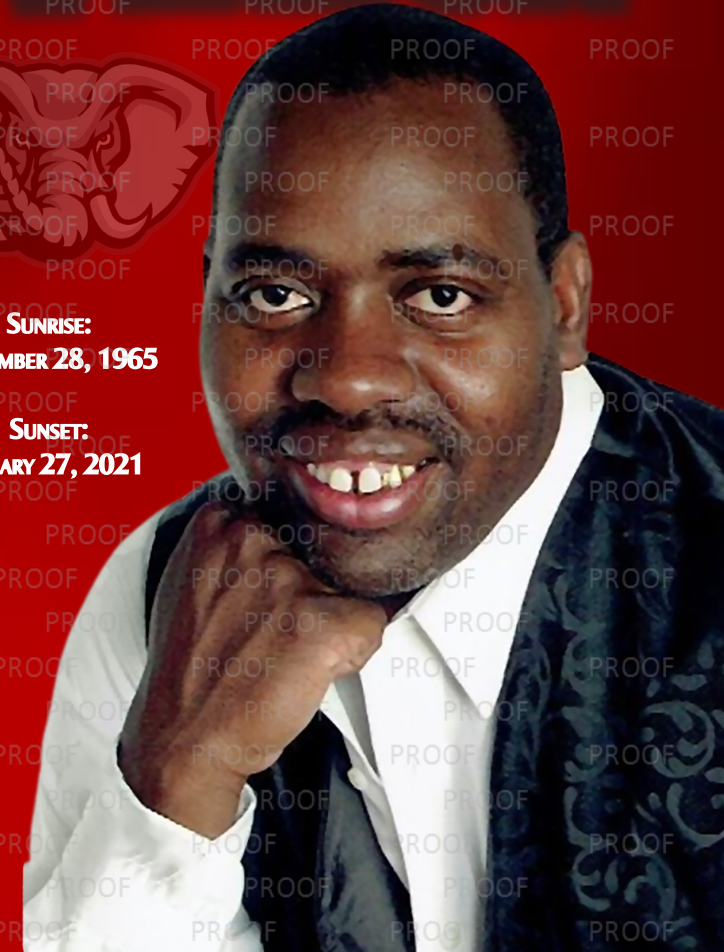
JANUARY 27, 2021



A Beautiful Rose Entrusted to:  
**West Gadsden Funeral Home**  
2118 FORREST AVENUE GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904  
(256) 549-0004

"We were not meant to live in this world alone!  
We were made for Heaven our "Final Home."

Reverend Grady Robinson, Owner Dantez O. Robinson, Manager  
Brenda Robinson-Card, President



# *- The Obituary -*

Mr. Donald Vinson was born to the late Florine Vinson Jones and R.C. White on September 28, 1965 in Gadsden, Alabama. At an early age, he accepted Christ.

His education came from the Gadsden City School system. He worked at Koch's Food for 28 years until he became ill.

He united in marriage to Rebecca Ann Vinson on September 23, 1988. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and brother.

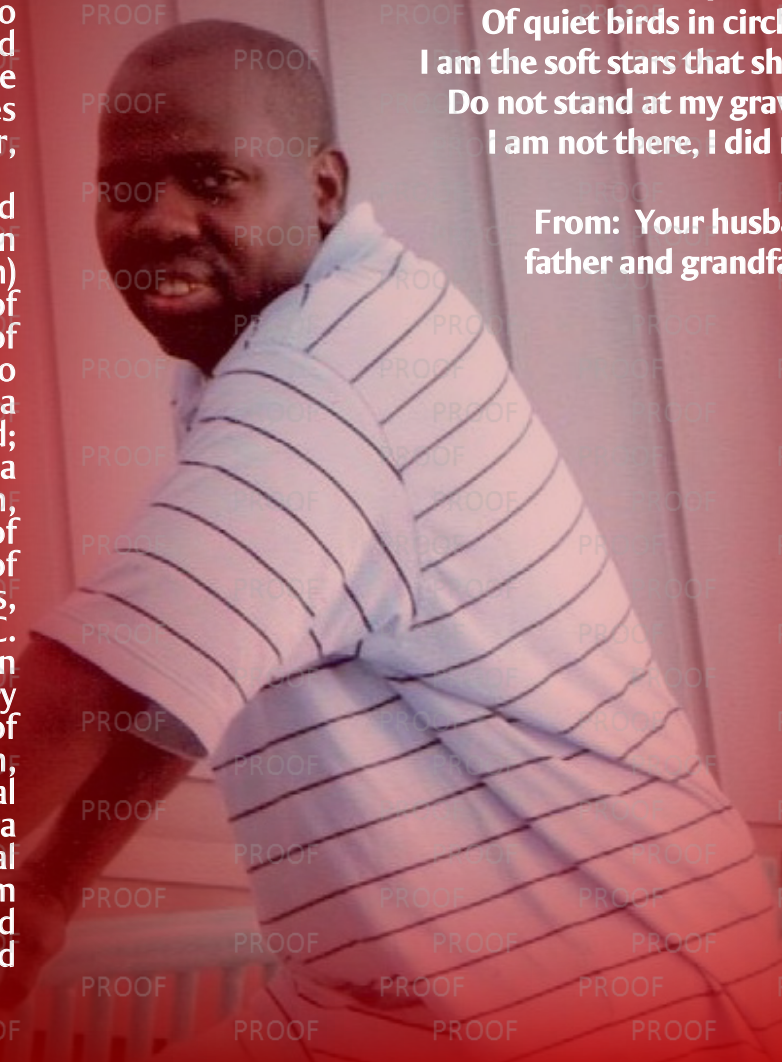
Donald Vinson, 55, transitioned from earth to Heaven on January 27, 2021 at Riverview Regional Medical Center Hospital in Gadsden, Alabama. He was preceded in death by his parents, Florine Jones and R.C. White; stepfather, Henry Jones and sister, Linda Faye Vinson.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his devoted wife and best friend of 33 years, Rebecca Vinson of Gadsden, AL; two daughters, Sheilisa (Brandon) Vinson and Melody (Dexter) Robertson, both of Gadsden, AL; two sons, Jarvis and Donald Gill of Gadsden, AL; his grandsons and sidekicks, Karmello DeVon Collins, Dalaz R'Nez Easley, Evan Montana Gill, Zayden Xavier Kimble and Debron Card; granddaughters, Lauren Haily Robertson, Tarin Amia Gill, Bella Jai Gill and Peyton Gill, all of Gadsden, AL; his sisters, Sheila (Michael Todd) Middleton of Gadsden, AL, LaToya White and Misty Dewberry of Dayton, OH; brothers, Michael Brookins of Athens, GA, Henry Earl (Arzetta) Jones of St. Louis, MO, R.C. (Alisa) White, Jr. of Dayton, OH; stepbrother, Marvin (Mary) Jones of Oxford, AL; sisters-in-law, Mary Page Todd, Debra Bahomed and Arellia Page, all of Gadsden, AL; brother-in-law, Lee Page of Gadsden, AL; uncle, Carl Vinson of Dayton, OH; special nephew, Brandon Vinson; special niece, LaKendra Taylor; special cousin, Timothy Vinson; special daughter, Jennifer Ford; special friends, William "Bossman" Hughley, Jr., D.C. Williams, Richard Cuning, Ocie Hope and Jason (his porch buddy) and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# **To My Family:** *- In Loving Memory -*

**Do not stand at my grave and weep,  
I am not there, I do not sleep.  
I am a thousand winds that blow,  
I am the diamond glints on snow.  
I am the sunlight on ripened grain,  
I am the gentle Autumn rain.  
When you wake in the morning's hush,  
I am the swift uplifting rush.  
Of quiet birds in circle flight,  
I am the soft stars that shine at night.  
Do not stand at my grave and cry,  
I am not there, I did not die.**

**From: Your husband,  
father and grandfather**



# - The Day God Took You Home -

A million times I've needed you,  
A million times I've cried,  
If love alone could have saved you,  
You never would have died.  
In life I loved you dearly,  
In death I love you still.  
In my heart you hold a place,  
No one else can ever fill.  
It broke my heart to lose you,  
But you didn't go alone,  
Part of me went with you,  
The day God took you home.

Your loving wife,  
Rebecca

## - Paw Paw -

It's difficult to express in words,  
Just what we would like to say,  
Please know you're thought of often,  
And in a very special way.  
And though the distance in between us,  
May keep us miles apart,  
There'll always be a special place,  
For you within our hearts!

We Love You Paw Paw

# - The Order of Service -

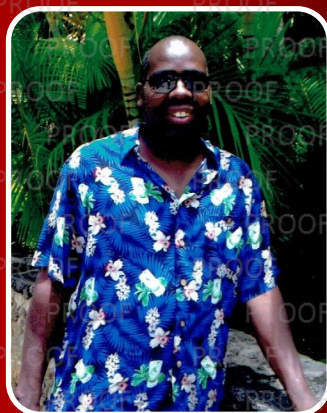
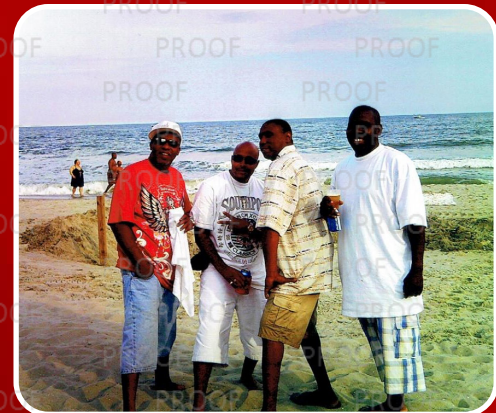
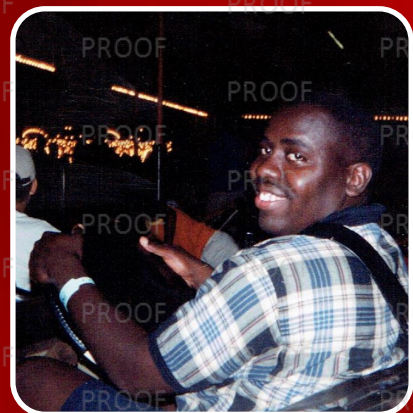
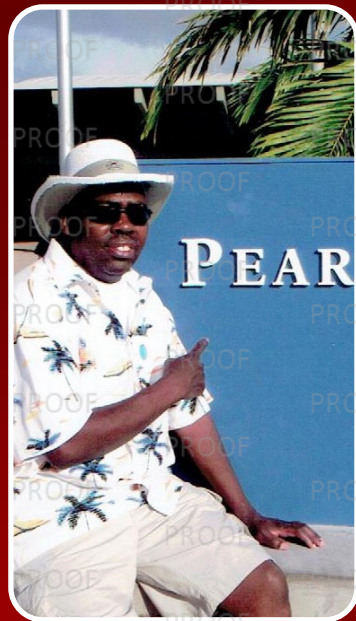
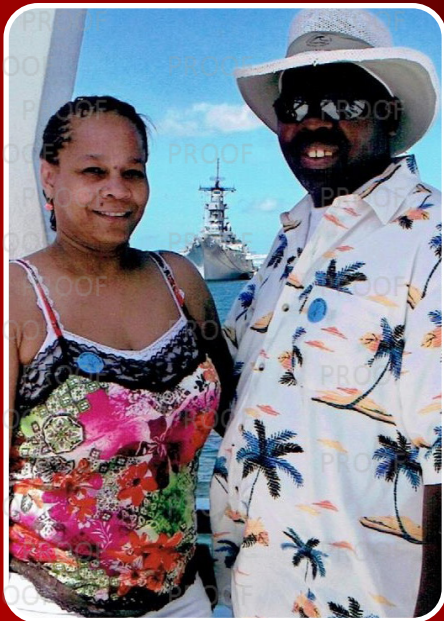
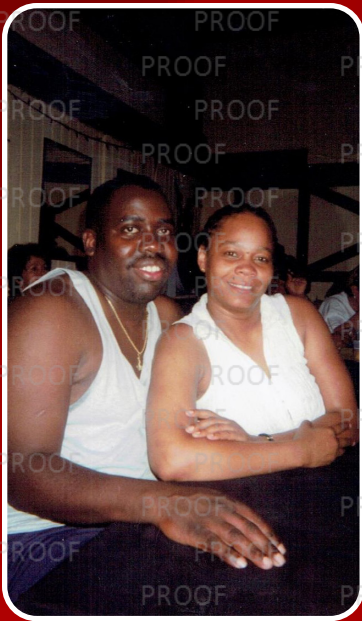
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021 • 1:00 P.M.

SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH  
201 North 16th Street  
Gadsden, AL 35901

REVEREND EDDIE ETHERIDGE, OFFICIATING

- Prelude ..... Soft Music
- Processional ..... Minister and Family
- Musical Selection
- Scripture:  
Old Testament ..... Reverend R. C. White  
New Testament ..... Reverend Reginald Huff
- Prayer ..... Bobby Sanders
- Obituary ..... Read Silently
- Acknowledgement
- Eulogy ..... Pastor Eddie Etheridge
- Musical Selection ..... Brenda Carr  
*I Won't Complain*
- Letter To My Dad ..... Sheilisa Vinson
- Recessional ..... Really Gonna Miss You  
Smokey Robinson

The Obituary and Order of Service



*Precious Memories*