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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The family of Sammie Garris wishes to express our love and heartfelt gratitude for the many gestures received during our time of mourning. It is our sincere prayer that God will bless each of you in a special way. A special thank you to all the doctors at UNC Cancer Center at UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill. The family is eternally grateful for the efforts and support of Albright Funeral Home, First Baptist Church New Hill, and White Oak Missionary Baptist Church. May God richly bless each one of you.

**With All Our Hearts,  
Love The Garris Family**



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# *Celebration of Life*

*For*

## **Deacon Sammie Lee Garris**

Sunrise  
03-05-1957

Sunset  
10-03-2022



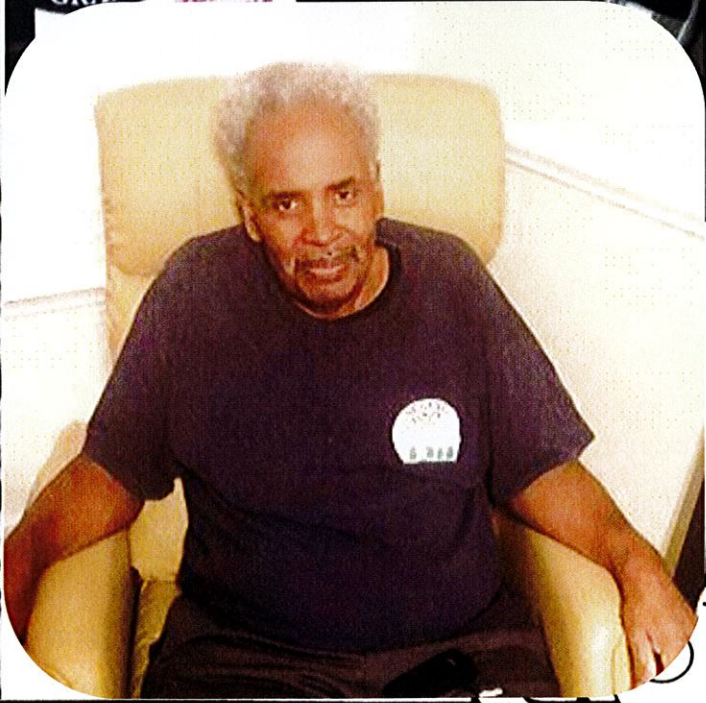
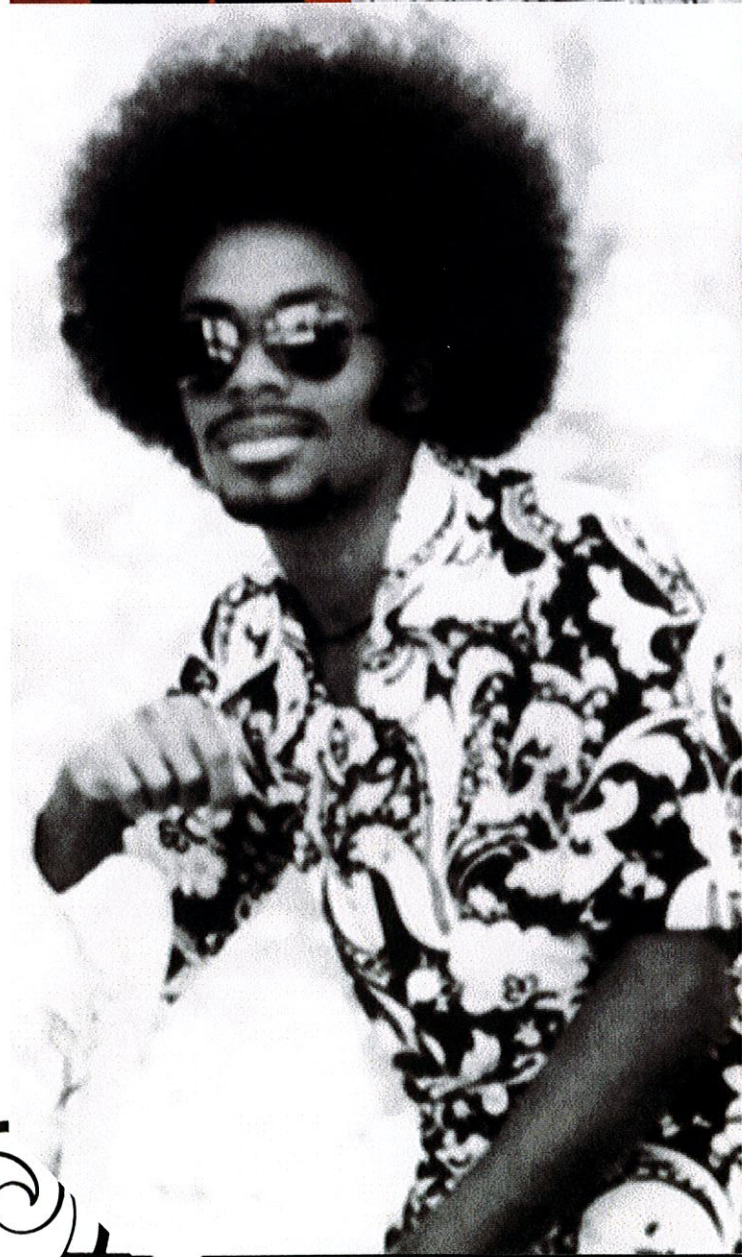
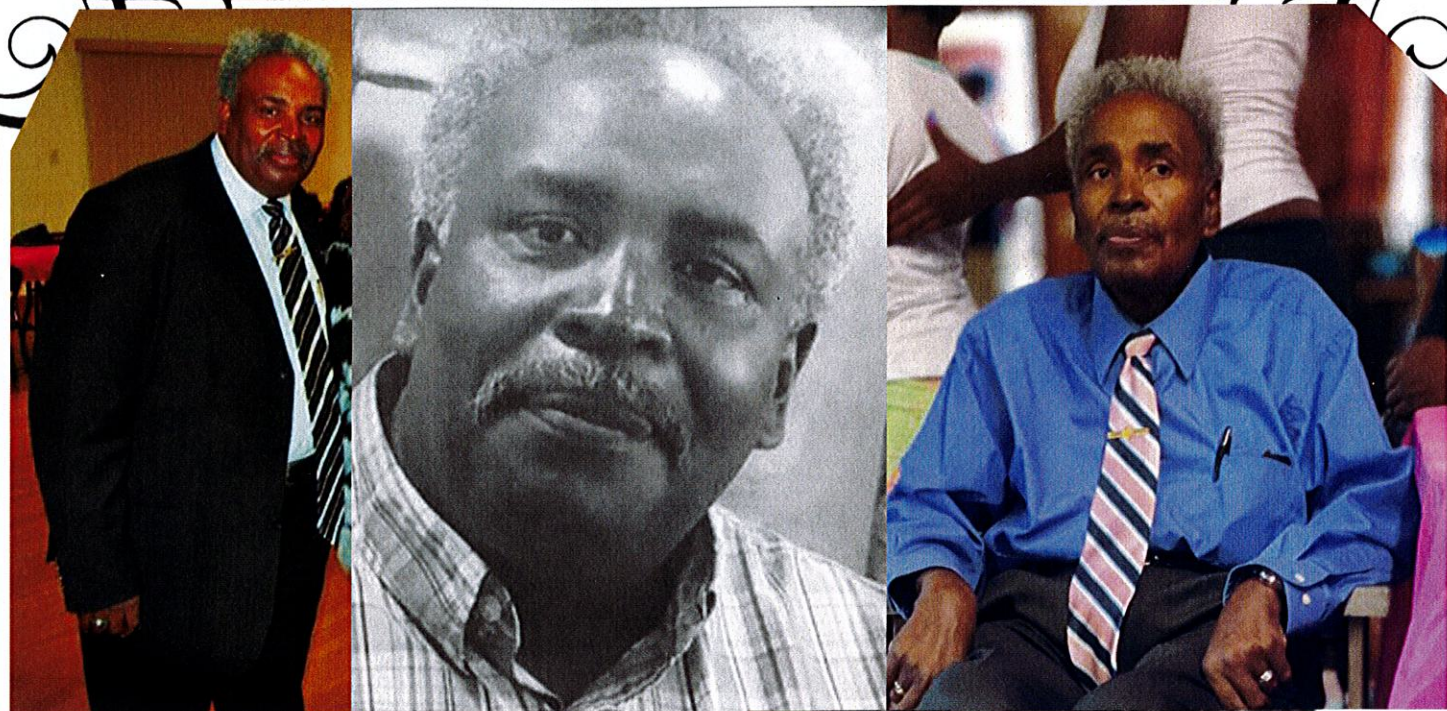
**Family Visitation (Wake)**

Friday, October 14, 2022  
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM  
First Baptist Church New Hill  
3016 New Hill Holleman Road  
New Hill, NC 27562

**Funeral Service**

Saturday, October 15, 2022  
Visitation 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM - Service: 1:00 PM  
White Oak Missionary Baptist Church  
1621 White Oak Church Rd,  
Apex, NC 27523

**Rev. Victor Galloway, Eulogist**



## Reflection of Life

*"Blessed Is The Man Who Remains Steadfast Under Trial, For When He Has Stood The Test He Will Receive The Crown Of Life, Which God Has Promised To Those Who Love Him." - James 1:12*

**Sammie Lee Garris** was born on March 5, 1957 to the late Moody Junior Garris and Veler Garris in Pittsboro, NC. He departed this life on October 3, 2022 at UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill, NC.

**Sammie** was educated in Wake County Schools and graduated from Apex High School in 1976.

**Sammie** has been a member of First Baptist Church New Hill since he was a little boy and gave his life to Christ at the age of 24 in 1981. A year later, he was ordained as a Deacon. He served as Superintendent of Sunday for 22 years, was a member of the male chorus, and was very active in other capacities of the church until his health began to decline. Sammie had been an active participant in the New Hope Union since 1990 and served in different roles within the Union.

On November 22, 1981, Sammie married Deborah Tabron and to this union, four children were born; Vette, Sammie Jr., Wendy, and Tonio.

**Sammie** worked at the Town of Cary in the Public Works/Solid Waste Department for 45 years and retired in February 2021. In 1992, he was a finalist for Employee of the Year and in 1993, he won the award. In 1998, Sammie won the Herman Drake Award and in February 2021, he was awarded the Long Leaf Pine Award by Governor Roy Cooper. Sammie was a devoted employee who loved what he did, the people he worked with, and the many different people he met on his routes over the years.

**Sammie** was a very warm, nurturing, kind, and caring person. He always had a smile on his face with a positive attitude. He was always willing to go the extra mile for anyone and let them know they were appreciated, loved, and remembered whether through giving a card, a phone call, or a visit. He always thought of others before he thought of himself.

**Sammie** truly had a servant's heart. In his spare time, he enjoyed going to car shows which featured old classic cars; his favorite was a '57 Chevy. Sammie enjoyed attending various church programs at other local churches, gospel concerts, and listening to old school music, such as Motown hits. He thoroughly enjoyed reading whether it was a newspaper, the Daily Bread, or the Bible. Sammie loved reading newspapers from different cities, states, etc. so if you told him you were traveling somewhere; he would ask you to bring him a newspaper from where you visited.

**Sammie** leaves a legacy of love and memories; his wife of almost 41 years, Deborah Garris. Four children, Vette(Corey), Sammie J.(Elizabeth), Wendy(Lisa), and Tonio(Alexis); Four brothers; Ricky Garris, Randy Garris, Teddy Garris, and Todd Garris; one sister; Michelle Garris. One brother-in-law, Charles Tabron; six grandchildren; Jayden, Lailyn, Everly, CJ, Noah, and Ali. One niece and four nephews; four foster brothers, George Dixon(JoAnn), Billy Dixon Sr.(Bethel), Curtis Dixon Sr., and Roosevelt Dixon. Two foster sisters; Gywn Dixon and Elouise Romero and a host of other relatives, family, and close friends.

To know Sammie was to love him, he was a true man of God who loved the Lord and people. He will be deeply missed.

**"Well Done Thy Good and Faithful Servant"**



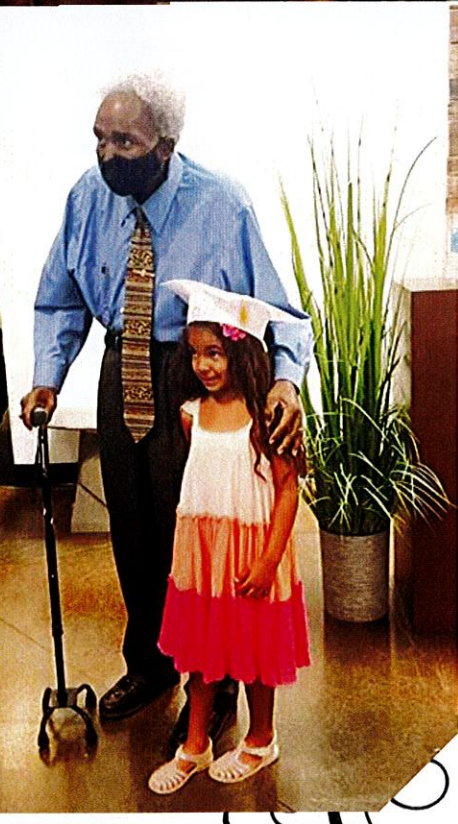
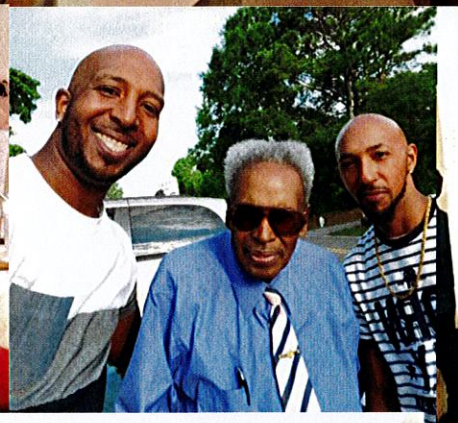
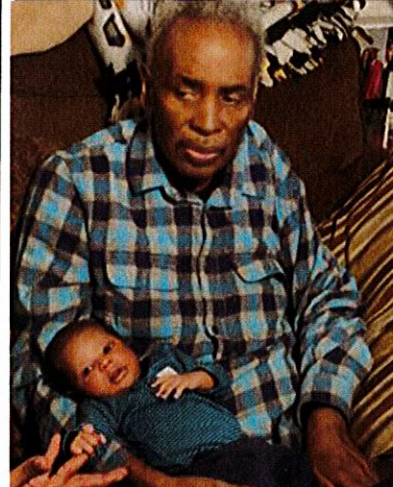
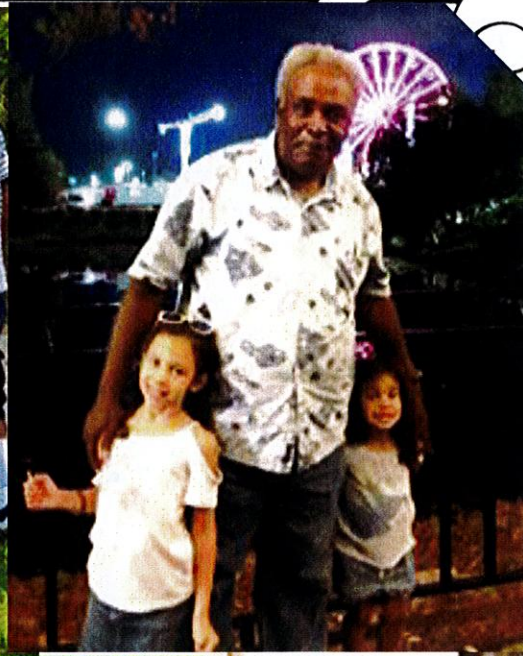
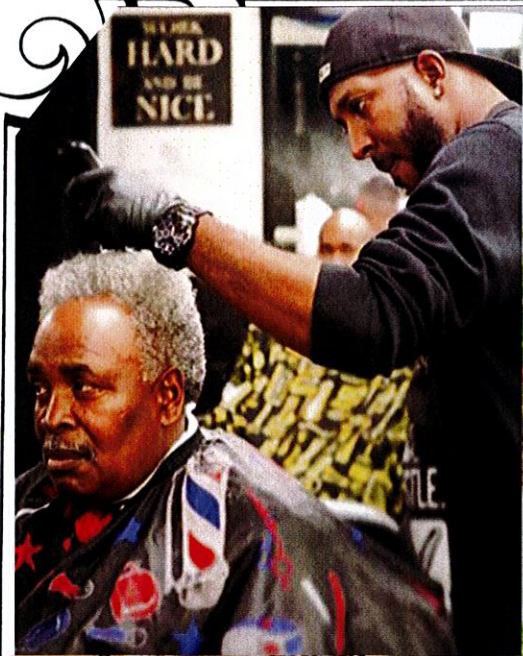


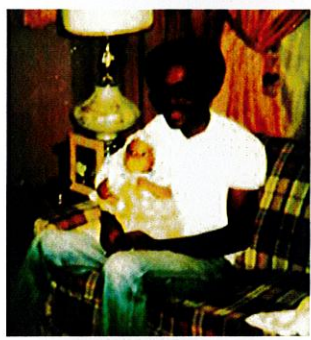
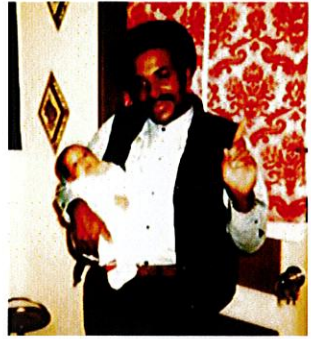
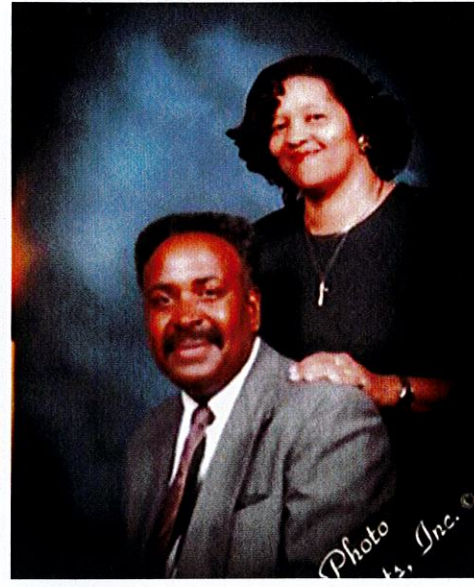
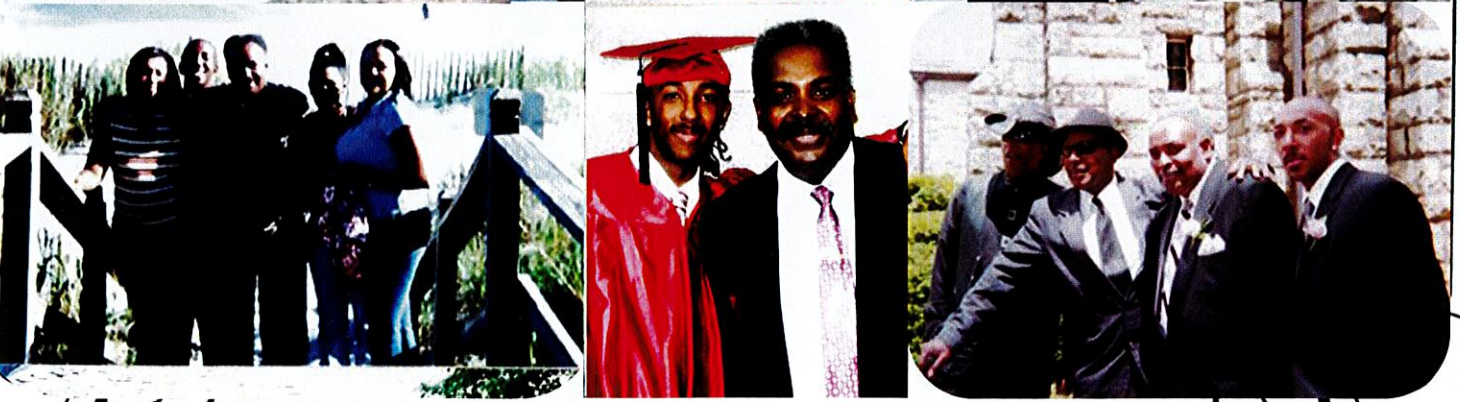
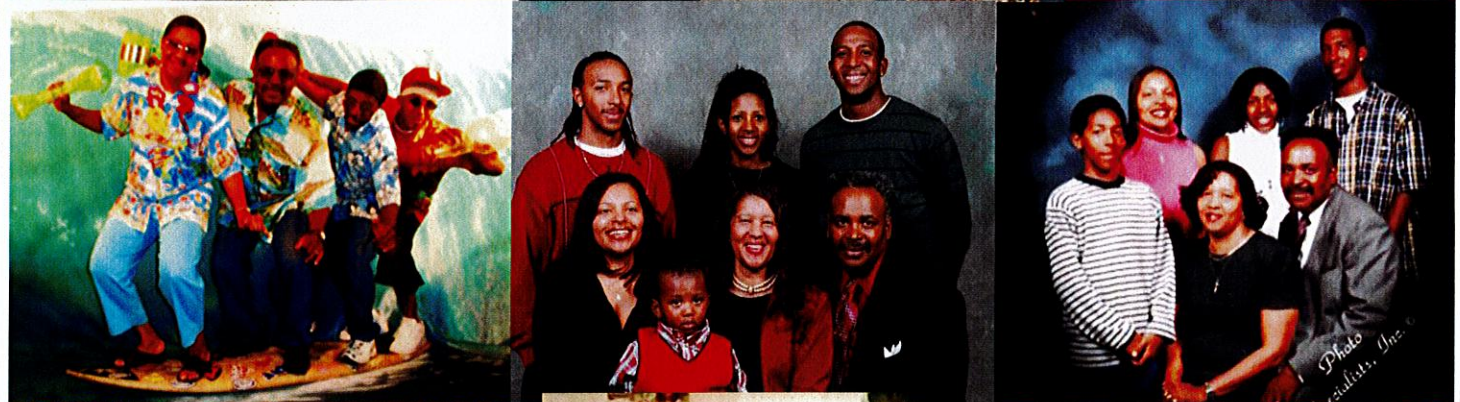
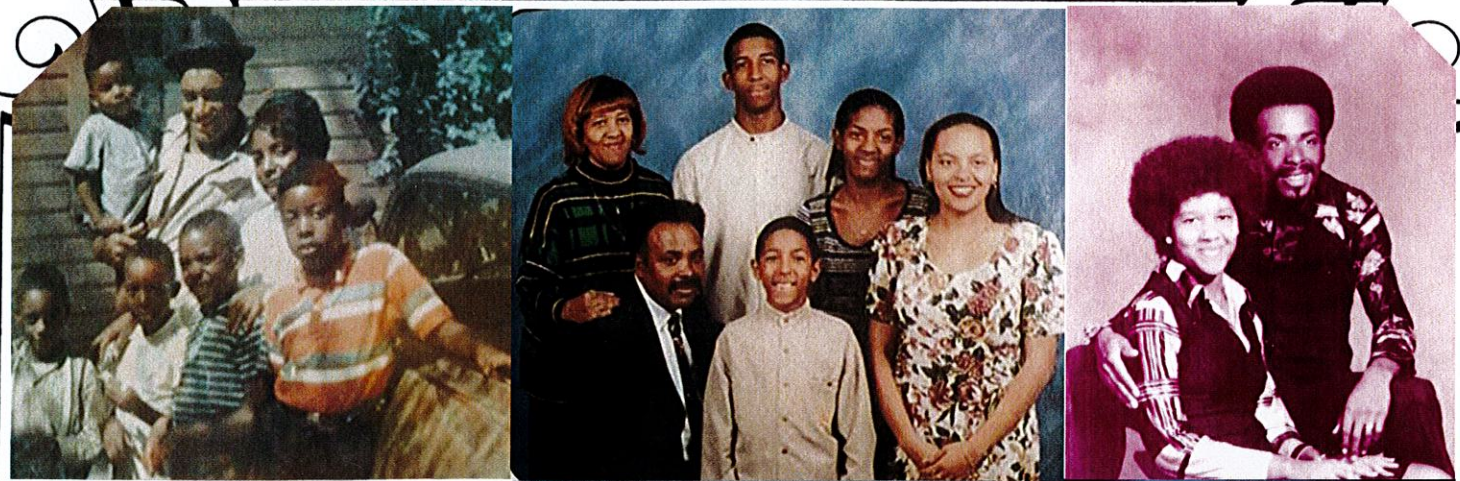
*The Order of Service*

Rev. Galloway, Officiating

- Prelude ..... Soft music playing
- Processional ..... Clergy and family
- Selection ..... White Oak Choir
- Scripture Reading:
  - Old Testament ..... Rev. Cornell Stokes
  - New Testament ..... Elder Jahmar Cobb
- Prayer of Comfort ..... Rev. Gregory T. Headen
- Solo ..... Mr. Jason Farrar
- Acknowledgements and Obituary ..... Mrs. Lisa Stokes
- Solo ..... Mrs. Wanda Holloway
- Remarks (Limit 2 minutes please) .....
  - All Clergy
  - Deacon Phillip Johnson Sr.
  - Sammie Garris Jr.
  - Vette Garris
- Solo ..... Dornesha Johnson-Ritman
- Eulogy ..... Rev. Victor Galloway
- Selection ..... White Oak Choir
- Funeral Director in Charge ..... Opening of the Casket
- Closing of the Casket/Last Goodbyes ..... Immediate Family
- Recessional
- Interment

New Hill First Baptist Church Cemetery





**The Man, The Myth, The Legend**  
Sammie Chance, Author

A brother, a husband, a father, a Deacon and a friend  
there are not enough adjectives  
to describe this Man of God  
Because his caring, like his advice, never ends!

You were the face of the Town of Cary  
for well over 40 something, dedicated years  
And you left everybody involved with that company  
Mesmerized, sad, in awe and in tears!

Your family were truly the blessed ones  
to have been around you since their birth  
And by being a good and faithful servant  
God choose you because of your worth

To be absent in the body  
is to be in the presence of the Lord  
Which is possibly, the only real reason  
that this Homegoing isn't taken too hard!

For you are and were without a doubt  
a good, respectful, God-fearing man  
Which is just one of the many reasons  
that he added you to his plan!

**Rest in Heavenly Peace Mr. Garris!**

