Our Vincere Gratitude

The family wishes to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation of the expressions of love, concern, and thoughtfulness during the untimely passing and homegoing of our loved one. We appreciate the unlimited supply of support and love shown to us in this hour. Thank you for shining a light in this dark time. Everything you have done has not gone in vain, nor has it gone unnoticed. We are incredibly grateful for your kindness. Our prayer is that God will bless you all.

Those that Bear the Bier

Antonio Wise Kerry Lewis Erik Johnson Freemont James Michael James Willie Stoker

Those that Bear the Bier in Honor

Frank Johnson James Saunders Paul White Herbert White Jerome Livingston Prince Brown

And He Shall Rest Until the Resurrection

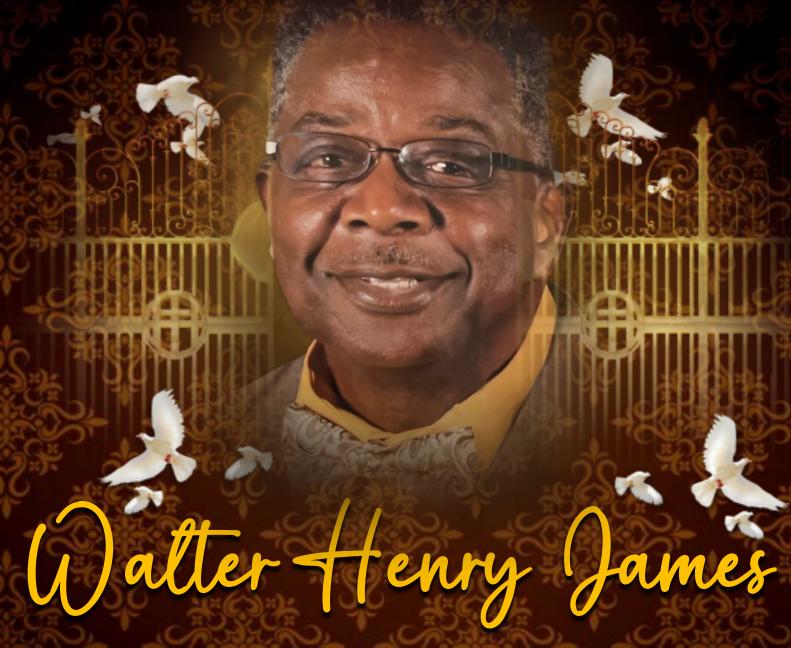








THE HOMEGOING CELEBRATION



With Us: July 7, 1943

With Him: July 28, 2022

"I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; 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" 2

Timothy 4:7-8

Saturday, the Sixth Day of August, Two Thousand Twenty-Two
One Hour before High Noon
Galilee Baptist Church
1301 South High Street, Longview, Texas 75602

Dr. Rickey Lawson, Sr., Officiating



The Reflections of Life

Time To be Born

Walter Henry James was born in Mims, Florida on July 7, 1943, to the late Willie and Maeonia James. He was the fourteenth of sixteen children and affectionately called "Walt Henry" by his siblings.

Time To Learn

Walter received his education in the Brevard County Public School System. During his high school years, he played both football and baseball which earned him a scholarship to South Carolina State University. Walter was a member of the South Carolina State Gridder football and baseball team in which both had impressive season in 1963.

Time to Love

After college Walter returned to Mims, Florida and married his first wife and to this union they had four children. In 1972 Walter moved to Hawkins, Texas in which he met Ester, better known as "Baby" and gain an additional child. They later moved to Longview, TX where Walter remained until God called him home to glory.

Time to Worship

Walter accepted Christ at an early age and upon moving to Longview he visited a couple of churches and found his church home with the Galilee Baptist Church, Longview, TX under the leadership of Rev. J.B. Dunlap. Walter grew to love the Lord and was not ashamed to worship. At Galilee he started as a bus driver, then later as a Sunday School teacher, trustee and church staff.

Time To Work

Walter was a hardworking and dedicated worker. He worked at Kennedy Space Center (Merritt Island, FL), LeBus International, Inc. (Longview, TX) and King Bearings, now Bearing Inc. (Longview, TX). At the age of 62 Walter retired, became a volunteer at Good Shepherd and begin to live his best life.

Time To Play

Walter truly enjoyed life. He loved yardwork / landscaping, to play horseshoes, watched sports, eat "good food", cook Collard Greens, discuss current events and the bible. He loved to spend time with family and friends especially his "Kaiyah Pooh". He loved to plan Spring Break and Summer Break outings for just the two of them. Walter loved to celebrate life which is why he was a candidate for a heart transplant and the young age of 70.

Time To Die

Walter completed his journey here and transitioned from earth to glory on Thursday, July 28th with his family by his side.

Family & Friends Time To Mourn

Walter was a loving, honest, and frank person; both parents, fifteen of his siblings preceded him in death and one son. Those left to cherish his memory includes his "Girls, Girls, Girls": Ester (wife), Felicia (daughter), Neosha (granddaughter), Kaiyah (great granddaughter); sons: Freemont (Joanne) and Michael of Florida; grandchildren: Chiree, Michael, Mykia, Broderick, Devin, Dakota, DeTroy and DeCorey of Florida; sibling, Rosa J. Mack (Ruben) of Mims, FL; sisters-in-law: Geraldine James, Mims, FL; Mary Johnson (Frank) of Marshall, TX; brothers-in-law: Prince Brown of Longview, TX; Paul White; Herbert White (Patrece) both of Marshall, TX; a special nieces, Atlena Brown (James) of Coca, FL and special nephew, Charles "Slim" James (Onetha) of Syracuse, NY and a host of family and friends.

Pervice of Celebration

Pastor Regional Long, Officiating

Processional	Clergy, Pallbearers and Family
Selection by Choir	Galilee Baptist Church
The Reading of the Scriptures	Minister Eric Graves
The Prayer of Comfort	Minister Gary Floyd
Resolutions	
Selection by Choir	Galilee Baptist Church
Silent Reading of Obituary	
Remarks	Please limit comments to 2 minutes
Acknowledgements	
Eulogy	Dr. Rickey Lawson, Sr.
The Final Glimpse til Glory	Rosewood Memorial Funeral Home
Recessional	

Remember me in your heart, your thoughts, the times we cried, the time we fought, the times we laughed and remember my favorite poem,

ANYWAY

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People are often unreasonable, illogical and self centered; Forgive them ANYWAY.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; Be kind ANYWAY.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies;
Succeed ANYWAY.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you; Be honest and frank ANYWAY.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight; Build ANYWAY.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous; Be happy ANYWAY.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; Do good ANYWAY.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; Give the world the best you've got ANYWAY.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and your God; It was never between you and them ANYWAY.