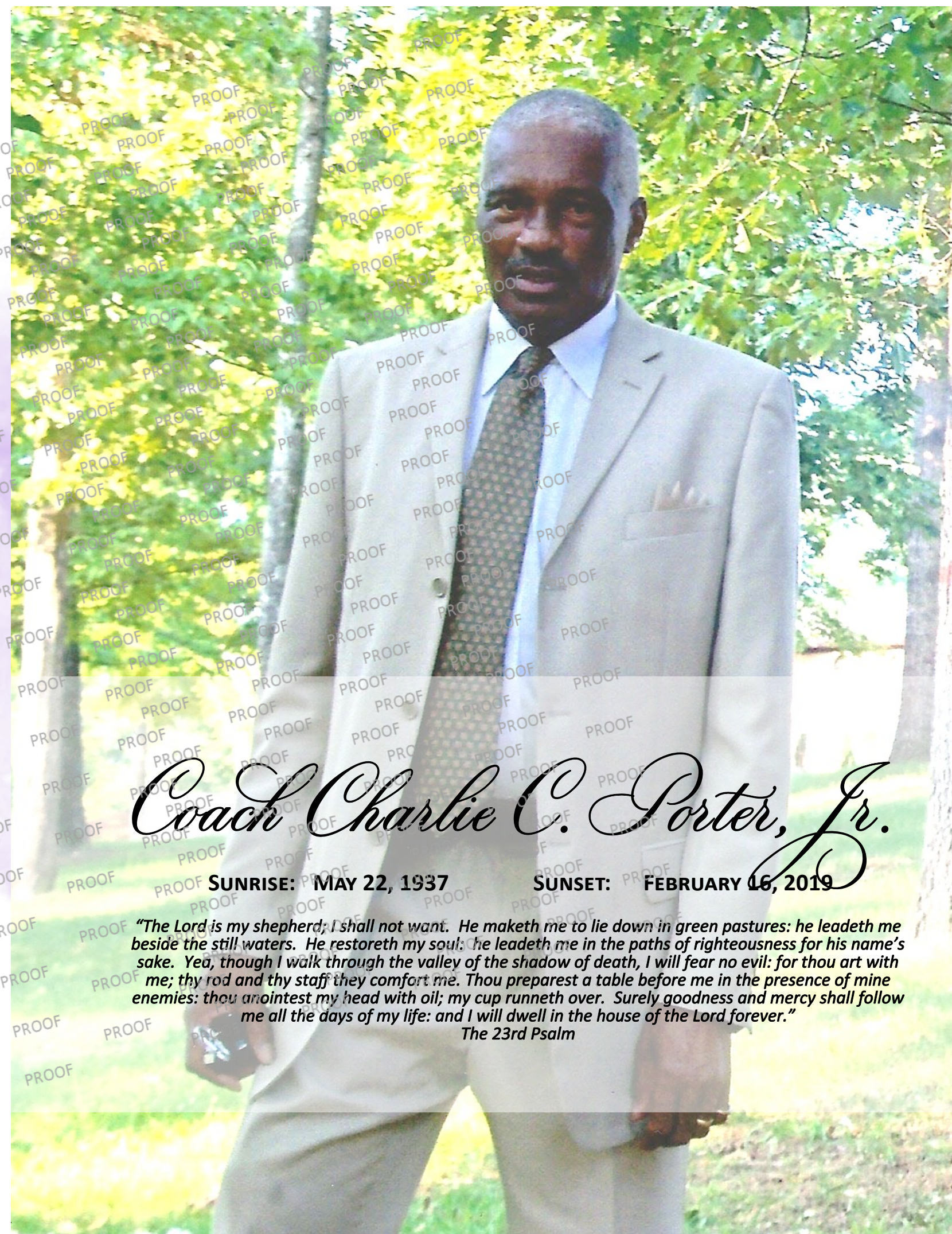




*At last my love has come along,
My lonely days are over,
And life is like a song, oh yeah,
At last the skies above are blue,
My heart was wrapped up in clover
The night I looked at you.
I found a dream that I could speak to,
A dream that I can call my own,
I found a thrill to press my cheek to,
A thrill I've never known, Oh yeah,
You smiled, you smiled Oh,
And then the spell was cast,
And here we are in Heaven,
For you are mine at last.*



Coach Charlie C. Porter, Jr.
SUNRISE: MAY 22, 1937 SUNSET: FEBRUARY 16, 2019

*"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."
The 23rd Psalm*

- THE OBITUARY - *Coach Charlie C. Porter, Jr.*

*"And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."
I Philippians 4:7 (KJV)*

"Coach" Charlie C. Porter, Jr. was born May 22, 1937 to the late Louise Nix Porter and Charlie C. Porter, Sr. in Anniston, Alabama. Coach Porter accepted Christ and was baptized at an early age at Springhill Baptist Church in Bynum, Alabama.

Coach Porter departed this life very peacefully at the age of 81 at Hospice of West Alabama on Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 2:05 p.m. He was preceded in death by his father, Charlie C. Porter, Sr.; mother, Louise Nix Porter; brothers, Willie C. Porter and Reverend James E. Porter; sister, Joetta Thomas; brother-in-law, Elisha Thomas; four sisters-in-law, Eddie L. Porter, Lillie Barnett, Delores Edwards and Shirley Wells; six aunts, Queen Elizabeth Youson, Mary Woods, Josie Traylor, Ernie C. Porter, Lulabell Porter and Dazarine Porter.

Coach Porter leaves to cherish his memories: a loving and devoted wife, Mary Wells-Porter; one son, Randy (Clarissa) Hall of Humble, TX; one daughter, Tonya Alisa Wilbon of Columbia, MD; one brother, Freddie (Wilma) Porter of Huntsville, AL; four grandchildren, Kevin Wilbon, Jr. of Columbia, MD; Christopher, Christian and Christon Hall of Humble, TX; three sisters-in-law, Polly Porter of Harvest, AL; Carol Bowden and Mary B. Wells of Tuscaloosa, AL; two brothers-in-law, Stanley Wells and Willie Bowden of Tuscaloosa, AL; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

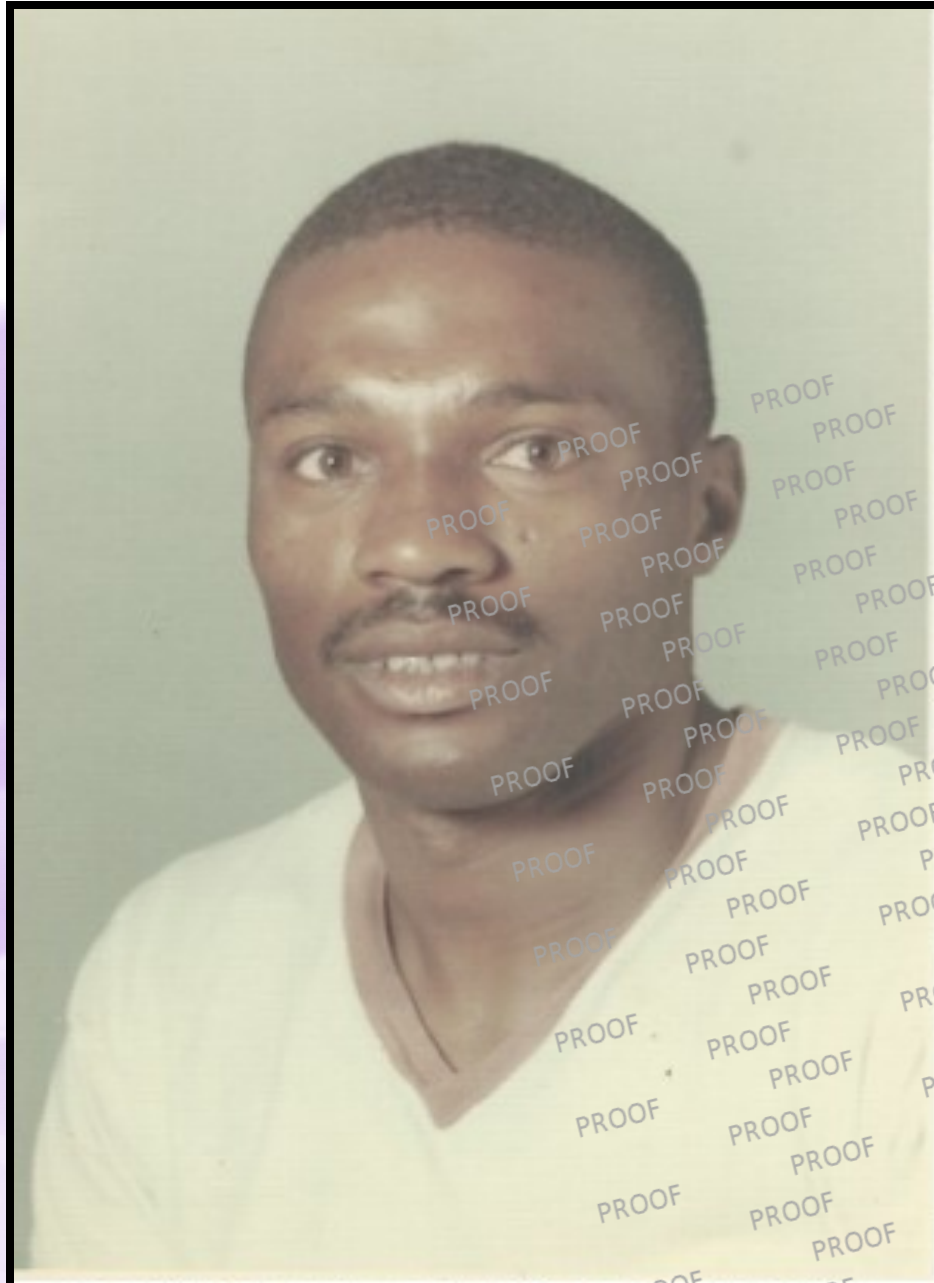
Coach Porter was a faithful and dedicated member of Beulah Baptist Church for over 35 years. He attended Sunday School, Early Morning Service, Morning Service and Bible Study every Sunday and Wednesday night. Coach Porter loved his church, pastor and all his associates and acquaintances knew he was a member of "Beulah Baptist Church". He was a member of the Board of Trustees, Christian Board of Education, Program Committee, Bread Ministry, Social Services, Adult Sunday School Class and Church Van driver. In addition, he was Director of the Summer Youth Program and Director of Vacation Bible School Physical Education Classes.

Coach Porter's illustrious career began as a high school student at Calhoun Training School in Anniston, Alabama where he received honors for being outstanding in baseball, football and basketball. Upon graduating from high school, he was recruited by Alabama State University (ASU) and received a scholarship to play in the sport of his choice. He helped to lead ASU winning teams in football and baseball for four years. His colleagues and coaches nominated and selected him as the "most outstanding" athlete his senior year.

After graduating from college, Coach Porter was highly recruited to coach and teach by various high schools. He was head football, baseball and basketball coach at Akron High School from 1962-1965. During his tenure the football team won two West Alabama Central Conference Championships in 1963 and 1964.

In 1965, Coach Porter was employed by the Tuscaloosa County School System as assistant coach of football and basketball and teacher of Social Studies and Physical Education at Boteler High School. Later he became head coach of baseball and assistant coach of football for Holt High School where he remained employed for 32 years. In 1967, he coordinated and manually assisted with the building of the first Holt High School baseball field. He provided continuous upkeep and later helped to sponsor a facelift of the baseball field. After coaching and teaching





for several years, Coach Porter received a Master's Degree in Administration from Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University (AAMU) in 1984. He later retired from secondary education after 38 years of service in 1998.

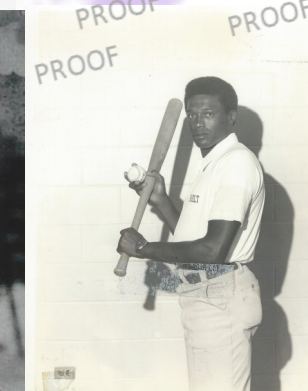
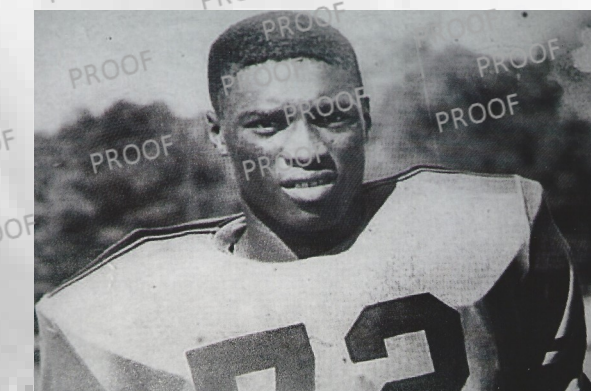
In 1999, he was employed by Stillman College and was very instrumental in helping Coach Theophilus Danzy recruit football players for the newly organized football team. In addition, when the team was formed, he assisted as defensive line coach and Director of Football Operations. In 2009, he retired and was recognized for ten years of service.

Coach Porter's professional experiences and accomplishments included: Park and Recreation Softball Official (1967-2009); Park and Recreation Summer Program Supervisor (1967-1977); Southwestern Athletic Conference Football Official (1983) and St. Jude High School Assistant Football Coach in Montgomery, Alabama (1962). His awards included Alabama State University recognition for 51 years of coaching (2012); Holt High School Alumni Honor Roll (2009); Tuscaloosa County Board of Education Award of Merit (1998); Alabama High School Athletic Program of the State of Alabama for 29 Years of Service (1992); State of Alabama Tournament Officials Award at the Boys State Tournament (1983); Holt High School Football Team for a Job Well Done and 32 years of service (1998). Additional achievements included; Life-Time Member of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC); Gulf South Basketball Official; SIAC official of Football, Basketball and Softball; Alabama High School Basketball Association; High School Official, Montgomery, Alabama and Selected Official during the return of Girls Basketball at the University of Alabama. Coach Porter was a member of numerous educational organizations and remained a member of the Tuscaloosa Education Retirees Association (TERA) and the Alabama Education Retirees Association, Inc. (AERA) until 2016.

In 2015, The Tuscaloosa News recognized Coach Porter as the "Best of the Best" a singular honor that he felt was the highlight of his life. He was inducted into the Class of 2015 West Alabama Softball Hall of Fame. He was a very hard and dedicated worker, always on time and never tiring. It was stated in the Tuscaloosa News that "officiating surged through his blood" for more than 50 years. The article further stated that, "He was one of the truly likeable guys in sport. He was out there every night for at least 20 years."

Coach Porter also helped start the umpire league. He was a sports referee for 52 years and has been lauded with rewards and honors all his life.

Finally, sharing the best for last, "Coach" Charlie C. Porter, Jr. married his best friend and the love of his life, Mary Wells-Porter, on November 10, 1994. Mary would always say, "We balance each other. He is strong where I am weak, and I am strong where he is weak. We make it work and love each other." Mary was always there to the end and he remembered her until the end. "At Last" by Etta James was always their favorite song.



~ The Order of Celebration ~

Prelude

Processional

Selection.....Choir

Prayer..... Reverend Clarence Tunstall
Fellowship Baptist Church, Tuscaloosa, AL

Scripture:
Old Testament..... Reverend Antonio Thomas
St. Mark A.M.E. Church
Tuscaloosa, AL

New Testament..... Reverend Wytossa Ball
St. Matthews Baptist Church
Sawyer ville, AL

Selection.....Choir

Resolutions and Acknowledgements..... Evelyn Pelt

Proclamation..... Sonya McKinstry

Memories and Reflections..... Two Minutes Limit

Brother..... Freddie Porter

Church Member..... Evelyn Pelt

Friends..... Somory Pruitt and Steve Jefferson

Akron High School..... Nathaniel Jackson

Holt High School..... Danny Long and Ben Horton

Caring Days Learning Center..... Vicki Kerr

Stillman College..... Gregory Thompson and David Murphy

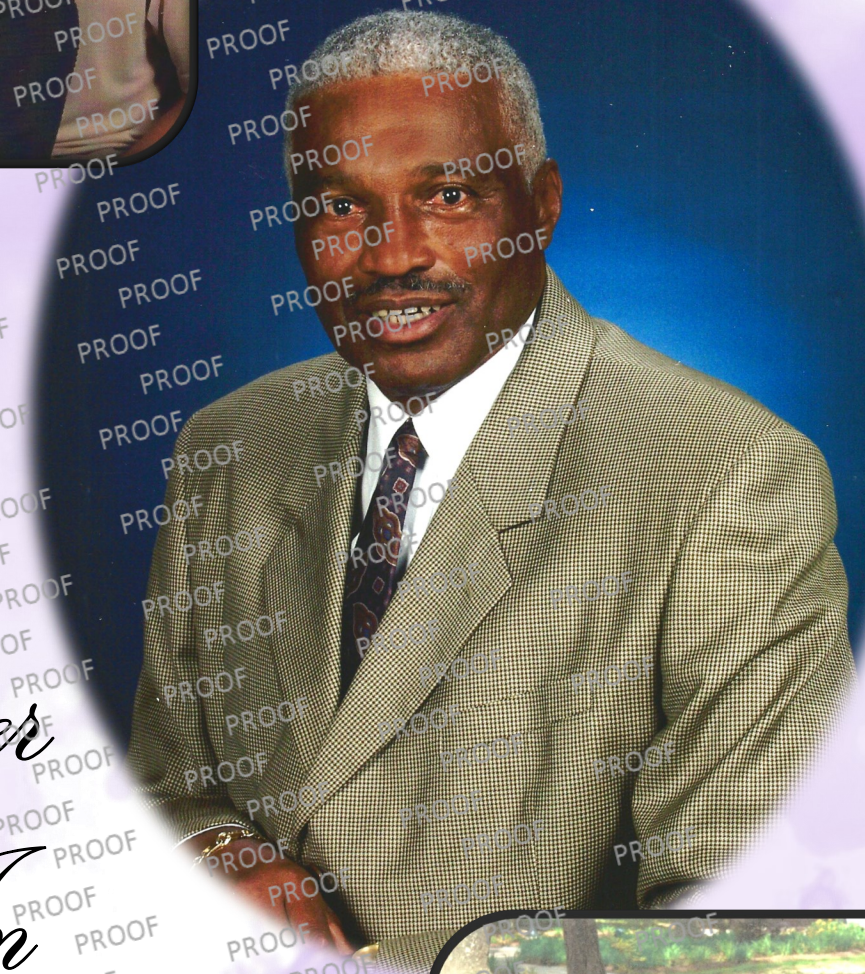
West Alabama Umpire Association..... Roosevelt Spencer

Selection..... Rosemary Buffer

Eulogy..... Reverend David E. Gay

Selection..... "Going Up Yonder"

Recessional



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