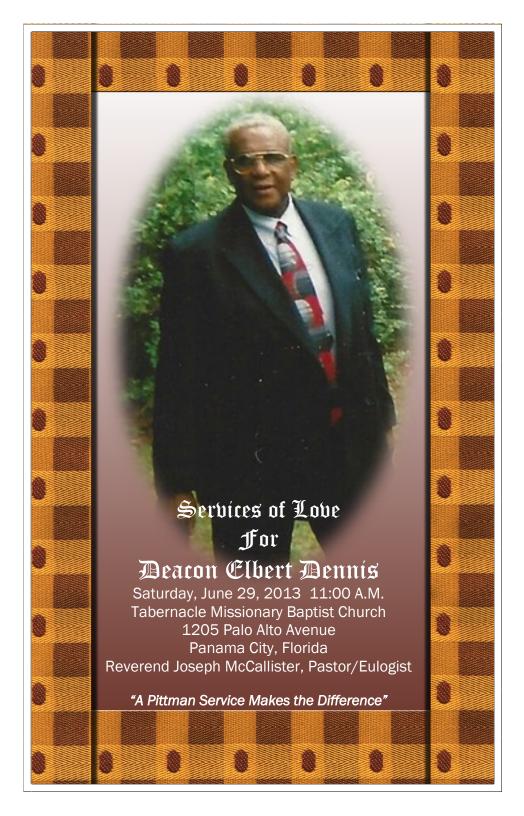


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## **Obituary**

Elbert Dennis departed this earth on June 24, 2013 surrounded by family and friends. Elbert Dennis was born in Abbeville, AL on January 30 1939 to Robert and Eartha Dennis.

Elbert Dennis was a Deacon at Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church; he was a retired dedicated educator from Arthur Dozier School for Boys in Marianna, FL and the Bay District Schools (Rutherford High School) in Panama City, FL.

He had a very special love for his family and in the past could be found fishing on any lake or bay. He loved music and played the guitar. He was an active participant in the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960's in Montgomery, AL . He was an actor in Kaleidoscope Theater in Panama City where he was the lead role in "Driving Miss Daisy" and "Lilies of the Field". He was a past member of ACURE and taught at Shaw Adult Center. He was a past Chancellor Commander of the B.L. Goines Lodge #98 Knight of Pythians.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Eartha Dennis, two brothers, Robert Allen and James Dennis, a loving and devoted wife, Louise Dennis and a great-granddaughter, Aliyah Shabazz.

He is survived by a son, Elbertino (Naressa) Dennis, Buford, GA, a daughter, Anne Robinson, Panama City, FL, four grandchildren: Jamilah (Ty) Steele, Sharis Robinson all of Panama City, Nicole Dennis and Justin Dennis of Buford. GA: five great grandchildren: Zykia Brown, Ashley Foster, Elbert (EJ) Foster, Ryan Spearman and Janaya Steele all of Panama City, FL: sister, Odessa Dennis-Heads of Los Angeles, CA; uncle, Walter (Margie) Dennis: a very special friend/ caregiver, Gwen Edwards; a special cousin, Mike Nelson; goddaughter, Jasmin Dixson: nieces, cousins and other relatives.



Our sadness knows no end; We can't believe you're gone; We're grieving for you every day; It's hard to carry on.

You were always there
to support and care,
When we needed a true friend,
How we'll ever do
without our dad,
We cannot comprehend.

You were our teacher and our guide, Dad, you were so good and strong; Your example will sustain us now, And last our whole lives long.

We're trying to communicate; We hope that you can hear; Expressing what we feel for you, Helps us feel you're near.

Our memories of the times we had Help the pain to go away. But Dad, our lives won't be the same; For we will miss you every day. A part of us went with you; You left a gap too big to fill; You're our father and our hero; We love you and we always will.

Your children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren

## Order of Service

Organ Prelude	Musical Meditation
Processional	Ministers, Family
Selection	Male Choir
Prayer of Comfort	Bishop S. J. Williams
Selection	Male Choir
Eulogy	Reverend Joseph McCallister
Recessional	Soft Music
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Jallbearers: Knights of Pythians	

**Flower Attendants**: Family, Friends, Usher of Tabernacle Church

Interment: Hillside Cemetery

Repast: Tabernacle Baptist Church

Acknowledgment: We, the family of the late Elbert Dennis express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our many friends and neighbors, whose kind and thoughtful expressions of love and sympathy comforted us during our time of bereavement. Your actions are a testimony to the life that Deacon Elbert Dennis lead, and will be remembered and cherished by our family forever more.

Special Thanks: The family would also like to give a special thanks to Ms. Ella Williams, Ms. Pat Boxton, Mary Whitehurst, Jackie Bishop and Ty Steele as caregivers. Also a heartfelt thanks you to Gentiva Hospice.