

HONORARY FLOWER BEARERS

Nieces

FLOWER BEARERS

Crystal Rayton

Wanda Rayton

Latasha Goolsby

Shavohn Bush

Leslie Rankin

Renee Thomas

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Nephews

CASKET BEARERS

Joseph Martin

Courtney Drye

Tim Teasley

Bonnie Morrison

Danny Teasley

Buren Mayfield

Ricky Johnson

Quan Teasley

USHERS

Holly Springs Baptist Church

Mt. Zion Baptist Church

Ruckers Grove Baptist Church

Services Entrusted To

MACK'S FUNERAL HOME & Cremation Service

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Home Going Celebration

for

Earnest Lougene Fortson

Sunrise

January 1, 1955

Sunset

January 27, 2020



Friday, January 31, 2020

11:00 a.m.

Service To Be Held At

Holly Springs Baptist Church

Bowman, GA

Rev. Bobby Blackwell, Pastor

Rev. Richard Fortson, Eulogist

Interment ~ Holly Spring Baptist Church Cemetery

Earnest Lougene Fortson

Earnest L. Fortson was born January 1, 1955 to late B.J. Fortson and Louise T. Fortson. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. He departed life on January 27, 2020.

He graduated Blackwell Memorial High School in 1973. At an early age he joined Holly Springs Baptist Church. Earnest worked at Sage (formally Milliken) for 40 + years.

Preceding him in death was his parents and a sister Ella M. Fortson.

He leaves to mourn his wife Karen L. Fortson; daughters: Taunje Watson (Andre) of Kentucky, Millicent Dean (Marvin) of Bowman, GA and Shae Fortson of Elberton, GA; sons: Carlos Fortson and Dontae Fortson both of Hartwell, GA; two grandchildren of the home Mac Fortson and Marvin Dean; brothers: Thomas Fortson (Patricia) and Richard Fortson (Dianne) of Bowman, GA; Melvin Fortson (Betty) of Elberton, GA; sisters: Elva Daniel and Mary Wilkins of Hartwell, GA, Freda Harper of Elberton, GA and Virginia Bolden of Bowman, GA; brother-in-law Gary Allen (Linda); sisters-in-law: Gloria Wall, Lesley Rankin (Derrick), Wanda Rankin, Alisha Rankin: 28 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, other family and friends.



-Acknowledgment-

There are no words to express our heartfelt thanks for the kind words and acts during this difficult time. Your kindness and prayers will never be forgotten. We appreciate you from the bottom of our hearts.

The Family



When I Must Leave You

*When I must leave you
for a little while,
Please do not grieve
and shed wild tears
And hug your sorrow
to you through the years,
But start out bravely
with a gallant smile;
And for my sake
and in my name
Live on and do
all things the same
Feed not your loneliness
on empty days
But fill each waking hour
in useful ways
Reach out your hand
in comfort and in cheer
And I in turn will comfort you
and hold you near;
And never, never
Be afraid to die,
For I am waiting
For you in the sky!*

Order of Service

Processional Soft Music
Selection Corey Fortson
Scriptures: Old Testament Rev. Melvin Fortson
New Testament Rev. Brad Knox
Prayer Rev. Gail Blackwell
Selection Corey Fortson
Remarks Thomas Fortson
Acknowledgments Betty Johnson
Solo Robert Mattox
Eulogy Rev. Richard Fortson
Recessional Soft Music
Interment Holly Springs Church Cemetery

23rd Psalm

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
He leads me beside quiet waters, He refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths for his name’s sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

