

"He's Only Gone on Ahead"

He's only gone on ahead of you,
Not just left you behind.
Although you can't be with him right now,
He lives on in your heart and mind.

The day will come when you'll meet again
On Heaven's distant shore,
And the two of you will walk hand in hand
Together forever more.



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Forever in Our Hearts



Grace: July 4, 1957

Gregory Lorenzo
FORTSON

Glory: May 24, 2021

Sunday, May 30, 2021

Two O'Clock in the Afternoon

Mount Calvary Baptist Church Family Life Center
204 Williams Street
Elberton, Georgia 30635

Reverend Antonio Derricotte, Pastor
Reverend Charles DuBose, Eulogist

Honoring Gregory's Life

Reverend Charles DuBose, Presiding

Prelude.....	Soft Music
Processional.....	Clergy, Family and Friends
Final Viewing.....	Soft Music
Selection.....	Bro. Robert Mattox
Inspiration from Scripture	
Old Testament.....	Pastor Leonard Walker
New Testament.....	Reverend Dr. Quincy L. Fortson, Sr.
Prayer.....	Reverend Justin McCalla
Selection.....	Bro. Robert Mattox
Reflections.....	(2 Minutes Please).....Mike Moon Deacon Daniel Roebuck Ronnie Fortson
Acknowledgements.....	Ms. Portia Noble
Selection.....	Bro. Robert Mattox
Words of Comfort.....	Reverend Charles DuBose
Committal / Benediction / Military Honors	
Closing Remarks.....	Mack's Funeral Home & Cremation Service Staff
Recessional.....	Soft Music

Acknowledgement

The family of the late Lt. Colonel Gregory L. Fortson wishes to express their sincere appreciation for all the warm acts of Kindness, love and concern extended to them during their time of sorrow. May God bless each of you.

~ The Fortson Family ~

Celebrating Gregory's Life

Ret. Army Lt. Colonel Gregory Lorenzo Fortson was born on July 4, 1957 to the late Betty Bolton and Jimmy White. On Monday, May 24, 2021 God chose to call his angel home as he had completed his task her on earth. At an early age, he joined the Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. Gregory graduated from Elbert County High School with the class of 1975. While at ECCHS, basketball became his passion and he excelled at it. His love for the game earned him a scholarship to Miles College in Fairfield, AL. He attended for one year and then

Gregory began his military career in the U.S. Army as an infantry soldier in September of 1975. He reached the rank of Sergeant before he was honorably discharged in September 1979. He then served in the Army National Guard as an artillery soldier from November 1979 until his honorable discharge in 1983. After graduating from Georgia College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, in August of 1983, he was commissioned as an officer and served in the Army Chemical Corps ultimately reaching the rank of Lieutenant Colonel before his retirement in December of 2002.

Gregory received several military awards during his military career including 3 meritorious medals, 3 army commendation medals, 2 army achievement medals, the joint meritorious unity award, army good conduct medals, 2 national defense service medals, 2 noncommissioned officers, processional development ribbons, the army service ribbon and 3 overseas service ribbons.

Ret. Army Lt. Colonel Gregory Fortson is preceded in death by his parents, Betty Bolton and Jimmy White; grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and his loving dog, Bre.

Gregory leaves to cherish his memories his loving and devoted wife Ret., Army LTC Sandra (Sandy) Fortson; sons, Garrison Allen of Elberton, GA; Randolph (Randy) Wheat of the home; 1 sister, Gwendolyn S. Fortson of Elberton, GA; 3 brothers, Rev. Dr. Quincy L. (Gwendolyn C.) Fortson of Elberton, GA, Ret. Army SFC Lawrence ((Ret. Army SFC Mary) Bradford of Fayetteville, NC, Mr. Kimuel T. White of Douglasville, GA; God-sister, Mrs. Sonja M. Simpson of Elberton, GA; uncles, Willie E. (Frances) Fortson of Russellville, KY; Mr. James Mahoney of Elberton, GA; Mr. Horace White; his aunts, Mrs. Rosalind (John W.) James of Decatur, GA; Mrs. Jacqueline Jarrells of Philadelphia, PA; Mrs. Bernice Fortson of Atlanta, GA; Mrs. Mary Ford and Mrs. Lucinda Ford of Houston, TX and Mrs. Vivian (Ronnie) Hamm of Elberton, GA along with his nieces, Shenna Fortson, Kristian Bradford, Kiana Bradford and Chloe Gary; nephews, Quincy L. Fortson, Jr., Quintez Fortson, Lavarous Fortson, Isiah Fortson, Quintez Fortson, Jr., and Kason Fortson; a host of cousins, other relatives and friends. He also leaves special family friends, Thomasena McKinney, Veraleigh Ward, Grace Foster, Karen Bostic, Helen Morrison Ardister (Norris) and numerous others. Rest Well LTC Gregory Lorenzo Fortson. We thank you for your service!