

Acknowledgement

We, the family of the late Augustus Howard would like to thank everyone for the cards, gifts, and tokens of love and caring throughout this period. The things that you have done for us will always be appreciated and never forgotten.

A special thanks to the staff of Madison County General Hospital, Bolivar General Hospital, Avalon Hospice, and especially the staff at Pine Meadows Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center for going above and beyond in taking care of our Father, Brother, and Uncle.

*May God Richly bless and keep each of you.
The Family*

Pallbearers

Jimmy Fletcher
Sheldon Holt
Cliff Patterson

Kendale White
Jamale Howard
Lee Howard

Randall Fletcher

Interment

Bolivar Community Cemetery

Professional Services Entrusted To:

Dixie Funeral Home
750 Bills Street ~ Bolivar, Tennessee
(731) 658-3941

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Layout:
Heavenly Events
731-609-0279

Home Going Celebration



Mr. Lavern Augustus Howard

"Gus"

OCTOBER 26, 1930- FEBRUARY 11, 2022

**Saturday February 19, 2022
11:00AM**

**Greater Springfield MB Church
Bolivar, TN 38008**

PASTOR ROBERT PARHAM ~ EULOGIST

Obituary

Mr. Howard was first born of Fannie and Leslie Howard in Saulsbury TN. He accepted Christ at an early age. He attended the schools of Hardeman and Shelby County. After receiving his high school diploma, he found a passion for driving, whether it was driving an ice truck around Hardeman County or driving an 18 wheeler regionally.

“Gus” married Labertha Brown (who preceded him in death) in Alcorn County MS and they moved to Chicago, IL. To this union, one child (Rodney) was born. While in Chicago, “Gus” was employed in several jobs that fulfilled his passion. Among these jobs were a cab driver for Yellow Cab Company, a contract mail hauler for the US Mail through Cousins Carthage Company as well as a regional auto carrier for Cooper-Jarret Motor Corporation.

In 1973, he and his family moved to Bolivar, TN where they built a home. Trucking jobs were difficult to find so he began working at Jarvis Company (later known as Harman International). While employed at Harman, he joined the UAW Local 1303 where he moved up the ranks and became President of that local. During that time, he was able to travel and meet many dignitaries. He also spent several years as a school bus driver for the Hardeman County school system. He later married Louise Lake who preceded him in death.

Mr. “Gus” was a faithful member of the Greater Springfield MB Church serving as a Trustee and on the bus ministry. He moved to Ridgecrest Apartments where he was able to continue his passion of driving by utilizing the riding lawn mower as the yard man for the facility until his health began to fail.

On February 11 at 8am, Mr. Howard transitioned at Pine Meadows Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center.

Mr. “Gus” was also preceded in death by two siblings; Betty Jean Howard Fletcher and Leslie William Howard Jr.

Mr. “Gus” leaves to cherish his memory: one son; Rodney Lavern Howard (Evonne) of Memphis, TN; two sisters; Juliaette Howard Holt (James) of Memphis, TN and Joanne Howard White (Leon) of Bolivar, TN; one brother; Willie Joe Howard of Decatur, IL; a God Daughter; Gwen Cheairs Ellison of Bolivar, TN; ten nieces and nephews, twenty two great nieces and nephews and eight great-great nieces and nephews who mourn at his passing but rejoice in the Heavenly Homegoing.

Order of Service

Processional

Scripture Old/New.....Pastor Marcus Payne
Prayer.....Chaplain Jon Keck
Selection.....
Words of Comfort.....Pastor Rosie Wooden

Reflections

Mr. “Gus” at work.....Sister Carolyn Talley
Mr. “Gus” and the bus.....Deacon Randy Crews
Uncle “Gus”.....Alexis Crane
Solo.....Evangelist Lynice Trotter

Obituary/Read Silently

Acknowledgements.....
Selection.....Greater Springfield Choir
Eulogy.....Pastor Robert Parham

Recessional

.....He was called.....

**Mr. “Gus”, President “Gus”, “Gus who drove the bus”,
Uncle “Gus”, Bruh, and Big man;**

But to me, he was called Daddy, the man who taught me how to ride a bicycle, and how to drive. But the most important thing that I was taught was to have a roadmap of life. You see, my daddy would bring home maps of everywhere, he would sit on the floor with me and go through all those maps. He would show me how to utilize and he gave me a passion for them. To this day, I learned that in life God gives you a roadmap, but you have to follow it. That’s the most important thing I will never forget from MY daddy. Follow the map and you’ll never get lost. Follow the map that God gives you and you will never get lost.

Rodney