

*Honorary Pallbearers*  
Cousins & Nephews

*Flower Attendants*  
Cousins & Nieces

*Interment & Committal*  
Eastside Memorial Cemetery  
522 Eva Avenue NW  
Live Oak, Florida 32060

*Repast*  
Suwannee County Agricultural Coliseum

*Special Thanks*  
The family of Leon Lamar Ansley, Sr., Leon Lamar Ansley, Jr., and Bob Ansley would like to express their sincere gratitude and appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown to us during our bereavement. The encouraging words, prayers, donations, flowers, cards, food, and other expressions have truly been a blessing. It is our prayer that our Heavenly Father will continue to richly bless each and every one of YOU.

We, the family, would like to express our gratitude to everyone who expressed their love and showed a great deal of kindness. Your visits, cards, phone calls, flowers, and prayers are greatly appreciated. You all have been a light during this time of sorrow. We love, thank, and appreciate all of you.

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# A CELEBRATION OF LIFE



*Leon Lamar*  
**ANSLEY, SR.**

*Minister Leon Lamar*  
**ANSLEY, JR.**

*Minister Robert*  
**ANSLEY**

MARCH 20, 1920  
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SEPTEMBER 6, 2021

NOVEMBER 7, 1950  
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SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

AUGUST 10, 1959  
~  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

Saturday, September 18, 2021  
11:00 AM

SUWANNEE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COLISEUM  
1302 11th Street  
Live Oak, Florida 32064

*Pastor Tyrone Ansley, Eulogist*

*Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning. –Psalm 30:5*



*Life and Legacy of*

**Mr. Leon Lamar Ansley, Sr., was born at Marion Station of Hamilton County, FL on March 20, 1920, to the late Edward and Bessie Ansley. Mr. Ansley answered the Master's call and ended a blessed and fruitful life on September 6, 2021.**

**Mr. Ansley accepted Christ in his early years as his personal savior and joined Springfield Baptist Church, under the pastorage of Rev. R.L. Griffin, where he served faithfully for many years as an usher. He later became a member of Tabernacle of Faith Community Church, under the auspices of Bishop Henry Smart. Mr. Ansley believed in giving God the glory during worship services with his testimonies that proclaimed God's goodness.**

**Mr. Ansley attended Old Douglass High School in Live Oak, FL. Upon moving to Live Oak, he met the love of his life, Lillie Mae Wheeler, and their marital union was blessed for 71 years.**

**Mr. Ansley was employed by the City of Live Oak in 1959 and retired in 1985. He did numerous jobs for the City of Live Oak, but his favorite job was masonry.**

**Mr. Ansley led a quiet and peaceful life surrounded by his wife and family, whom he loved and cherished.**

He was a compassionate husband, father, and grandfather who strove to exhibit kindness and humility throughout his exemplary life. To his family, he was faithful and a good provider who worked hard and made great sacrifices to make sure they were happy and not in want of anything.

**Mr. Ansley taught his children to love and fear God, which was one of the greatest gifts in life.**

**Mr. Ansley told his family prior to his demise that he wouldn't be with them long. He slept away peacefully at his home in the early morning hours of September 6, 2021, at the blessed age of 101 years old.**

*With long life I will satisfy him and shew him my salvation. –Psalm 91:16*

Those left to cherish his life and memories are his loving wife, Minister Lillie Mae Ansley of Live Oak, FL; devoted children, Margaret McGee, Barbara (Bishop Henry) Smart, Lillie (Elder Jerry) Thomas, Jerome Ansley, and Loretta Ansley, all of Live Oak, FL, Minister Tina (Minister Roger) Roberts of Valdosta, GA, Minister Edward (Mary) Ansley, and Wilbur Ansley of Gainesville, FL; two sisters, Juanita Horton of Miami, FL and Mary Sanders of Columbus, GA; and a host of grands, great-grands, nieces, nephews, cousins, Tabernacle of Faith Church Family, and sorrowing friends.

**His oldest son, Minister Leon Lamar Ansley, Jr., and Minister Robert Ansley passed away a few days after his death.**

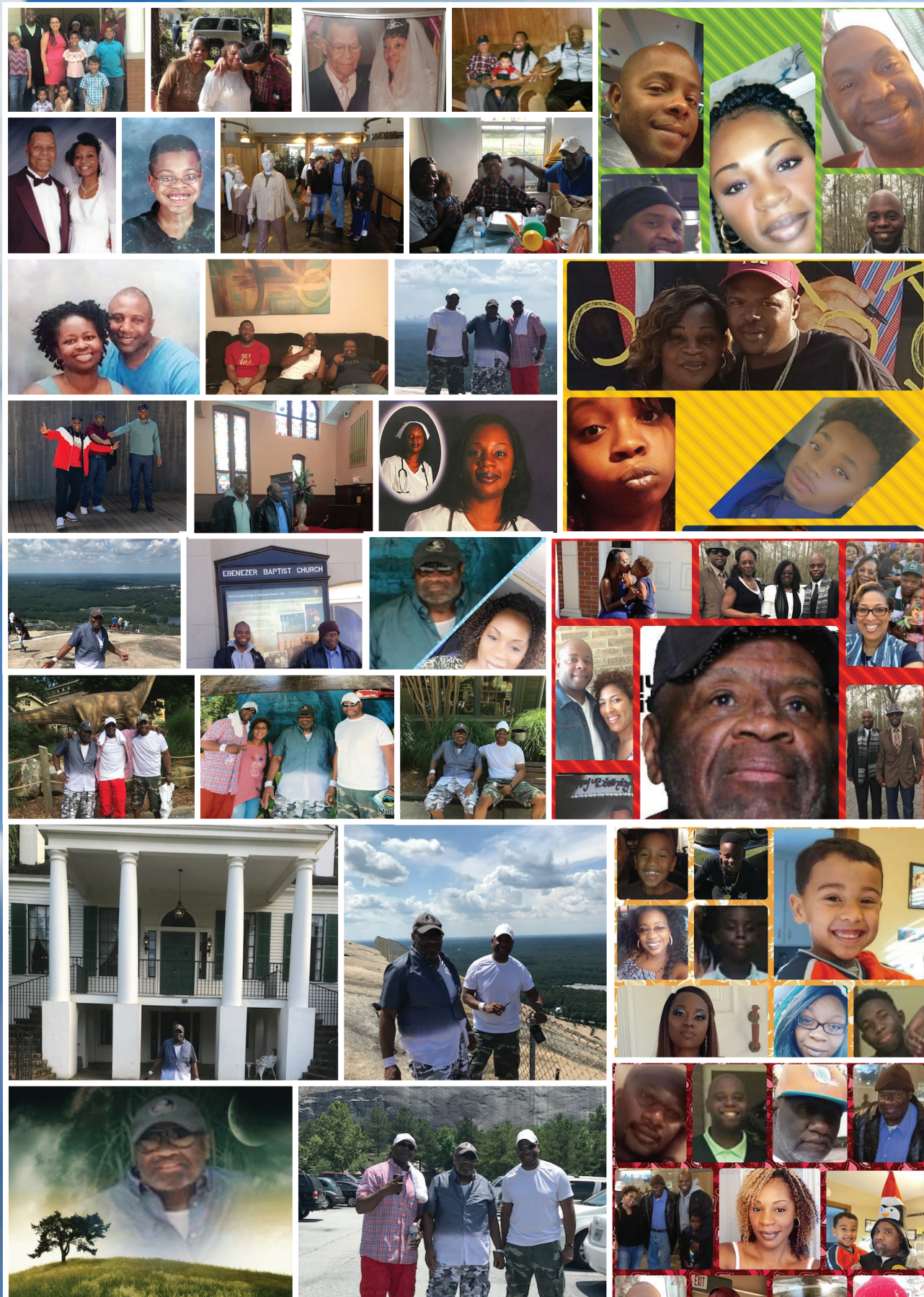
He was preceded in death by his siblings, Duffy Ansley, Booker T. Ansley, Edward Ansley, Loretta Ansley, Clarence Ansley, Bob Ansley, Willie Mae Braziel, Lorene Ansley, and Edna Cato.

# Precious Memories





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# Life and Legacy of

## MINISTER LEON LAMAR ANSLEY, JR.

Minister Leon Lamar Ansley, Jr., of Live Oak, Florida, passed away on September 9, 2021, at the age of 70. He was the first born son of the late Leon Ansley, Sr. He was born on November 7, 1950, in Live Oak, Florida, where he attended the public schools of Suwannee County and was a graduate of Old Douglass High School in 1968. He accepted Christ at an early age and became a Pastor. He served as a Minister and Sunday School Teacher for the Tabernacle of Faith. He volunteered for Outreach Ministry at Suwannee Correctional Institution.

Mr. Lamar met Eunice Marie Pinkney in Hollywood, Florida while he was working in construction and she was working as a nursing aide. They were married and their union lasted for many years. Mr. Lamar moved to Live Oak, Florida to continue raising his family, where he gained employment as a Foreman with Goldkist.

He was a loving father and grandfather. Mr. Lamar instilled the word of God in his children's lives that serves as their foundation.

Mr. Lamar was a God-fearing man who diligently sought God and allowed the Holy Spirit to equip, empower, convict, teach, and guide him. He loved everyone and displayed that love while encouraging believers in the Faith of God by preaching to the neighborhood, churches, and correctional facility about the gospel, holiness, power, love, and grace of God. He would visit the sick, comfort the grief-stricken, and provide substance for those in need. He perpetually examined himself by the Word of God to remain upright in God. In short, he was not only a hearer of the Word but a do-er of the Word.

His wonderful life will be revered by his mother, Lillie Mae Ansley, and his children, fraternal twins, Kevin Ansley (Tiffany) of Jonesboro, GA and Deacon Keith Ansley, LaChandra Ansley Ross (Montrequez), and Pastor Tyrone Ansley, all of Live Oak, FL, and Antron Ansley of Fargo, North Dakota.

Precious memories will live on in the hearts of his three brothers and five sisters, Jerome Ansley, Margaret McGee, Barbara Smart (Bishop Henry), Lillie Thomas (Pastor Jerry), and Loretta Ansley, all of Live Oak, Florida, Minister Tina Roberts (Minister Roger) of Lakeland, Georgia, Minister Edward Ansley (Mary), Wilbur Ansley, all of Gainesville, Florida, with a host of grands, nieces, nephews, cousins, Tabernacle of Faith Church Family, and sorrowing friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Mr. Leon Ansley, Sr., and followed by his brother, Minister Robert Ansley.

## OUR FATHER KEPT A GARDEN

*Our father kept a garden.  
A garden of the heart,  
He planted all the good things  
That gave our lives their start.  
He turned us to the sunshine  
And encouraged us to dream;  
Fostering and nurturing  
The seeds of self-esteem.  
And when the winds and rain came,  
He protected us enough;*

*But not too much because he knew  
We would stand strong and tough.  
His constant good example,  
Always taught us right from wrong,  
Markers for our pathway that will last  
A lifetime long.  
We are our father's garden  
We are his legacy.  
Thank you Dad.*

*We love you,  
Kids & Grandkids*



*Life and Legacy of*  
MINISTER ROBERT ANSLEY

Minister Robert Ansley was born on August 10, 1959, in Live Oak, Florida, to Minister Lillie Mae Ansley and the late Mr. Leon Lamar Ansley, Sr. He answered the Master’s call on September 13, 2021, at North Florida Lake City Medical Center.

Minister Ansley accepted Christ at an early age and joined the Pure Church of Righteousness, under the pastorage of Bishop Henry Smart. He continued to serve under Bishop Smart’s leadership when he later established the Tabernacle of Faith Community Church. Minister Ansley was an active part of the ministerial staff for many years. He seemed excited about preaching and teaching the word of God.

Minister Ansley had such an outgoing personality and big smile that captivated many hearts. He would sit on his front porch and study and meditate on the word of God.

He attended Suwannee High School in Live Oak, FL and was later employed by Goldkist Industries.

Minister Ansley loved spending time with his family. He was a loving and caring son who took on the responsibility of caring for his parents for many years until his demise. He had a big heart that was kind and gentle toward others. He was always willing to lend a helping hand and help those in need.

Minister Ansley worked very closely with his brother, the late Minister Leon Ansley, in an outreach prison ministry. He would also assist his brother with visiting the home of the sick and shut in and offered prayer along with love gifts.

*Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.* –Psalm 116:15

Those left to cherish his life and memories are his loving mother, Minister Lillie Mae Ansley of Live Oak, FL; children, Latoria Ansley of Live Oak, FL and Latisha Ansley of Williston, FL; siblings, Margaret McGee, Barbara (Bishop Henry) Smart, Lillie (Elder Jerry) Thomas, Jerome Ansley, and Loretta Ansley, all of Live Oak, FL, Minister Tina (Minister Roger) Roberts of Valdosta, GA, Minister Edward (Mary) Ansley, and Wilbur Ansley of Gainesville, FL; grands, Akira Dantzler, J-lyric Haynes, Ja-layah Haynes, and Arianna Ansley; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, Tabernacle of Faith Church Family, and sorrowing friends.

His father, Mr. Leon Lamar Ansley, Sr., and brother, Minister Leon Lamar Ansley, Jr., preceded him in death.

*Celebration of Life*  
*Order of Service*

Pastor Jerry Thomas, Presiding  
Evergreen Baptist of Mayo, Florida

Musical Prelude.....Funeral Home Ensemble

Processional

Final Farewell.....Marcus Allen and Phillip & Sons Mortuary

Invocation .....Pastor Algera Lavan

Scripture Readings  
Old Testament..... Min. Earl Martin  
New Testament ..... Elder Lujack Smith

Musical Tribute ..... Favorite Song, “*Come and Go with Me to My Father’s House*”  
Marcus Allen & Funeral Home Ensemble

Acknowledgements & Resolutions .....Phillip & Sons, The Funeral Directors

Medley of Songs .....Funeral Home Ensemble

Remarks ..... (Two Minutes Mandatory)  
Pastor Jerry Thomas (Son & Brother In-law)  
Ministers  
Family & Friends

Musical Tribute .....Favorite Song, “*Every Praise*”

Word of God..... Pastor Tyrone Ansley

(Grandson, Son & Nephew)

Recessional