

## *Special Thanks*

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A very special Thank You to UMC District Superintendent Wanda Bess.

## *Active Pallbearers*

Aaron Spikes | Kuntelleon Spikes

Desmond Spikes | EJ Williams

Woodrow Benson | Robbie Scott

Joe Crosby Jr | Dayon Stewart

Charles Irvin | Omar Crosby

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

St. Paul United Methodist Men

Male Chorus

Marlin Circuit Laity Staff

## *We Shall Rest*

Central Texas State Cemetery



*Our family serving your family*

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## CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

# *Laity William Stewart, Sr.*



FIRST BREATH  
September 23, 1953

LAST SMILE  
May 14, 2021

*I have fought the good fight,  
I have finished my race,  
I have kept the faith.  
2 TIMOTHY 4:7*

## *"Always Faithful"*

## *His Service*

Saturday, May 22, 2021 · 1:00 p.m.  
GREATER ZION MISSIONARY  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
Waco, Texas 76706  
Pastor Connie Oliver

Pastor Leo Green – Eulogist  
Elder A.W. Minnit – Officiant





## His Life Story

On September 23, 1953 a baby boy was born to Edward and Sadie Mae Drake in Waco, Texas, whom they named William Stewart. He accepted Christ at a early age and joined the Greater Shiloh MBC. In 2005, he joined the St.Paul UMC in Chilton, Texas, under the leadership of Pastor Leo Green. William was a active member of the Male Chorus, Senior Choir and he was a Laity speaker. His first Laity message was, "There is hope in God". William was also the Sargent of Arms in the 7Up Ministry.

William attended J.H. Hines Elementary, Jenkins Elementary, Carver High School and LaVega High School. He participated in the band and track team at Carver High School.

William joined the US Marine Corps in 1973 and completed his basic training in San Diego (Hollywood). Later he was stationed in the Philippines and reassigned to Camp Lejuene in North Carolina. He was discharged in 1975 and continued to live by the Marines motto, "ALWAYS FAITHFUL".

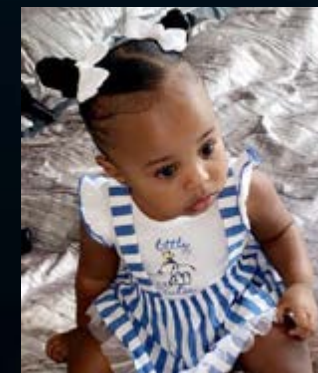
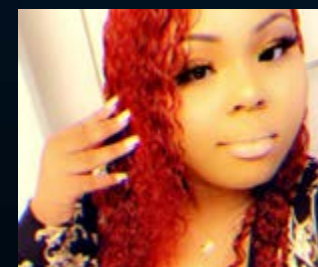
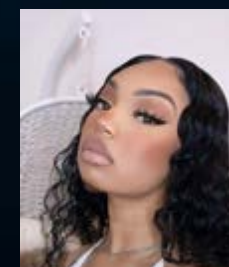
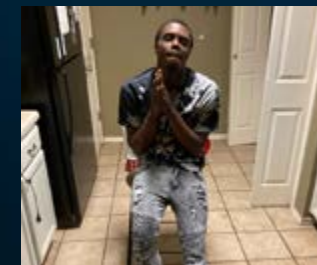
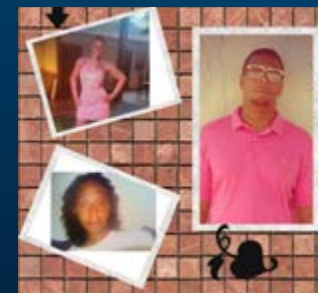
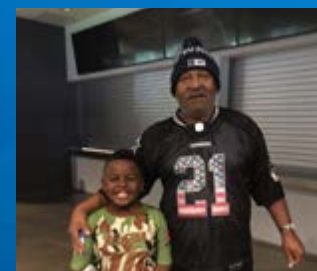
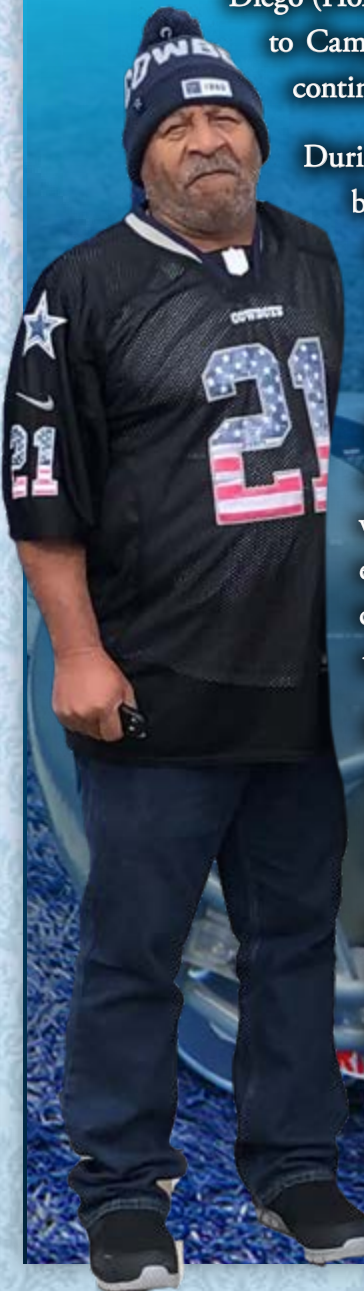
During and after his time in the Marines, ten beautiful children were born. William loved all of his children and had a special love for all of his nieces and nephews.

William was employed with Veterans Affairs Hospital for 22 years as a laundry worker.

In those years, he crossed paths with a lady who worked the register in the VA Canteen. They debated amongst each other which piece of the chicken he was being charged for- who would've ever thought that an argument about a piece of chicken and a co-worker (Lana) giving the wrong guy her phone number would turn into 15 wonderful years of marriage.

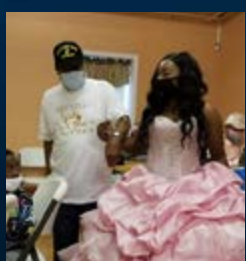
On February 11, 2006, William and Tammy Stewart became one and blended a family together. With the addition of five more children and raising one granddaughter, who he affectionately called Poo Poo.

William and Tammy enjoyed their yearly anniversary trips to WinStar Casino, his grandchildren, playing his daily lottery numbers, watching his favorite movie, "Coming to America" and on Sundays watching his Dallas Cowboys. Win, lose, or tie, he was a die-hard Cowboys fan. He got the opportunity to visit the Dallas Cowboys stadium and attended the games. He also loved his Baylor Bears!



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One of William's most joyous days was when all of his friends and family came together to celebrate his 60th birthday party, Dallas Cowboys style.

William is preceded in death by his parents; two grandchildren, Diamond Whitaker and King William Stewart; Three siblings, Joyce Crosby, Edward Drake and Carlos Drake; nephew, Darnell Ransom and father-in-law, Tommie Randolph.

William will be truly missed. His smile, his laughter and his jokes. He never met a stranger! We never wanted him to go so soon and we wish he could live forever. There will never be another him.

He leaves to cherish his precious memories, his very devoted and faithful wife, Pastor Tammy Stewart, Waco, Texas; 14 children, Angela Stewart, Pamela (LaTisha) Johnson, William (Wyconda) Stewart III, Tracy Tucker of Waco, Texas, William Stewart Jr., Lauchrida Stewart of Beaumont, Texas. Tirra (Raymond) Edwards of Wylie, Texas and Tarri (Sanford) Slaughter-Edwards of Rockwall, Texas, William (Carmen) Early of Arlington, Texas, Brinitia (Joseph) Brandon-Alford, DeAris (Lorraine) Brandon, DarVis Brandon, DeMeris Randolph and Stanley Brandon Jr. of Waco, Texas.

Grandchild raised, Bre'Azia Cleveland "PooPoo" of Waco, Texas.

64 Grandchildren, and 62 Great Grandchildren.

Three siblings, devoted and faithful til the end; SeBrina (Willie) Ransom of Waco, Texas, Doris (Louis) Sypho, Ernest Drake of Ft. Worth, Texas.

Devoted cousins and uncles; Russell Stewart (Michelle) of Houston, Texas, William Stewart (Paula) of Dallas, Texas, Trent Cox (Carrie) of Lubbock, Texas, Larry Jackson and James Jackson of Hewitt, Texas.

Son-In-Law, John Spikes.

Mother-In-Law and aunt, Alice Randolph and Linda Mason.

Brothers-In-Law, Joe Crosby, Byron Randolph (Brandi) and Timothy Randolph (Amber).

Sisters-In-Law, Jackie Drake, Charlotte Webster (Mark) and Tamesha Genini.

Godchildren, LaToya Willis (Marcus) and JaKyrie Black (twenty-three).

A host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends!



# Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL  
Clergy and Family (Jason Brown)

"IT'S TIME TO PRAISE THE LORD  
AND CELEBRATE WILLIAM STEWART SR."

SONG OF PRAISE  
"Fresh Wind"

SCRIPTURES  
New Testament – Pastor Kenya Henderson  
Old Testament – Min. Lewis Asberry

LIFTING PRAYER  
Pastor Timothy Drake

MUSICAL SELECTION  
Jasmin Thompson

RESOLUTIONS  
St Paul UMC, 7UP Ministry

SPECIAL REMARKS  
(3 Mins. Please)  
Russell Stewart – Stewart Family  
James Mays Sr. – Wrighter Family  
Ernest Drake – Brother

MUSICAL TRIBUTE  
St Paul UMC Choir

PULPIT REMARKS  
Pastor Ethelene Green  
Bishop Willie Tompkins

SPECIAL REMARKS  
(3 Mins. Please)  
Min. Trent Cox, Lubbock, Texas

MUSICAL TRIBUTE  
Gospel Cru ft. "Special Guest"

SINGING WILLIAM'S FAVORITE SONGS  
"Lord, I'm Depending on You" and "I'm Just Waiting On Jesus"- The Williams Brothers

LIFTING SERMON  
Sr. Pastor Leo Green

(AS WILLIAM WOULD SAY THE COOLEST PASTOR ON THE LAND)

CROWNING CEREMONY  
Serenity Life Celebrations

FINAL GLIMPSE  
Serenity Life Celebrations Staff / Felicia Green Johnson

*After viewing EVERYONE please exit the sanctuary to the fellowship hall.*  
THANKS, STEWART FAMILY



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*To my precious husband,*  
each day I miss you more  
as I picture you at the kitchen table  
or coming through the front door.



I miss our talks and the special way  
that you would always understand  
I miss the closeness that we shared  
and how you'd hold my hand.



My love is always with you  
even though you went away  
I find myself looking back daily  
to so many happy days.



But I have been a real trooper  
trying to get by the best I can  
just know that even from heaven  
you'll always be my man.



5th Anniversary



10th Anniversary



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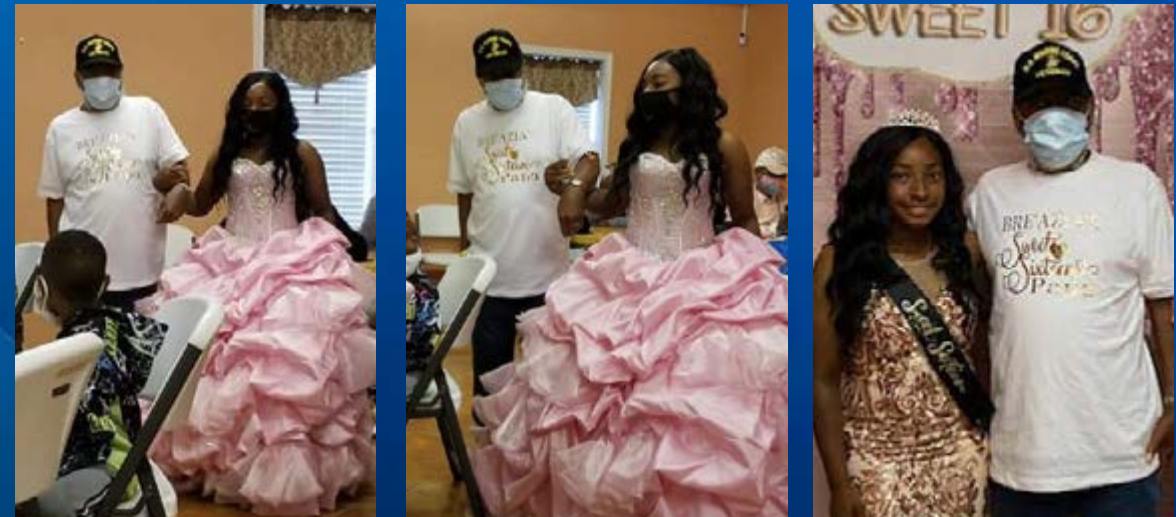
### *Special Tributes from Children*

I will miss you today Daddy, I will miss you tomorrow. My hearts filled with sadness my tears filled with sorrow. But, I give thanks for the time we did share. Though I can't see you I know that you are there. On angel wings you were taken away but in our hearts you will always stay! LOVE YOUR TWINS, TIRRA & TARRI

A Dad isn't defined as the man who makes the child, but rather the man who extends his hands and time to help with the child's raising and his heart to care. William, you were nothing short of a man, we will always love and respect you for all you did for us and your grandchildren but most of all for loving and protecting our mother. There will never be another you!

BRINITIA, DEARIS, DARVIS, DEMERIS AND STANLEY JR.

It's been the hardest thing to lose you. You meant so much to me. But you are in my heart Daddy and that's where you'll always be. I know that Heaven called you, but I wish you could've stayed. At least the memories I have of you they will never fade. I did not want to lose you, but you did not go alone. Because apart of me went with you when heaven called you home. So just remember one thing, we are not apart. You're with me in my memories and in my broken heart. LOVE, PAM



### *To My Grandfather,*

I thought of you today,  
but that is nothing new.  
I thought about you yesterday  
and days before that too.

I think of you in silence,  
I often speak your name.  
All I have are memories and  
Your picture in a frame.

Your memory is a keepsake  
With which I'll never part.  
God has you in His arms,  
I have you in my heart.

*Love,*  
*Poopoo (BreAzia)*