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Homegoing Services
for



MR. JOSEPH A. LAWRENCE

Thursday, December 26, 1985 — 2:00 p.m.

First African Baptist Church

Statesboro, Georgia

Rev. Bennie Brinson, Pastor

Rev. W. D. Kent, Officiating

Interment — Bulloch Memorial Gardens



Another Service By James R. Barnes Mortuary, Statesboro, Ga.

Obituary

Mr. Joseph Anthony Lawrence departed this life suddenly December 21, 1985. He was born April 11, 1943 in Bulloch County, Statesboro, Georgia. He was the son of Mrs. Dillie Mae Lawrence and the late Mr. Anthony Lawrence.

Joseph was a 1962 graduate of William James High. He joined the First African Baptist Church at an early age, and served on the Jr. Usher Board. He was presently employed by the State Department of Offender Rehabilitation at the Ware Correctional Institute in Waycross, Georgia where he worked as Shift Supervisor.

He leaves to mourn his passing a devoted wife, Mrs. Carolyn Harrison Lawrence; one son, Mr. Gerald Hicks of Germany; one daughter Ms. Kaal Nunnally, Statesboro, Ga.; one stepdaughter, Ms. Kendra Harrison, Waycross, Ga.; his mother, Mrs. Dillie Mae Lawrence, Miami, Fla.; two brothers, Mr. Roy Lawrence and Mr. Rodney Lawrence, both of Miami, Fla.; one sister, Mrs. Carolyn Johnson, Wadley, Ga.; his grandfather, Mr. Julian Lawrence, Wadley, Ga.; two aunts, Mrs. Marie Boatwright, Savannah, Ga. and Mrs. Ever Dell Swilley, Miami, Fla.; one great-aunt, Mrs. Josie L. Jones, Statesboro, Ga.; three uncles, Mr. Louis Brown, Ft. Pierce, Fla., Mr. Julian Lawrence, Jr., and Mr. Inman Lawrence, both of Philadelphia, Pa., one great-uncle, Mr. Alexandra Lowery, Cincinnati, Ohio; step-grandmother, Mrs. Florine Bates, Savannah, Ga.; mother-in-law, Mrs. Susie M. Williams, Statesboro, Ga.; and a host of other relatives and friends.

*I've done my best
I've sung my song
I've done some good
I've done some wrong
Now I shall go, and take my stand,
To be with Him in that unknown land.
He knows my heart and every thought,
He knows what pain and joy I've brought,
And by His love, I have been taught,
That one day I must go.
He knows my soul is weak and blind,
So full of fear with a troubled mind,
And so goodnight — I've stood the test,
I'll go with Him, I need some rest.*

Order of Service

PRESIDING Rev. Bennie Brinson
PROCESSIONAL
SELECTION Church Choir
PRAYER OF COMFORT Rev. J. W. Dixon
Friendship Baptist Church, Waycross, Ga.
SCRIPTURE Rev. Ferrell Malone, Waycross, Ga.
SOLO Mrs. Julia Sayer
REFLECTIONS Rev. Julius Abraham, Asst. Principal
Statesboro High School
Mr. A. G. Thomas, Warden
Ware Correctional Institute
SOLO Mr. Gary Lewis
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS Ms. Linda Morrison
SELECTION Church Choir
EULOGY Rev. W. D. Kent
RECESSIONAL

Active Pallbearers

Mr. Melvin Douglas	Mr. Caleb Johnson
Mr. Don A. Brock	Mr. Jay Clifton
Mr. John Thomas Wells	Mr. Ernest Lee

Floral Attendants

Mrs. Elizabeth Sampson	Mrs. Barbara Lee
Mrs. Clara Gail	Mrs. Jacquelyn Tremble
Ms. Eva Adams	Mrs. Addie Jackson
Mrs. Leila Bonds	Mrs. Sherry McNair



The family would like to thank each and everyone for the kindness you've shown during our time of sorrow. Words cannot express our sincere appreciation. May God Bless each of you.