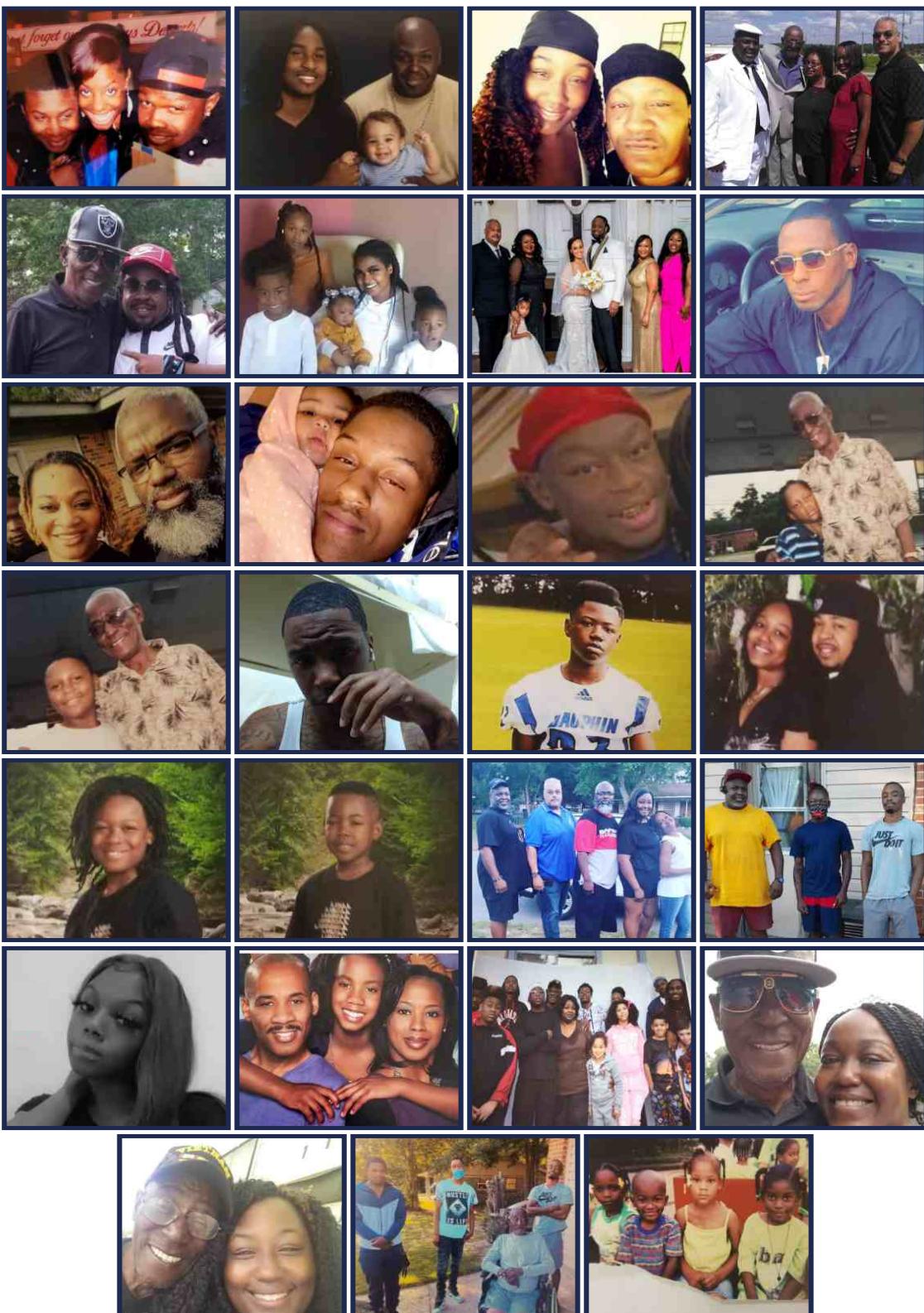


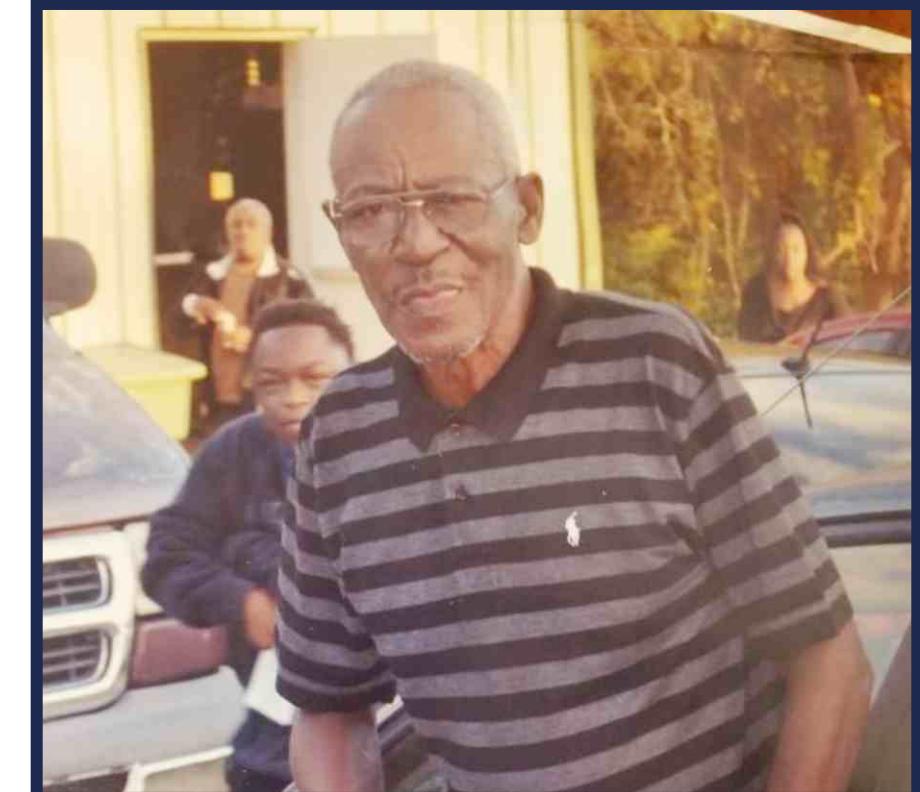
## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

A special thank you to everyone who sent prayers, food, and drinks. The family appreciates your kindness. A special thank you also to the nurses, physical therapists, and chaplin of Encompass Health and Flowers Hospital for all your acts of kindness.



# HOMEGOING CELEBRATION

IN LOVING MEMORY OF



BRO. FLETCHER ROBERT BENSON

January 23, 1946 - February 17, 2022

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2022  
2:00 PM

WESTSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST  
968 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue  
Ozark, Alabama

## OBITUARY

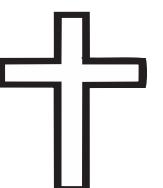
Fletcher Robert Benson, 76, was born on January 23, 1946 to the late Albany and Gertrude Benson in Enterprise, Alabama. In the early 1990s he confessed to Christ and was baptized Westside Church of Christ in Ozark, Alabama. On February 17, 2022, at 2:40 PM, he heard a voice we could not hear, his call to come home, God called him to rest. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, John "Mule" Benson; and great niece, Lakeisha Michelle Simmons.

Fletcher served in the United States Army. He was a Vietnam Veteran, having served in the Infantry during the Vietnam War. His service, along with so many others in the military, provides us the freedom we are blessed to share today. He was very proud of his service and wore his Vietnam Veteran hat almost everyday. Besides that hat, he also wore hats of his favorite sports teams, The Raiders and The Lakers, and his favorite college team of all time, the University of Alabama ... "Roll Tide Baby"!!

Fletcher loved listening to his music and watching the ID Channel and sports. Real Life Stories, Action/Bloody Scary Movies like Friday the 13th, Halloween and First 48 were some of his favorites. He loved having a good time, playing cards and dominoes. He enjoyed visiting friends and family, and wanted everybody to get a check ... especially if you were in the military! Most importantly he loved to read and study God's word. He shared what he knew about God with others. I will miss the Bible discussions over coffee, old Sunday School books, rides to doctors appointments and church, and conversations about his perspective on life. He always had my back and in his words, "I am with you good, bad, black, and ugly!", "Never expect something for nothing!", and "Can't love you if I don't love me!" I will miss him dearly ... we all will miss him!

Fletcher wanted us to keep our love stronger than ever, knowing he is an a better place. He will remind us to be thankful for the beautiful years we spent together, and to remain faithful to God no matter what happens in life. Eternity is a long time, so we need to get our house in order. We have one lifetime to make preparations for the next.

Fletcher leaves to cherish a lifetime of memories, a devoted and loving wife, Sis. Mary Lue Benson; two sisters, Betty Simmons of Enterprise, Alabama and Sue Montgomery of Chicago, Illinois; two brothers, Bennie Benson and James Bernard Benson both of Enterprise, Alabama; two daughters, Tanganita Barker of Dothan, Alabama and Tina (Ricky) Barton of Enterprise, Alabama; four sons, Dominic Benson of Enterprise, Alabama, Michael Barker of Ozark, Alabama, Richard Perkins of Dothan, Alabama and Dennis (Tonya) Barker of Junction City, Kansas; 19 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; two brothers-in-law, Darrel (Sharon) Hatten of Ozark, Alabama and Mack Arthur Phillips. He also leaves behind his Westside Church of Christ family as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends.



## PALLBEARERS

Jakeem Barton  
Mandarius Phillips  
Sykeem Smiley

Michael Barker  
Jeremy Barton  
Willie Phillips

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional	
Selections.....	Bro. Lapounce Harrison
Scripture	
Old Testament.....	Bro. Barney Griffin
New Testament	
Prayer.....	Bro. William Bush
Poems.....	Sis. Latandra Smiley Bro. Jerome Phillips
Selection.....	Bro. Richard Perkins
Expressions.....	Two Minutes
Obituary.....	Read Silently
Selections.....	The Dothanaires
Eulogy.....	Bro. Willie Stanford
Recessional.....	Bro. Lapounce Harrison
Interment.....	Travelers Rest Cemetery West Parker St., Ozark

*Dinner Served at Westside Church of Christ Fellowship Hall*

## I'M FREE

*Don't grieve for me, I'm free.  
I am following the path God has laid for me;  
I took His hand when I heard His call;  
I turned my back and felt it all;  
I could not stay another day;  
to laugh, to love, to work or play.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
then fill it with remembered joy.  
Friendships shared, a laugh, a kiss;  
oh yes, these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow;  
I wish you the sunshine tomorrow.*

*My life's been full, I savored much;  
good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief;  
don't lengthen it now with undo grief.*

*Lift up your heart and share with me;  
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

*"I Gotta Go!"*