

# Special thank you

SouthernCare Hospice Services, Enterprise, Alabama

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## Expressions of Gratitude

We, the family of Lawrence C. Welcome, Jr., wish to express our gratitude to each of you for your kind words, acts, and deeds during our time of bereavement. Your prayers, telephone calls, text messages, visits, flowers, and warm expressions of love mean more to us than you'll ever know.



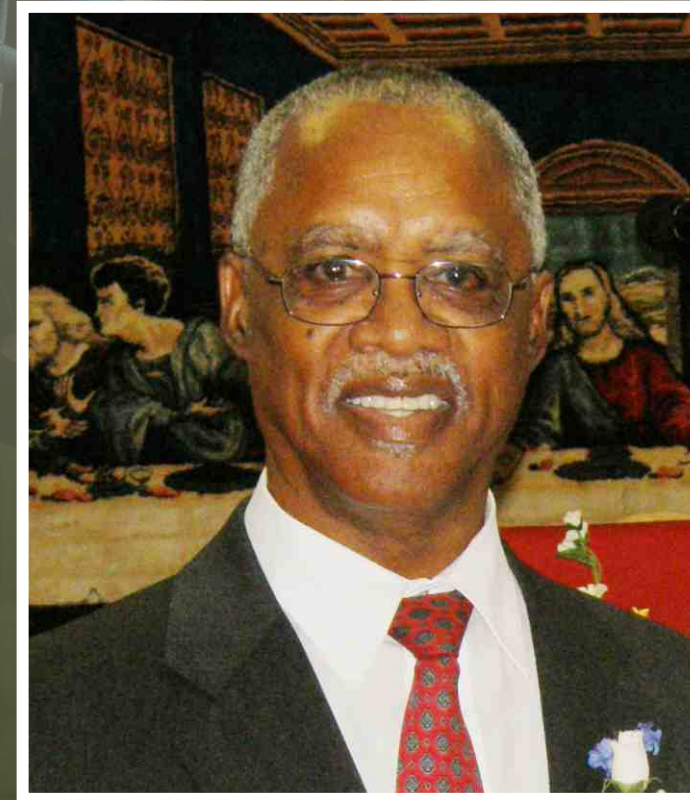
Interment:  
Greater Old Salem Cemetery  
Long Street Community

Final Arrangements Entrusted to:

*Newman Mortuary*

114 Harper Drive ~ Ozark, Alabama ~ (334) 774-1064

# Celebrating the Life of



## Lawrence Clifton Welcome, Jr.

Sunrise  
August 5, 1942

Sunset  
March 5, 2022



Saturday, March 12, 2022

1:00 PM

Newman Mortuary Chapel  
114 Harper Drive ~ Ozark, Alabama

Reverend Noah Reeves, Pastor  
Greater Old Salem MB Church, Officiating

Newman Mortuary, Directing





# His Story...

## *Psalms 23*

A Psalm of David.

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. <sup>2</sup>He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. <sup>3</sup>He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. <sup>4</sup>Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. <sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

***Lawrence Clifton Welcome, Jr.*** was born August 5, 1942, in Orange, Texas to Lawrence C. and Lillian Welcome, Sr.

Lawrence graduated from Emma P. Wallace High School in 1961. He enlisted in the United States Army on April 12, 1963. He went on to serve his country for twenty-two years and eleven months, retiring on March 31, 1985 as a Sergeant First Class (E7). He received numerous medals and commendations, including the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, and the Bronze Star Medal, to name a few.

He worked for the federal government in civil service for nineteen years, retiring as a GS-11 in 2004. During his civil service, he also obtained a Bachelor of Science, a Bachelor of Education, and an Associate Degree in Applied Science.

Lawrence accepted Jesus Christ at an early age and was united with Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Orange, Texas. After retiring from his civil service career in 2004, Lawrence and wife, Mamie, relocated to Ozark, Alabama and would later unite with Greater Old Salem Missionary Baptist Church, where he served as a member of the finance and cemetery committees and as a Trustee. He also served as a Deacon and was faithful until his health started to decline.

One of his passions was mentoring the youth at the Boys and Girls Club, where he served as a board member for ten years, receiving the *National Service to Youth Award*.

Lawrence entered into eternal rest on March 5, 2022 at his home in Ozark, Alabama. He was preceded in death by his parents, stepfather, Lazar Demouchet, and brother, Leonard Demouchet.

Lawrence leaves to cherish his memories his devoted wife of fifty-four years, Mamie D. Welcome; daughter, Anphonetta Y. Welcome, Atlanta, Georgia; son, Lawrence C. Welcome III; grandsons, Tyreek X. Parker and DeLano M. Welcome; great-granddaughters, Aubrey T. Parker and Karley M. Parker; goddaughter, Ethel D. Carter, all of Huntsville, Alabama; sister, Albertha I. Harris-Chuck, West Covina, California; aunt, Eloise Jones, Houston, Texas; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends, including two special sisters-in-law, Jacqueline Frye and Mae Newman.

# A Father's Love

He was the first man I've ever loved, and the standard to which I know no man can ever meet. He did not teach me how to be a lady, but he showed me how a lady should be treated. The love he had for my mother was unparalleled and because of the love, protection, and safe space he provided, she was with him until he took his last breath.

He nurtured me, taught me, held me, reprimanded me, kissed me, but most importantly, he loved me unconditionally. Once I became an adult, I understood and appreciated every lesson, every yes, every no, and every because I said so.

My heart is broken, but the love and countless memories I have are priceless. I love you and will miss you terribly.

Your daughter,  
Anphonetta

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# What is a Dad?

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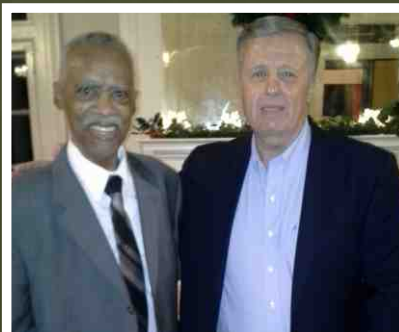
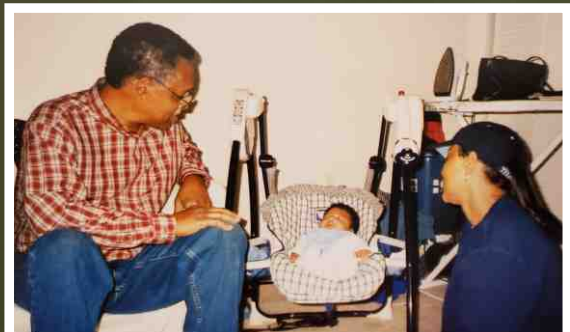
A dad is someone who wants to catch you before you fall but instead picks you up, brushes you off, and lets you try again.

A dad is someone who wants to keep you from making mistakes but instead lets you find your own way, even though his heart breaks in silence when you get hurt.

A dad is someone who holds you when you cry, scolds you when you break the rules, shines with pride when you succeed, and has faith in you even when you fail ...

Your son,  
Larry





# The Celebration of Life

Processional

Scripture Reading - Old Testament - Reverend J.H. Hall

Scripture Reading - New Testament - Reverend Lewis Harper

Prayer - Reverend Lloyd Fuller

Selection - "Love Lifted Me"

Acknowledgments - Sister Ovetta Smith

Obituary - Read Silently

Selection - "Amazing Grace"

Eulogy - Reverend Noah Reeves

Recessional

## His Journey's Just Begun

by Ellen Brenneman

Don't think of him as gone away his journey's just begun;  
life holds so many facets this earth is only one.  
Just think of him as resting from the sorrows and the tears  
in a place of warmth and comfort where there are no days and years.

Think how he must be wishing that we could know today  
how nothing but our sadness can really pass away.  
And think of him as living in the hearts of those he touched ...  
for nothing loved is ever lost and he was loved so much.

Rest in Peace,  
Your sister, Inez



