

# GOD'S Zarden

God saw the road was getting rough,
The hill was hard to climb;
He gently closed those loving eyes
And whispered "Peace Be Thine."

The weary hours, the days of pain, The sleepless nights have passed; The ever patient worn-out frame Has found sweet rest at last.

God Saw that you were weary So He did what He knows best. He came and stood beside you, And whispered, "Come and rest."

You bid no one a last farewell,
Not even a goodbye.
You were gone before we knew it,
And only God knows why.

# Hetive Pallbearers

Donoven Milton Octavis Williams Gerard Brown

Charles Brown, Jr.
Justin Brown
Anthony Robinson

Hetive Floral Beavers
Family and Friends

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Fellowship Hall
Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church

## The Family's Message of Gratitude

We are most grateful for the gift of family and friends like you who have been so kind and thoughtful with your prayers, calls, words of encouragement, flowers and acts of kindness, both seen and unseen, during this time. Thank you for blessing us with your presence on this day as you have truly been an inspiration to us in our time of need. We appreciate you and God bless you. You will hear from us in a more formal way at a later day.

-The Williams Family

## Professional Services Entrusted To

We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for the trust you have placed upon us during the Homegoing Services of your loved one. Our fondest hope is that all measures of assistance rendered your family have been completed in detail. For all your confidence placed in our staff and me, we will be forever grateful.



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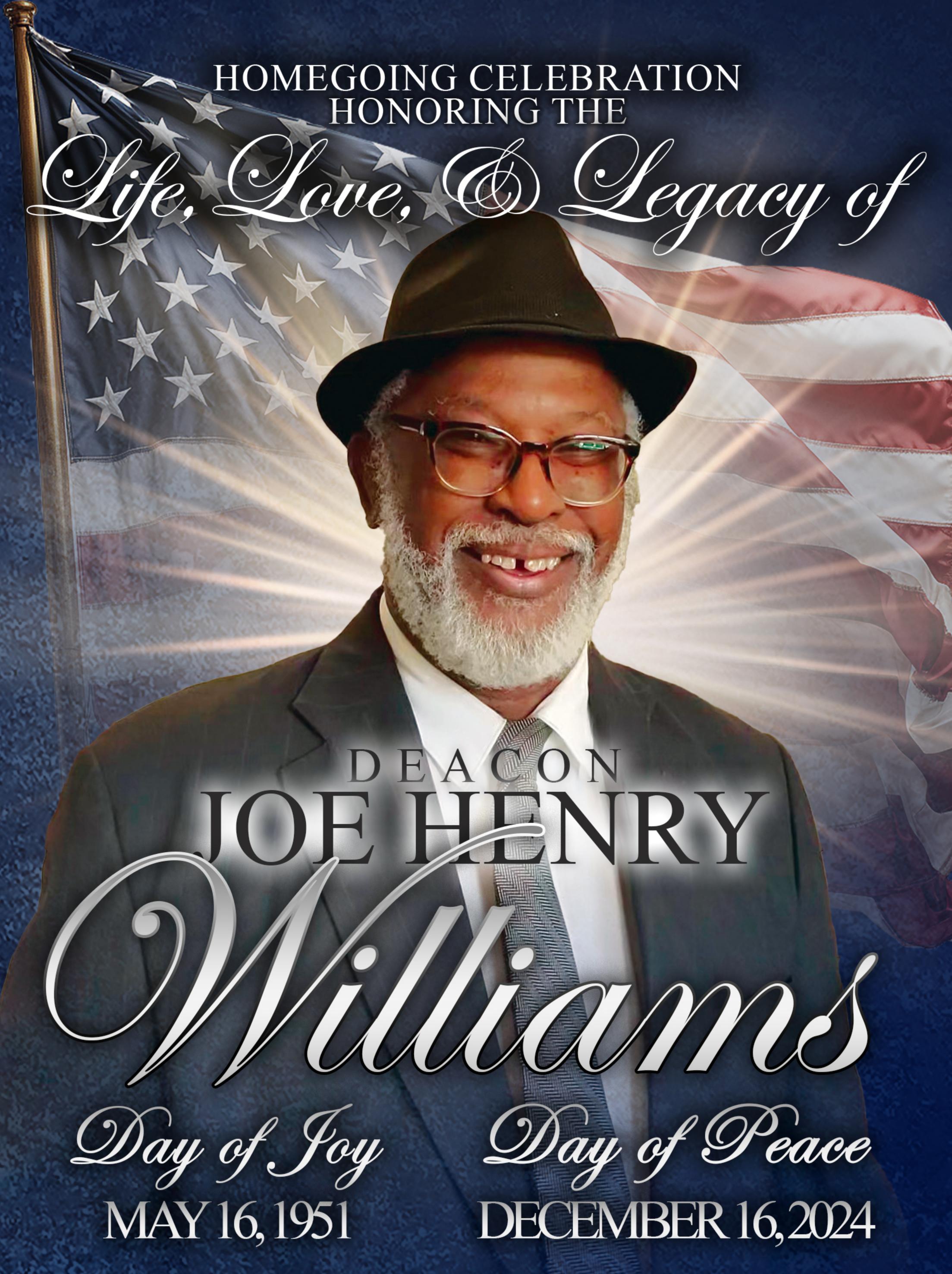
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Celebrating His Life Saturday, December 28, 2024 11:00 Ante Meridiem

Mt. Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church 576 SW Dade Street Madison, Florida 32340

Reverend Dr. Charles Evans, Gracious Host Reverend Ronnie Johnson, Officiant Reverend Dr. Charlie Barfield, Eulogist Pastor, Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church \* Live Oak, Florida

J.P. Moore Undertaking Company, Directing

# Deacon Joe Henry Williams MAY 16, 1951 – DECEMBER 16, 2024

"The steps of a righteous man are ordered by the Lord."

**Deacon Joe Henry Williams** began the first chapter of his life as the son of Joe Williams and Lillie Mae McGhee Williams. He was born on May 16, 1951, and grew up in the Cherry Lake community of Madison, Florida. He was also favored to have Archie Lee Brown, Sr. in his life as his father as well. **Joe Henry** was a lifelong resident of Madison, Florida.

Joe Henry received in faith what Jesus Christ offered in grace. He accepted Christ as his Savior at an early age and joined Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church. During his walk in the favor of God, he served dutifully on the Usher Board and was groomed for a position on the Deacon Board. His dedication and faithfulness allowed him to be chosen to fulfill the position as the Chairman of the Deacon Board, a position he accepted with honor.

**Joe** was educated at Madison County Training School, Madison High School, and North Florida Junior College (now North Florida State College) before he enlisted in the U.S. Army. After his tour(s) of duty, he continued to serve his country by joining the National Guard / Army Reserve for a combined total of 24 years of honorable service.

Joe Henry was taught to give his best effort at whatever he attempted. This quality, together with his people skills, made him well known throughout the community. He was gainfully employed by Farmers Co-Op to deliver propane gas to its customers in a timely manner. After his well-deserved retirement, he later worked part-time for the Madison County Recycling Center where he had the opportunity to rekindle old friendships and to build new ones.





Joe Henry eased into retirement taking the time to enjoy and support his two favorite sports teams, the Madison County High School Cowboys (Seven Times) State Champions and the Florida Gators. He was their #1 fan.

As one chapter ends, a new and promising one begins. **Deacon Joe Henry Williams**' chapter on earth abruptly ended on Monday, December 16, 2024, only for him to begin his eternal chapter and celebration with Jesus. Someone this special can never be forgotten.

It is hard to turn the page when you know someone will not be in the next chapter, but the story must go on with Christian submission to God's will in calling **Deacon Joe Henry Williams** home. Loved ones who will comfort one another with God's word and will cherish his precious memory are his loving and devoted wife of nearly 50 years: Patricia Ann Tillman Williams; faithful daughter: Elizabeth Williams; "the beautiful apples of his eye" granddaughters: Kayla Graham, Kamea Johnson, and Kalani Tillman; children he raised and regarded as his own: Tywanda (Daniel) Milton, Terrance Williams, Tammi Tillman-Edwards, Nikki (Wade) Siplin-Sonnier, and Dominic Tillman; mentee regarded as his nephew: DeWayne Swilley; brother: Charles (Stephanie) Brown; sisters: Lizzie Williams, Mary (Charles) Houston, Juliane (Greg) Williams, Elizabeth Lewis, and Barbara Hicks; sister-in-love: Sandra McFarland; lifetime friends: Willie "Bubba" McFarland and Edgar Burch; in addition to countless other sorrowing relatives and loving friends.

Loved ones who have preceded **Deacon Joe Henry Williams** in death are his infant son: Rashard Williams; parents: Lillie Mae McGhee Williams, Joe Williams, and Archie Lee Brown, Sr.; brothers: Archie Lee Brown, Jr., Lamar Williams, Nathaniel Williams, and Bobbie Lewis Williams; parents-in-love: Samuel Tillman and Annie Tillman; sisters-in-love: Marilyn Tillman, Mary Alice Williams, and Martha Ann Williams; niece: Keisha Straughter; nephew: Omar Williams, and close friend: Timothy "McAdoo" McCray



Prelude ———	The J.P. Moore Gospel Chorale & Band
Processional —	— Eulogist, Clergy, Mortician & Family
Parting Glance & Seating of	f the Family—— The J.P. Moore Staff
The Prayer of Consolation	——— Pastor Ronnie Johnson

# Holy Scriptures

Old Testament — Elder Perry Jones New Testament — Reverend Alonzo Fudge

Selection — Chorale

### Reflections & Tributes

Family & Friends (Three) Two Minutes Each, Please

Acknowledgements & Resolutions	The J. P. Moore Staf
Selection — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	<u>Choral</u>
Words of Comfort	— Reverend Dr. Charlie Barfield

Mortician's Brief — Mr. Jamarien "J.P." Moore, LFD

Recessional — Clergy & Family

## Earthly Bed of Slumber

WITH U.S. ARMY HONORS

COMMITTAL | PRAYER | BENEDICTION

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery 7378 SW County Road 14 Madison, Florida 32340

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

~ Revelation 21:4

