



## Deacon Elijah J. Peterson "Buddy Pete"

March 11, 1933 - May 25, 2021

Deacon Elijah J. Peterson was born to the union of Johnnie Lee Peterson and Rosie Bell Freeman on March 11, 1933 in Tuskegee, Alabama. He received his education through Macon County Public Schools. He moved to Apopka, Florida, where he joined St. Matthew Holiness Church during his later years under the leadership of Elder Leroy Cannady and Bishop Melvin Scott, Sr. where he served faithfully. He met and married Alma Gilmore. They were the parents of an extended and blended family of ten children. He was the lead custodian of Dream Lake Elementary School of Apopka, Florida for 20 years from which he retired. Early in the morning on May 25, 2021, he peacefully transitioned from life to eternal rest. He was preceded in death by his parents; Johnnie Lee Peterson and Rosie Bell Freeman; stepmother; Alberta Peterson, brothers; Johnnie L. Peterson, Leonard Peterson, Clinton Peterson, Roosevelt Peterson, George Blackmon, James Blackmon, Thomas Blackmon; sisters; Mary Carroll, Jean Moss and Doris Dennis. Deacon Peterson leaves to cherish precious memories to his wife: Alma Peterson; children: General E. Peterson, II (Joyce), Evelyn Peterson (Ike), Millie Gibbs (Willie), Clifford W. Peterson, Sr. (Sheila), Yvette Peterson, Monterey D. Gilmore, Gwenda Adams (Ricky), Gerald Peterson (Jessica); Geronda Williams (Michael); a special daughter: Gwenita Peterson; two siblings: Roberta Hughley and Laurice Peterson, both of Apopka, Florida; thirty three grandchildren; twenty-five great grandchildren; one great, great grandchild; a host of nieces



# Cemetery Details

## Edgewood-Greenwood Cemetery ~ Apopka

141 South Edgewood Drive  
Apopka, FL 32703

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Zanders Memorial Chapel  
232 W. Michael Gladden Blvd.  
Apopka, FL 32703  
(407) 886-3388

## Service

JUN 5. 2:30 PM (ET)

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church  
927 South Central Avenue  
Apopka, FL 32703

# Tribute Wall



“ Deacon Elijah J. Peterson "Buddy Pete" ”

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deacon Elijah J. Peterson "Buddy Pete". ”



June 04, 2021 at 07:19 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Deacon Elijah J. Peterson "Buddy Pete". ”



June 04, 2021 at 12:09 PM



“ Sadie Lowman lit a candle in memory of Deacon Elijah J. Peterson "Buddy Pete" ”



**Sadie Lowman** - June 03, 2021 at 12:01 PM

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“ *Dot Newsome lit a candle in memory of Deacon Elijah J. Peterson*



Dot Newsome - June 02, 2021 at 08:31 PM

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“ *Terric and Candace Durden lit a candle in memory of Deacon Elijah J. Peterson*



Terric Durden - June 02, 2021 at 08:27 PM

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“ *Roberta Peterson Hughley , Linda. 🥺💔🙏 lit a candle in memory of Deacon Elijah J. Peterson "Buddy Pete"*



Roberta Peterson Hughley , Linda. 🥺💔🙏 - June 01, 2021 at 11:35 AM