

Deacon Grady Jerome Stafford, Sr.

May 24, 1947 - October 13, 2023

Grady was born May 24, 1947 in Reddick, Florida to Rosa Mae Washington his biological mother, but he was reared by his grandparents Grady and Elouise Stafford. He was baptized at an early age at United Missionary Baptist Church of Reddick, Florida. Grady attended Marion County Public Schools and graduated from Fessenden High School Class of 1965. After graduating from high school he went on to serve in the United States Army and United States Air Force. Grady served as Commander of Amvets Post 331 and was a Deacon at Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church, served as Transportation Director, and Trustee member. He was employed in the Trucking Industry for many years.

Grady was preceded in death by: mother Rosa Mae Washington; Grandfather Grady Stafford; Grandmother Elouise Stafford; Brother Charles Stafford; Daughters Harriett Stafford and Alisa Johnson; Grandson Jonathan Johnson; and Father-in-law, Bennie Starke and Brother-in-law Larry Lee Paul.

He leaves to cherish his memories: a loving WIFE, Ruth Jeannette Stafford, Orlando, Florida; CHILDREN, Grady Jerome Stafford, Jr. (Latwanita), Reddick, Florida, Tifphanie Stafford, Jacksonville, Florida, Gemariah Jerome Stafford (Tanesha), Orlando, Florida, Deborah Stafford, Americus, Georgia, David Jerome Stafford, Orlando, Florida, Veronica Johnson, Jacksonville, Florida, Darshay Bellamy-Ogunmola (Olaniyi), Bellevue. Washington, and

De'mesha Bellamy, Orlando, Florida; BROTHERS, Randy Stafford, Reddick, Florida, Michael Dennis Patterson (Reva) Reddick, Florida, and Timothy Patterson, (Tracey) Lynchburg, Virginia; GRANDCHILDREN, Cedrick Stafford, Santana Sims, Bryant Graham, Sherese Vereen (Kenron), Parion Sims, Jr., Elizabeth Sims, Jeremiah Stafford, Isaiah Stafford, Christian Stafford, Abigail Stafford, RaVon Dassie, RaVyn Dassie, David Drake, and Demetric Johnson; 35 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN; 15 GREAT-GREAT GRANDCHILDREN; SISTERS-IN-LAW, Joann Stafford, Karen Starke Paul, Terry Starke, Mary Blue (Kelly), Barbara Rand, Karen Ward, Joy McCollum-Thomas, Cheryl Newton, and Carol Harrington (Demica); BROTHERS-IN-LAW, Bruce and Jacob Sorey; SPECIAL NIECES, Jasmin Giles, Ashley Shaw, Jennifer and Jessica Paul; SPECIAL NEPHEWS, Jordan Shaw and Justin Paul; SPECIAL COUSINS, Nadine Stokes and James L. Simmons; SPECIAL BONUS MOTHER-IN-LAW, Annie Ruth Starke; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other sorrowing friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **20**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church
5200 West South Street
Orlando, FL 32811

Service

OCT **21**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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5200 West South Street
Orlando, FL 32811

Interment

OCT **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Florida National Cemetery
6502 SW 102nd Avenue
Bushnell, FL 33513

Tribute Wall



“ *Our condolences to the Stafford family. Deacon Lonnie and Gloria Holmes Inner Perimeter Baptist Church, Valdosta Georgia.* ”

Lonnie Holmes - October 23, 2023 at 11:04 PM



“ *Deacon Grady Jerome Stafford, Sr.* ”

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *Eyvonne Moore lit a candle in memory of Deacon Grady Jerome Stafford, Sr.* ”



Eyvonne Moore - October 21, 2023 at 03:59 AM



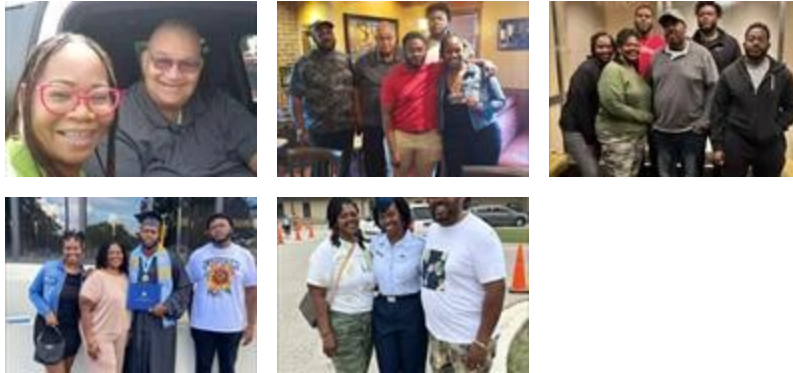
“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deacon Grady Jerome Stafford, Sr..* ”



October 20, 2023 at 09:42 AM

TS

“ We love you so much Dad❤️🕊️



Tifphanie Stafford - October 20, 2023 at 09:33 AM

EB

“ Eulissa Boyd lit a candle in memory of Deacon Grady Jerome Stafford, Sr.



Eulissa Boyd - October 19, 2023 at 05:11 PM

EB

“ Praying God's strength for the family. God's strength is made perfect in weakness.

Eulissa Boyd - October 19, 2023 at 05:10 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Deacon Grady Jerome Stafford, Sr..



October 19, 2023 at 03:40 PM

LH

“ *Latrena Hollins lit a candle in memory of Deacon Grady Jerome Stafford, Sr.*



Latrena Hollins - October 18, 2023 at 09:28 PM

MS

“ *MONICA DENISE SCOTT lit a candle in memory of Deacon Grady Jerome Stafford, Sr.*



MONICA DENISE SCOTT - October 18, 2023 at 05:55 PM

KP

“ *Karen Starke Paul lit a candle in memory of Deacon Grady Jerome Stafford, Sr.*



Karen Starke Paul - October 17, 2023 at 10:20 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Deacon Grady Jerome Stafford, Sr..*



October 17, 2023 at 07:01 PM

DB

“ To the Stafford Family. My deepest condolences and sadness. I learned a lot from him during our connection at Greater Trinity Baptist Fellowship Church. He will always be a memory. I learned that if you stay strong and keep the faith God will take care of you and show up. I can hear the Angels singing now and he has wings waiting on him.



Deacon Eddie Marayne, Greater Trinity Ba - October 17, 2023 at 04:49 PM

EB

“ Emily Bynes lit a candle in memory of Deacon Grady Jerome Stafford, Sr.



Emily Bynes - October 17, 2023 at 04:16 PM

GB

“ Gussie Baker lit a candle in memory of Deacon Grady Jerome Stafford, Sr.



Gussie Baker - October 17, 2023 at 11:23 AM