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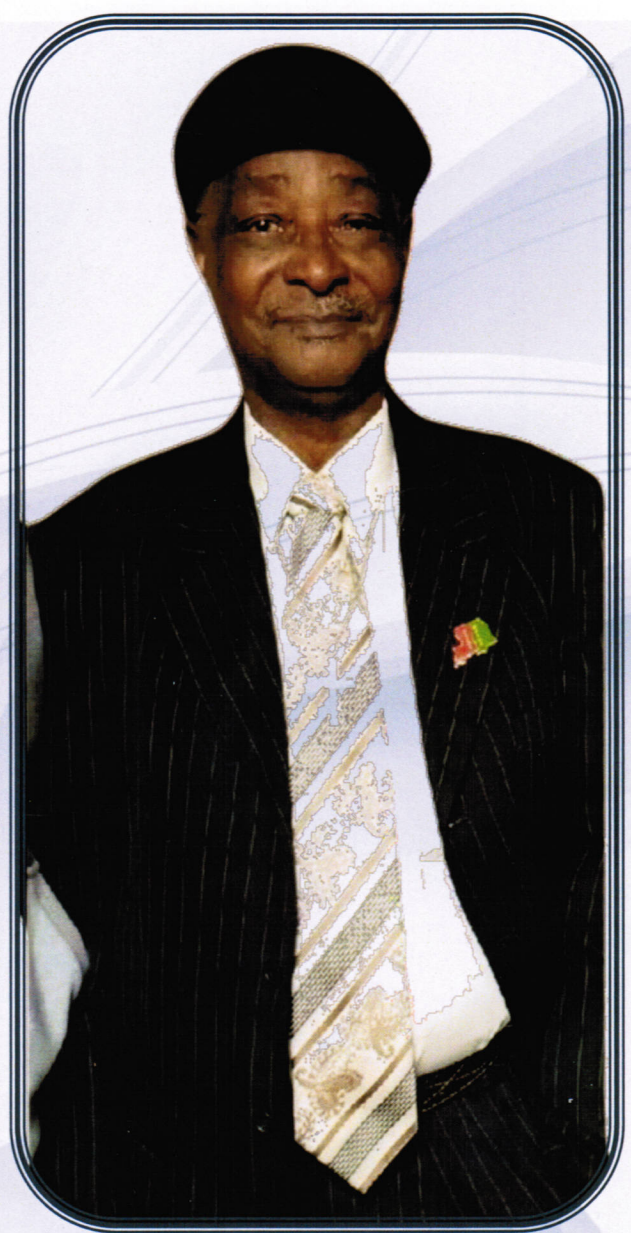
*Celebration*

*Arthur*

“Peabody”

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PENDLETON, JR.



February 24, 1948 - September 16, 2024

*“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.” John 14: 1-4*

Saturday, September 21, 2024

11:00 AM

*Greater Damascus Church of Christ (Holiness) U.S.A.*

1013 Damascus Circle | Hazlehurst, MS 39083

Elder Clifton Goodloe III, Pastor

Reverend Percy Jones, Officiating

# Reflections of Life

Arthur Press Pendleton, Jr., was a devoted husband, a loving father and brother, a kind grandfather, and a trusting friend. Arthur Press was born February 24, 1948, in Hazlehurst, Copiah County, Mississippi to the late Mr. Arthur Press, Sr. and Mrs. Bessie Mae Reese Pendleton.

Arthur Press, affectionately known as "Press Pendleton and Peabody" to his family, friends and co-workers, transitioned from his earthly life on Monday, September 16, 2024, at his home. Arthur Press received his formal education at St. Morris School and the Hazlehurst City School District. He was a member of Parrish High School Class of 1969.

Arthur Press was a fun-loving, hard working man, who had a zeal for life. In any conversation, he would always tell stories about his life and his encounters with the people he met. Arthur loved talking and making others laugh. One of his favorite sayings when asked by George Swilley Jr. was, "Mr. Art, how are you doing? His response: Like I want too. Mr. Art, how are you feeling? His response: With my hands!" Arthur's work history included: Hazlehurst City School District (former bus driver over fifty years, maintenance, food service and Director of Transportation), former employee at Magnetex, Mississippi Job Corps Center, Heard Furniture Company, the road side park (Wesson, MS), Copiah County School District where he retired as a bus driver, and House of Peoples Funeral Home Licensee-in-Charge and Funeral Director with over thirty-eight years of immaculate service. He was the best funeral director in Copiah and surrounding counties!

He was a lifelong member of Mercy Seat A.M.E Church. He served as Pro Tem of the Steward Board, Trustee Board, choir member, painter, landscaper, and wherever his services were needed. He was an all around, do-it-yourself man. No job was too large or too small for him to tackle.

Arthur Press was preceded in death by one son, Johnny Dwayne Pendleton; grandson, Carsen Christopher Pendleton; sisters and brothers, Rosie Mae Pickett, Eunice Shannon, Mary Anna Harris, Bessie Ree Jones, Julius Johnson, Luther Johnson, Walter Lee Pendleton, Robert Lee Pendleton, Arthur Pendleton and Robert Pendleton.

Arthur Press married Cassandra Coleman June 2008, and gained a daughter and grandson, Sonya and Corey. Arthur Press' love, legacy, humor and memories will forever be cherished by his devoted wife, Cassandra Pendleton; nine children, Vera Johnson, Arthur (Latonya) Pendleton III, Shirley Pendleton, Gary (Josephine) Pendleton, Christopher (NeNe) Pendleton, Laquita (Michael) Chandler, Terriyel Pendleton, Artquez Pendleton and Sonya (Robert) Curtis; twenty-two grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; sisters, Brenda Ishman and Julie Mae Pendleton; brothers and sisters-in-law, Shelby Ray Bailey, Michael Coleman, Essie Lee (Elijah) Mitchell, Ruby Nell (Andrew) Collins, Shelia Thomas, and Norma (Rev. Robert) Daniels; special aunt, Grace Newsome; god-daughter, Jill (Metric) Thompson; devoted friends, Pearl Fatheree, George Swilley, Jr., the Coleman family, his House of Peoples Family; Hazlehurst and Copiah County School District Co-workers; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and his church family.

# Order of Celebration

Prelude

Processional of Clergy and Family

Selection.....The Guys

Prayer.....Bro. Lonnie Jones, Sr.

## Scriptures of Comfort

Old Testament.....Rev. Robert Daniels, Pastor  
Damascus Baptist Church

New Testament.....Rev. Jesse Terrell, Pastor  
New Hope U. M. Church

Selection.....The Guys

Words of Comfort.....Rev. Mark Neal, Pastor  
New Pisgah M. B. Church

Expressions.....Family and Friends

*(Limit Two Minutes, Please)*

Acknowledgements

Selection.....The Guys

Eulogy.....Rev. Perry Jones, Pastor  
Mercy Seat A.M.E. Church

House of Peoples Funeral Home Directors In Charge

Recessional

Postlude

## *To My Husband*

We took our vows together  
Said: "Till death do us part"  
But when God came and took your hand  
My whole world fell apart  
No one knows the heartache  
I try so hard to hide  
Only God knows how many times  
I've broken down and cried  
When I look back up on our lives  
One of the things that makes me glad  
That you chose me to share with you  
The precious years we had.

**Love, Your Wife, Kay**

# Tributes

## With Love to a Special Dad

If we could have a lifetime wish  
A dream that would come true,  
We'd pray to God with all my heart  
For yesterday and You.

A thousand words can't bring you back  
We know because we've tried....  
Neither will a thousand tears  
We know because we've tried.....  
You left behind our broken heart  
And happy memories too.....  
But we never wanted memories  
We only wanted You.....

**Your loving sons, Chris, Arthur, Gary, Terriyel and Artquez**

One quiet day the angels came,  
and took Grandpa far away,  
but in the stillness of the night  
I could almost hear him say;  
"Dear child I will miss you,  
you mean so much to me.  
But Jesus called me to his side,  
in heaven I will be.  
"A place of God's great beauty,  
no tears or earthly cares.  
Just peace and joy forever,  
and love beyond compare.  
"So remember all the good times,  
don't think about the sad.  
And treasure all the special moments  
through the years we've had.  
"And if you trust in Jesus,  
I promise this and more,  
you will get a hug from Grandpa  
someday on heaven's golden shore!"

**Love, Your Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren**

# Tributes

If tears could build a stairway  
and memories were a lane  
I would walk right up to Heaven  
and bring you back again.  
No farewell words were spoken,  
no time to say goodbye,  
you were gone before I knew it  
and only God knows why.  
Our hearts still ache in sadness  
and secret tears still flow,  
what it meant to lose you  
no one can ever know.  
But now I know that you want me  
to mourn for you no more,  
to remember all the happy times,  
life still has much in store.  
Since you'll never be forgotten  
I pledge to you today  
a hallowed place within my heart  
is where you'll always stay.

**Your loving daughter, Quita**

## **In Loving Memory Of My Wonderful Dad**

Of all the special gifts in life  
However great or small,  
To have you as my Dad  
Was the greatest gift of all,  
May the winds of love blow softly  
And whisper in your ear  
"I love and miss you Dad  
And wish that you were here"  
Deep in my heart, your life is kept to love and cherish,  
Not forget. No more tomorrows we can share  
But yesterdays are always there  
A silent thought, a secret tear  
Keeps your memory ever near  
In my heart.

**Your loving daughter, Vera**

# Tributes

## A Message to Heaven

Heeeeeeyyyyyy My Baby!!! I'm truly missing you right now. I know I'll miss you always. My time left here won't be the same anymore without you. You're home now. In the presence of GOD and our family that has gone on before you. I know they're happy and a great celebration is being held. I'll miss so many wonderful things about you. From the sparkle in your eyes, to the sweet sound of your voice...a voice like no other. Such a distinct voice and presence. You are special to so many people. The laughter that came from your soul and the jokes and stories that made everyone around you laugh and smile. You never met a stranger! You loved life and loved being around people. You had a way of making a room light up as you entered. To know you, is to love you! I am so proud to be your daughter and that GOD chose you to be my dad. Although you are no longer here in physical form, I see you...I feel you and I'll Always Love You. So, with us, you already knew....It's Never Goodbye, I'll see ya later Daddio.

**Loving you forever, Shirley (Peabody, Jr.)**

## To Our Brother

Big Brother you are truly missed.  
Your sisters will miss all those talks,  
Long stories and that infectious laugh.  
You would see us, put your arm on my shoulder,  
Even though you weren't but a half inch taller than me.  
But would say, this is my little sister.  
Julia Mae would see us together  
And call us twins.  
Out of all the jobs, I think his favorite  
Job was driving the school bus.  
On Monday, a driver pulled up and said,  
"Time to go, Arthur, Jr."  
He looked at the driver and asked,  
"Did you ever ride my bus?"  
The driver said I'm on all the buses.  
I was on your bus when you were driving those children around.  
He asked could he drive the bus, and the driver said I'm afraid not.  
But I can take you to the destination, just sit back and enjoy the ride.

**Love you, Brenda and Julia Mae**

A Stroll Down Memory Lane



## Acknowledgements

The Family of Arthur Press Pendleton, Jr. wishes to convey our sincere appreciation of the many kind expressions of sympathy, love, and other courtesies extended during our bereavement. Your thoughtful concern has helped lift our spirits and provided a great source of comfort. We would also like to thank you House of Peoples Funeral Home, Inc., Mercy Seat Church Family and Greater Damascus Church Family. We want each of you to know we shall be eternally grateful.

The Family

## Honorary Pallbearers

Jamarion Pendleton  
Billy Johnson, Jr.  
Christian Pendleton  
Shelby Ray Bailey  
Andrew Collins

Jaquavious Johnson  
Corey Thompson  
Tyshawn Stevenson  
Robert Curtis  
Charlie Martin

## Active Pallbearers

Roberto Pendleton  
Lonnie Jones, Sr.  
Eli Williams  
Arthur Coleman, Jr.

Eric Brooks  
Terrell Davis  
Maurice Sutton  
Shelton Coleman

## Flower Bearers

Friends of the Family

## Interment

Mercy Seat A.M.E Church Cemetery  
2061 Mercy Seat Road | Wesson, MS 39191

## Repast

Copiah County Ministerial Alliance  
17160 Highway 51 North | Hazlehurst, MS 39083

## Final Arrangements Entrusted To

House of Peoples Funeral Home, Inc.  
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