

Celebration of Life and Homegoing
of



Claude Otis Reese, Jr.

Sunrise
December 29, 1940

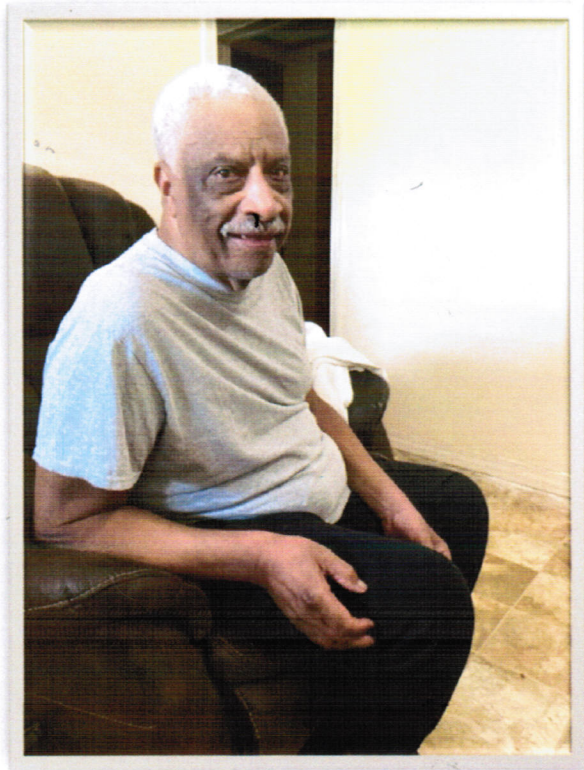
Sunset
February 7, 2023

Saturday, February 18, 2023
11:00 a.m.

Hall's Hill Missionary Baptist Church
6175 Old Port Gibson Road
Hazlehurst, MS 39083

-Officiating-
Elder Eric Foster, Pastor





My Journey

I stood my post.

My duty is done.

He called me and said well done.

My watch is over.

I challenge someone to step up

And take my place.

Live in the fear and grace of God

Until your work is done

And God calls you home.

Claude Otis Reese, Jr.

1940—2023

The Broken Chain



We little knew that day,
God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly,
In death, we do the same.

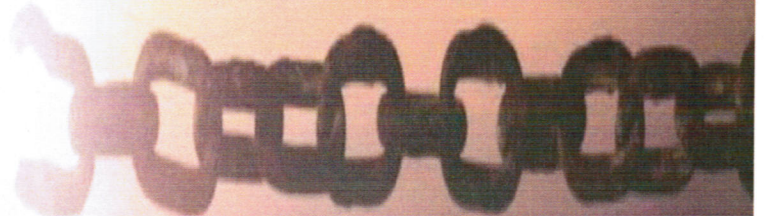
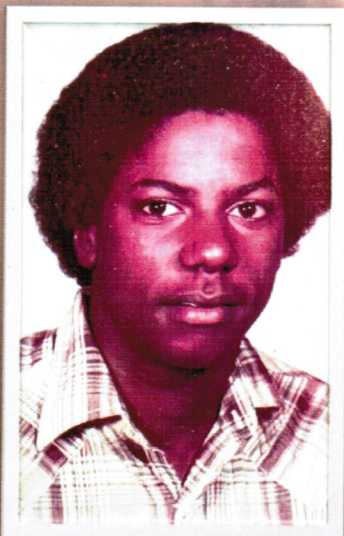
It broke our hearts to lose you.
You did not go alone.
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.



You left us beautiful memories,
Your love is still our guide.
And although we cannot see you,
You are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken,
And nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one,
The chain will link again.

Until we meet again!
Love,
Your Family



The Obituary

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die." (John 11:25-26)



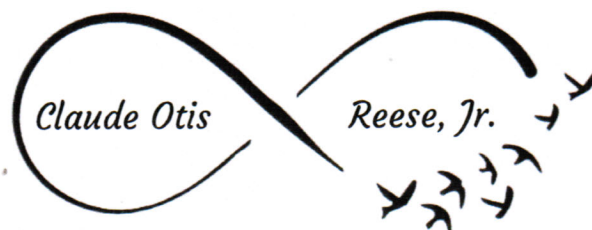
Claude Otis Reese, Jr., was born December 29, 1940, in Hazlehurst, Mississippi, to the late Claude (Sr.) and Josie Mae Henley Reese. He was the fifth child of nine children. Jr. accepted Christ and was baptized at an early age at Hall's Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Hazlehurst under the leadership of the late Reverend W.M. (Buck) Walker. He was a faithful member until his health began to fail. He served as a long-time member of the Trustee Board and as a member of the male choir. Over fifty years, Jr. was the third of four generations of brick masons. He grew up in Copiah County and graduated from Parrish High School where he won many awards in bricklaying.

He met Bertha L. Washington and they were united in Holy Matrimony and to this union, four children were born.

On February 7, 2023, at 2:20 a.m., Jr. quietly accepted our Lord's invitation to a better home. He will always be remembered by many for his warm smile. He lived a happy, spiritual and productive life. He never lost sight of the importance of family and friends.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Bertha; son, Julius Jerome; and sisters, Eliza Reese and Bessie Reese Story.

The precious memories of Jr. will forever be cherished by his sons, Kelvin Reese and Alvin Reese (Kim), Hazlehurst, Mississippi, and Claude Otis Reese, III (Latoya), Dallas, Texas; two brothers, Carroll Reese (Arlette), Crystal Springs, Mississippi and Lee Allen Reese, Hazlehurst, Mississippi; four sisters, Florine McCoy and Geneva Young, Hazlehurst, Mississippi, Helen Wortham, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Viola Reese, Byram, Mississippi; one brother-in-law, Tillman Washington, Jr., Hazlehurst, Mississippi; two sisters-in-law, Rubye Hardy (AC), Chicago, Illinois, and Yvonne Powell McCollum, Hazlehurst, Mississippi; 11 grandchildren, LaDeidre, Aston, Kindle, Shardae, Shauntae, Alex, Julius, Amara, Alan, Shane and Toni; 14 great grandchildren, Parker, Maelyn, Major, John, Saniya, Samariah, Jacavious, DeKayvius, Kingspon, Alex Jr., Tristan, Xavier, Madison, and Shana; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.



"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way." Psalm 37:23

The Order of Worship

Pamela Singleton Sandifer, Mistress of Ceremonies



Prelude..... *Musicians*

Processional..... *Clergy and Family*

Selection *Choir*
Brother Luther Gordon

The Reading of the Holy Scriptures
Old and New Testaments *Deacon Charles Jenkins*

Prayer..... *Elder Eric Foster*
Pastor, Hall's Hill Missionary Baptist Church

Words of Encouragement *Reverend Herbert Gustavis*
Pastor, Miller Springs M.B. Church
Utica, Mississippi

Reflections (Two Minutes) *Family and Friends*

Acknowledgments *Sister Vicky Singleton Collins*

Obituary (Read Silently) *Soft Music*

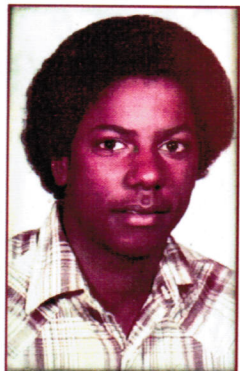
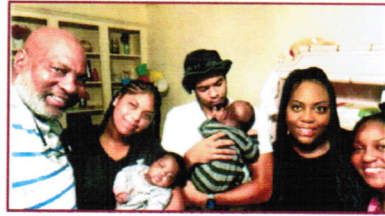
Solo *Sister Inez Jenkins*

Eulogy..... *Reverend Jesse Taylor*
Pastor, New Lillie Mae M.B. Church
Georgetown, Mississippi

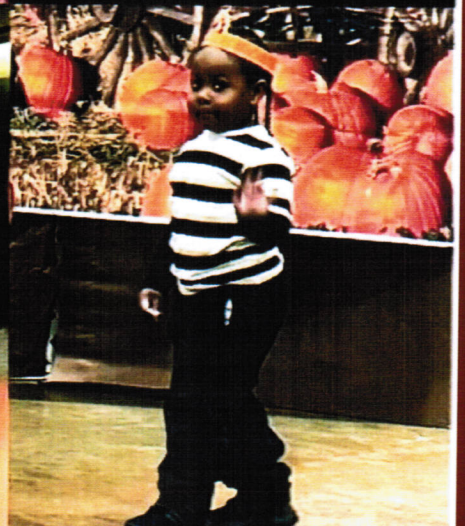
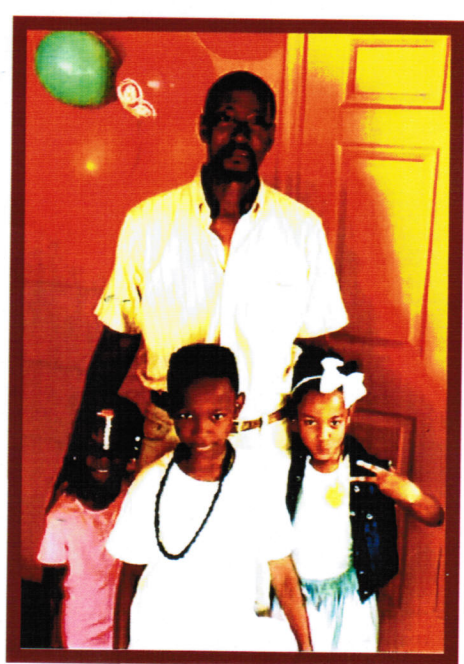
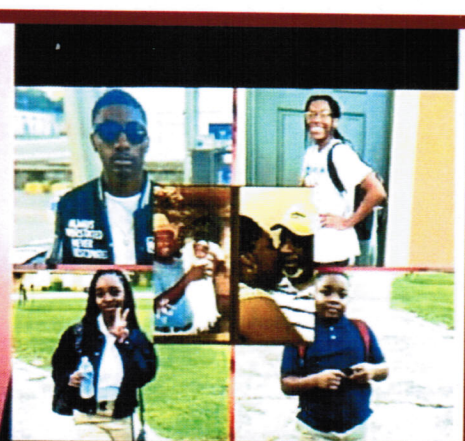
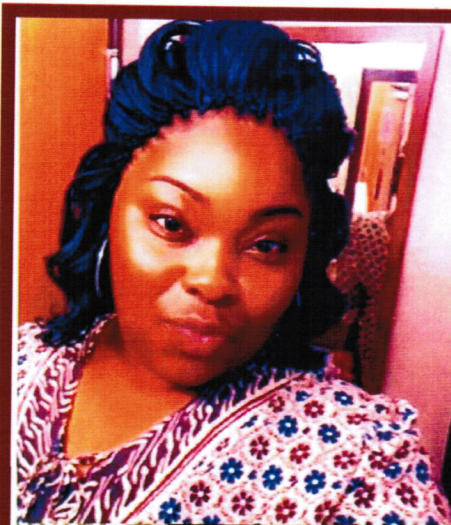
Recessional..... *Funeral Directors in Charge*



Our Precious Memories



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Acknowledgements

The family of Claude Otis Reese, Jr., acknowledges with sincere appreciation your prayers, support, calls, visits and other expression of sympathy. May God bless each and every one of you. Special thanks and recognition to caregivers Kim Reese, Bobbie Johnson and Joe Johnson. We appreciate your prayers during our bereavement. The family also wishes to thank the staff of House of Peoples Funeral Home.

Honorary Pallbearers

Carroll Reese
Lee Allen Reese, Sr.
Robert Evans
Joe Johnson
LaMarcus Young

James Milton Singleton
Robert Singleton
Paul L. Singleton
Leonard Henley
Tora Pruitt

Willie Dickey

Active Pallbearers

Lee Allen Reese, Jr.
Andre' McCoy
Demoyne McCoy

Cortney Bolden
Alex Reese
Julius J. Reese

Flower Bearers

Church Members and Friends

Interment

Mt. Hope Cemetery
Old Port Gibson Road
Hazlehurst, Mississippi

Repast

Hall's Hill Missionary Baptist Church
6175 Old Port Gibson Road
Hazlehurst, Mississippi

Services Entrusted to: House of Peoples Funeral Home

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Hazlehurst, Mississippi 39083
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