

IN MEMORY OF



**ROYEST JOE
EFON GUSTAVIS, SR.**
1947 - 2024

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2024 | 11:00 A.M.

ANTIOCH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
13146 HWY 51 SOUTH, HAZLEHURST, MS 39083

OBITUARY

Royest Joe Efon Gustavis, Sr. better known as Joe, was born April 29, 1947, to the parents of James Lee & Johnnie Gustavis. Joe was best known for his tenacious work effort and being a man of many talents. He is a decorated veteran of the United States Army. Joe served as a sharpshooter and was awarded a Purple Heart for being shot in combat during the Vietnam War.

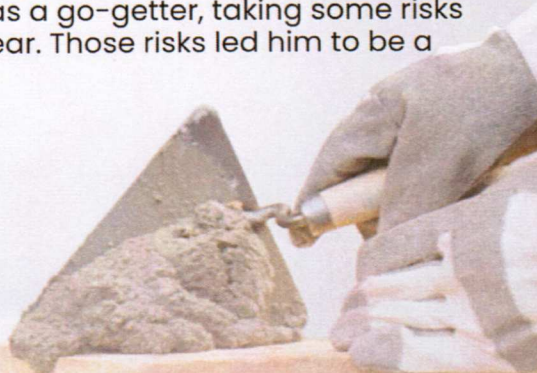
He married Annie Ruth Franklin on June 27, 1970, and to this union, three children were born.

Joe touched many lives and portions of his legacy are visible through his masonry work. A few of the buildings where his craft is visible are Tougaloo College; Sonny (G.V.) Veteran's Administration Radiation, Crystal Springs Kindergarten, Capitol Police, and Jackson State Walter Payton Assembly Center. Joe served as a trustee at Hall Hill Baptist church.

Being from a family of colorful storytellers, there are many of Joe's words that will live on, such as: If you hear of me and a bear fighting, you better check on the bear. He was always on the move, wanting to maximize every waking hour. If he was still, a nap was likely to follow. Joe opened his home or space to others for gatherings to enjoy some type of wild game or other home-cooked soul food. Never at a loss for a project that needed to be worked on. Joe's household would not go without food, he saw to that by his love of deer hunting, cooking, and gardening. A man passionate about achieving his goals, some would say he was a go-getter, taking some risks that would cause others to pause due to fear. Those risks led him to be a successful businessman.

Preceding him in death were brothers: James Lee, Johnny(Tony), Armette Gustavis; Sisters, Theresa, Fannie, Delois, Nina.

Joe departed his earthly journey on May 27, 2024. He is survived by his wife Annie Ruth Gustavis and by children Verchele (Johnathan) Wiggins Roberts, Royest Joe Efon Gustavis Jr., Rolanda Fleming, and Rosalyn Williams; Grandchildren, Timmia Williams, Timothy Williams, Skylar Gustavis, Jada Fleming, Royest Catchings, and Adaja Bryant; Siblings, Floree Nash, Cheryl Robinson, Herbert Gustavis, Ray Gustavis, Stanley Gustavis, Major Gustavis.



ORDER OF SERVICE

*Psalm 27:1 The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life- whom shall I be afraid.*

Processional..... Clergy & Family

MILITARY HONORS SERVICE

Selection.....Choir

The Reading of the Holy Scriptures

Old Testament.....Rev. Jermey Longino
New Zion Baptist Church, Fayette, MS

New Testament.....Rev. Victor Willis
Hazlehurst United Methodist Church, Hazlehurst, MS

Prayers of Encouragement.....Rev. Victor Willis

Song.....Choir

Expressions or Tribute.....Anyone
(Limit 2 minutes)

Acknowledgement and Resolutions Cynthia Scott

Obituary(Read Silently)

Solo.....Jamey Jenkins

The Message..... Rev. Herbert Gustavis
Miller Springs Missionary Batist Church, Utica, MS

Recessional.....Funeral Directors in Charge

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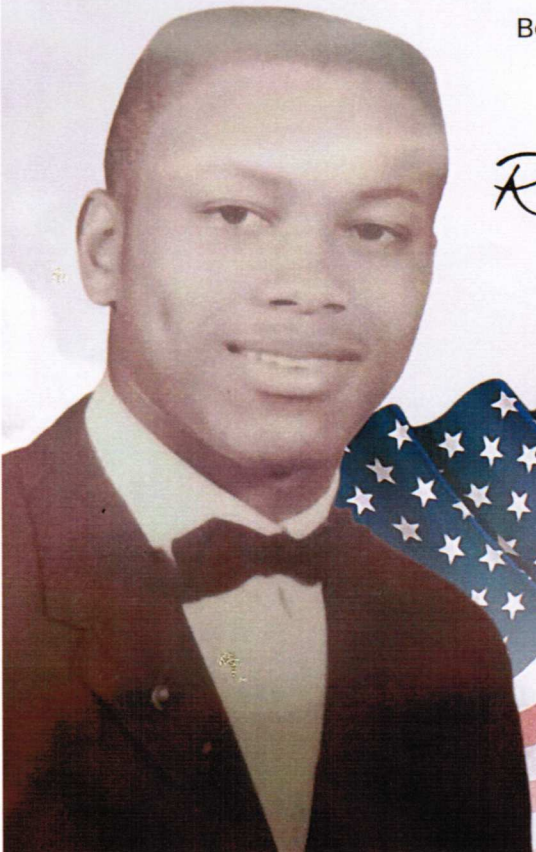
To our Superman -

We knew you to be physically strong, clever, and kind. Your unusual kitchen creations were surprisingly delicious at times. A hero who was willing to try new things, but knew to stay the course on others.

A piece of our hearts walked out the door with you the day you left this earth. "Superman's death taught us that heroes aren't invincible but their spirit can never be defeated. You made your mark on this world and you will always live on in us.

Be Sweet! We love you!

Rosalyn, Rolanda, Royest, and Verchele



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Your Life Spoke-

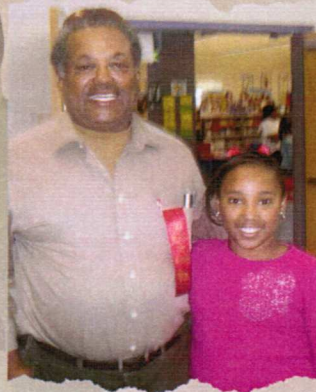
Grandpa, your life spoke volumes
each and every day
You used your actions
to show us the right way.

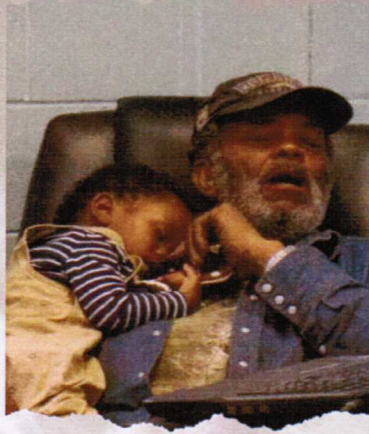
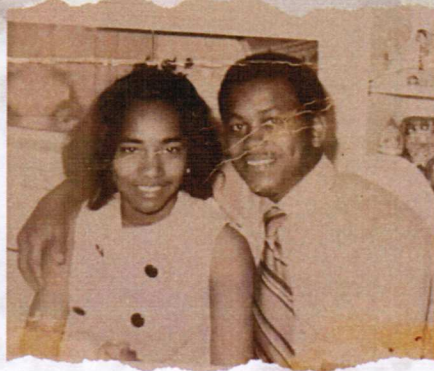
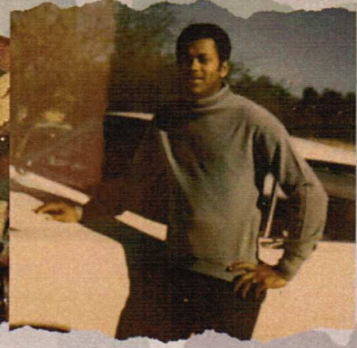
You made each moment count
no matter when or where
Inspiring others to work hard
to have integrity to care.

Words can't express how much
we miss life without you
But we thank you for the gift
of inspiration from life so true.

Love Your Grandchildren







I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store me the crown of righteousness, which the lord, the righteous judge will award to me on that day and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing 2 Timothy 4: 7-8

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The family of Royest Joe Efon Gustavis Sr. acknowledges with sincere appreciation your prayers, support, calls, visits, and other expressions of sympathy. May God bless each one of you. Special thanks to People's Funeral Home, Hall Hill Missionary Baptist Church family, Rev. Martin Washington, and Glenda Wilbert and her staff. We ask that you keep us in your thoughts and prayers...May God Bless each of you.

PALLBEARERS

*Alvin Reese, Andre Watson, Earl McMillian Jr.,
Frank Wright, Lee Roger, Wayne Brister*

FLOWER BEARERS

Nieces, Church Family, and Friends

INTERMENT

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