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### George J. Faison

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### Honorary Pallbearers

Ministers and Deacons

### Active Pallbearers

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

### Flowerbearers

Minister's Wives and Widows, Tremont Temple Ushers

### I AM FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard him call,  
I turned by back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way.  
I found that peace at the close of day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh yes, these things, I too, will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow.  
I wish you the sunshine tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I've savored much.  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all to brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief;  
Lift you heart and share with me.  
God wanted me now; HE SET ME FREE!

### Acknowledgements

We, the family of the late Rev. George J. Faison have been truly blessed and our hearts humbled by your love and support shown during our time of bereavement. We are ever so grateful for the many calls, visits, cards, flowers and gifts of love. We pray that God will richly bless each and everyone of you.

Special thanks to Dr. M.A. Masroor and his staff, Memorial Health University Center, Vista Care, Williams and Williams Funeral Home, Savannah Minister's Alliances and Lester's Florist.

# Celebrating the Homegoing Of Rev. George J. Faison



**Monday, September 23, 2002  
11:00 A.M.**

**Tremont Temple Baptist Church  
1110 Martin Luther King, Blvd.  
Savannah, Georgia 31415**

**Rev. Ricky Bready, Sr., Pastor  
Rev. Bennie R. Mitchell, Jr., Presiding**

Arrangements By  
Williams and Williams Funeral Home  
1012 E. Gwinnett Street  
Savannah, Georgia 31401

## Chronology

1931 Born: January 17<sup>th</sup>. Savannah, Georgia  
The youngest of twins born to George and Corrie Bailey Faison

1937 Education began: Florence Street Elementary School

1940 Cuyler Junior High School

1944 Alfred E. Beach High School

1949 Savannah State College, one year

1952 April: joined Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity

1952 Entered the United States Air Force

1955 June: received Honorable discharge from Air Force

1955 August 6<sup>th</sup>: united in holy matrimony to the former Elfleata Gaskin Faison

1955 September: returned to Savannah State College to further his education

1956 Employed with the U.S. Post Office as a Mail Clerk

1957 Graduated Savannah State College, B.S. degree in Language and Literature

1957 Listed in Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities

1962 Superintendent: Tremont Temple Baptist Church Sunday School

1964 Supervisor: U.S. Post Office, Wright Square

1967 Deacon: Tremont Temple Baptist Church

1973 Called to the pastorate of Tremont Temple Baptist Church

1974 February 17: Installed as pastor of Tremont Temple Baptist Church

1974-2002 He baptized, counseled and blessed numerous babies  
Married: 370  
Eulogized: 565

2000 July 31: retired as Pastor of Tremont Temple Baptist Church  
Named Pastor Emeritus of Tremont Temple Baptist Church

2002 September 19<sup>th</sup>: ENTERED ETERNAL REST

### SURVIVORS

Loving Wife: Mrs. Elfleata Gaskin Faison

Son: Mr. George J. Faison, III, Atlanta, Georgia

Daughter In-Law: Mrs. Willette C. Faison, Atlanta, Georgia

Granddaughter: Chante' Nicole Faison, Atlanta, Georgia

Grandson: Jason Maynor, Savannah, Georgia

Sisters-in-law: Mrs. Clyde H. Faison, Savannah, GA.  
Mrs. LaRue Stephens, Valdosta, GA.  
Mrs. Mildred Jackson, Tennille, GA.

Brothers-in-law: Mr. Jimmy Stephens, Valdosta, GA.  
Mr. Ira Jackson, Tennille, GA.

Nieces: Mrs. Janine Jackson, Severn, MD.  
Ms. Sandra F. Onyeka, Savannah

Nephews-in-law: Mr. Alaric Jackson, Severn, MD  
Mr. David Johnson, Atlanta, GA.

Grand Nieces: Miss Kai Jackson, Severn, MD  
Miss Andrea Jackson, Severn, MD  
Miss Bria Jackson, Severn, MD  
Miss Breian Brockington

Godchild: Tarsha Jackson, Covington, GA

Grand Nephews: Master Carl Onyeka, Sav. GA.  
Master A.J. Jackson, Severn, MD  
Master Dashan Johnson, Atl. GA.  
Mr. Brandon Brockington, Atl. GA.

Very dear and special cousins: Mr. & Mrs. Algene Bailey, NH  
Mr. & Mrs. Verdell Mincey, GA  
Mrs. Lillie B. Smith, Savannah, GA  
Mrs. Evelina Pugh, Savannah, GA  
Mrs. Fannie L. Bailey, Statesboro, GA  
Rev. Lexie E. Aiken, Savannah, GA

Very dear friend and confidant:

Very dear and special people: Pastor Ricky Bready, the official staff and members of Tremont Temple Baptist Church, numerous relatives and friends.

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

## Order Of Service

Musical Prelude..... Mrs. Mary Hendrix  
Mr. Edward Mines

Pre-Service Music (Medley of Songs) ..... Tremont Temple Combined Choirs

Processional

Call to Worship..... Rev. Bennie R. Mitchell, Jr.

Invocation..... Rev. Matthew S. Brown

Selection..... Williams and Williams Choir

Scriptures:  
Old Testament..... Elder W. Ferrell  
New Testament..... Rev. Johnny Powers

Prayer..... Rev. Brian Butler

Hymn ..... Tremont Temple Combined Choirs  
"Amazing Grace"

Tributes (3 minutes please)

As a Deacon..... Deacon J.T. Smith  
Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance..... Rev. Thurmond Tillman  
Baptist Ministers Union..... Rev. Herman Woods

As a Friend..... Rev. Lexie Aiken  
GMBC of GA. /Berean Association..... Rev. Matthew S. Brown  
GMBC of GA. /First District..... Rev. Sinclair Thorne  
Family..... Mr. Algene Bailey

Solo..... Mr. Lonnie Moore  
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Resolution..... Mrs. Carolyn Scott  
Solo..... Ms. Elosie Dudley  
"I Won't Complain"

Silent Reading of "CHRONOLOGY"..... Soft Music  
Selection..... Tremont Temple Combined Choirs  
"How Great Thou Art"

Eulogy..... Rev. Ricky Bready

Recessional..... Tremont Temple Combined Choirs

Interment  
Hillcrest Abbey East Cemetery