

HONORING
SPC *Derrick Renard Waters, Sr.*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional.....led by Bishop Melvin McCluster

Last Glance | Final Sealing

Hymn.....Deacon Robert Jackson

Prayer of Comfort.....Mr. Jacob Battle

Scriptures.....Mr. Jacob Battle

Poem.....Ms. Madeline Burns
Niece

Remarks from His Coworker ~ *limit 2 minutes*
Sgt. Christopher Young | Sumter County Correctional Institute
Officer Marion Jackson | Macon State Prison
Richard Moses | Army National Guard

Expressions and Reflections ~ *limit 2 minutes*
Open to Friends and Classmates

Special Tribute to Derrick’s Life | Clayton Henry Burns
A “Shout Out” to Big ‘D’ | Otis Lee Floyd, Sr.

Solo.....Sgt. Latoya Pope

Words of Comfort.....Bishop Melvin McCluster
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

Committal Prayer.....Bishop McCluster

Acknowledgements and
Presentation of the
Heirloom Family Bible.....Barnum Staff

Benediction.....Bishop McCluster

Recessional

Please turn all cell phones and electronic devices off
or to silent mode during the service. Thank you.

EARTHLY PLACE OF REST
Staley Memorial Gardens
N. Mayo Street | Americus, GA 31719

MILITARY HONORS
Taps and Flag Presentation



Day is done. Gone is the sun...
from the lake, from the hill, from the sky.
All is well. Safely rest. God is nigh.
Thanks and praise for our days...
beneath the sun, beneath the stars, beneath the sky.
As we go, this we know, God is nigh.

*Until we meet again,
may God keep you in the palm of His hand.*
DERRICK “BIG D” RENARD WATERS, SR.
1976 ~ 2020

Acknowledgements

We, the family of the late SPC Derrick Renard Waters, Sr., wish to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude for the many acts of kindness shown during the passing of our beloved husband, father, brother and uncle. Your presence and prayerful support gives us strength to face the many days ahead. We are forever grateful for all the love and support shown to us. May God bless each of you.

The Family

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE

In Loving Memory of

SPECIALIST

Derrick Renard Waters, Sr.

August 9, 1976

October 14, 2020

I will be near, and if you listen with your heart, you'll hear all my love around you soft and clear. ~ "Big D"

SERVICE

Friday, October 23, 2020 | 2:00 p.m.

From the Grounds of Old Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

407 Cotton Avenue and Wheeler Street | Americus, GA 31709

OFFICIANT

Bishop Melvin McCluster

Pastor | Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

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OBITUARY

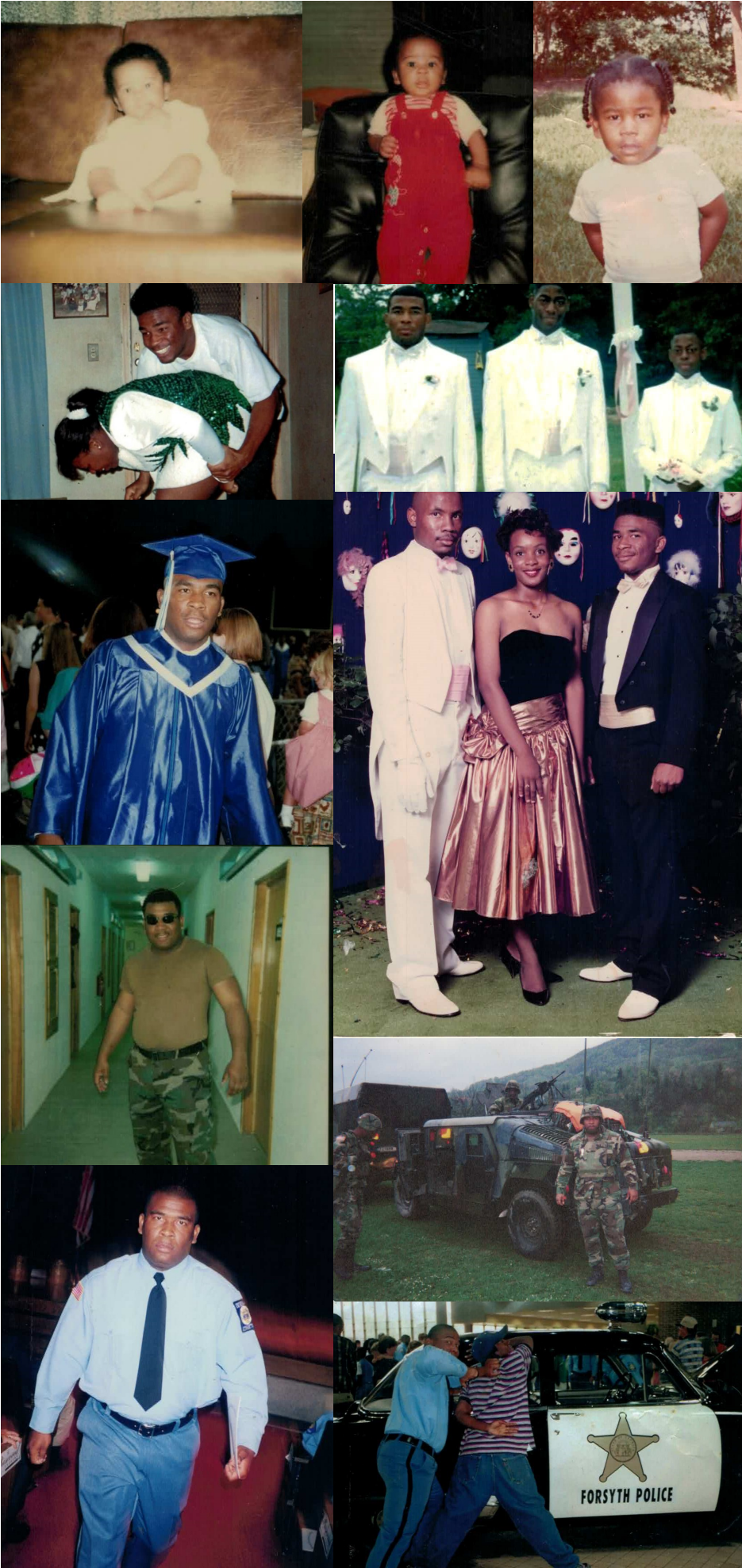
DERRICK RENARD WATERS was born on Monday, August 9, 1976, at Sumter Regional Hospital in Americus, Georgia. He is the son of his loving mother, Lorene Floyd and his loving dad, Otha Lee Floyd, Sr. of Americus, Georgia. Derrick was educated in the public schools of Sumter County and graduated from Americus High School in 1994. He attended Georgia Southwestern State University, pursuing a degree in mathematics. At the age of 18, he enlisted in the Army National Guard and the Reserve Armed Forces of the United States. Derrick served twelve years and achieved the rank of Specialist. During his enlistment, he received many awards and accommodations, including the Army Achievement Medal, served as a member of the 48th Infantry Brigade and Task Force Lightning, and was deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina as a member of Operation Joint Force. He also received the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Medal for Service with NATO on Operations in Relation to the former Yugoslavia. Derrick was employed as a correctional officer for the State of Georgia for over 20 years; he worked at Macon State Prison and most recently, as a Corporal at the Sumter County Correctional Institute.

As a young adult, Derrick and his family joined New Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Tommy Jordan. He was always interested in biblical studies and was told by many that he was going to be a preacher. Derrick could often review and explain a sermon with simple accuracy, and he always had challenging questions and exceptional answers for any topic during the family's home Bible Study sessions. Derrick was a support system for his family, his friends and his co-workers. He was a serious-minded person, but he could be humorous at times. Derrick was a quiet person who was seldom angered. He was easy to talk to because he was always willing to listen. He had a charismatic character and was always willing to help anyone in need. Derrick is sincerely loved, and he will be deeply missed by all whose lives he touched.

On October 14, 2020, at Phoebe North in Albany, Georgia, Derrick Renard Waters, Sr. moved Upstairs to his Heavenly Father's Kingdom.

Derrick is preceded in death by a sister, Debbie Cherelle Waters and a brother, Victor Prevatt Boyton.

In addition to his parents, he leaves behind to cherish his memories: a loving wife, Tracy Ann Waters; one son, Derrick Renard Waters, Jr.; two daughters, Tykeiah Nicole Waters and D'India Angel Waters, all of Americus, GA; his father, Bobby (Marilyn) Waters, Americus, GA; three brothers: Clayborn Boyton III, Clayton Henry (Aletha) Burns and Otis Lee (Ashley) Floyd, Sr., all of Americus, GA; four sisters: Christina Celeste (James) Garry, Americus, GA; Ardath Ann Milledge, Warner Robins, GA; LaKeisha Waters of Florida and Thedus Edmonds of Hawaii; three uncles: Thomas E.D. Burns, Los Angeles, CA; Donnie Waters, Jacksonville, FL and Eddie Waters of New Jersey; seven aunts: Georgia Mae Willis, Haines City, FL; Alice (James) Boykin, Springfield, IL; Dianne Matthews, Americus, GA; Delores (Dennis) Pace, Panama City, FL; Beatrice Walker, Teresa (Richard) Edwards and Frances Clark, all of Americus, GA; a host of nephews, including cherished nephews: Caleb Lance Milledge, Cornelius Lewis and Broderick Waters; a host of nieces, including cherished nieces: Sgt. Latoya Pope, Madeline Burns and Olivia Floyd; a devoted friend from his Army National Guard Unit Echol 1st-19th Infantry 4th Platoon, Richard Moses; a devoted friend from Macon State Prison, Marion Jackson; and all of his co-workers at Sumter County Correctional Institute.



“Derrick’s LAST REQUEST”
For those whom I Love and those who Love Me

*When I am gone, release me, let me go.
I have so many things to see and do.
You mustn’t tie yourself to me with too many tears,
but be thankful we had so many good years.
I gave you my love, and you can only guess
how much you’ve given me in happiness.
I thank you for your love that you have shown,
but now it is time I traveled alone.*

*So, grieve for me a while, if grieve you must.
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It is only for a while that we must part,
so treasure the memories within your heart.*

*I won’t be far away for life goes on,
and if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can’t see or touch me,
I will be near, and if you listen with your heart,
you’ll hear all my love around you soft and clear.*

*And then, when you come this way alone,
I’ll greet you with a smile
and a “Welcome Home”.*

Love Always,
Derrick

