

JOSEPH LEE FRENCH, SR.  
"Joe Lee" | 1950 - 2023

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional led by Rev. Dr. Timothy French  
and Pulpit Guests

*Last Glance and Final Sealing*

Hymn *Appointee*

Prayer *Appointee*

Scripture  
Old Testament Rev. Ricky Cladd  
Jerusalem Grove Baptist Church

New Testament Rev. Dr. Timothy French or Appointee

Reflections *limit 2 minutes*  
Open to Friends

Solo Ms. Layanda Davis

Eulogy Rev. Dr. Timothy French  
Beulah Baptist Church | Macon, GA

Acknowledgements and  
Presentation of the  
Family Bible Barnum Staff

RECESSIONAL

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

*You left a beautiful memory.*  
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*Earthly Place of Rest*  
Jerusalem Grove Church Cemetery  
211 Rhodes Street, Smithville, GA 31787

*Pallbearers*  
**Friends of the Family**  
*Flower Attendants*  
**Friends of the Family**

*Our Sincere Thanks*

We are extremely grateful to you for all expressions of love, words of encouragement, services rendered beyond the call of duty and the joy you've shared to enlighten us during our time of bereavement.

THE FAMILY

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO:  
**Barnum Funeral Home, Inc.**  
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CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

**JOSEPH**

*Lee French, Sr.*

Sunrise: March 13, 1950  
Sunset: January 28, 2023



"JOE LEE"

*Home Going Service*

Saturday, February 4, 2023  
2:30 p.m.

**Lebanon Baptist Church**  
403 Bottsford Road  
Plains, Georgia 31780

*Eulogist*

**Rev. Dr. Timothy French**  
Beulah Baptist Church | Macon, GA



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## OBITUARY

**Mr. Joseph Lee French** was born in Smithville, Lee County, Georgia on March 13, 1950, to the parentage of the late Mr. Ruben French, Sr. and the late Mrs. Willie Pearl Floyd French. He received his education from the Lee County Training School. At an early age, he joined the Jerusalem Grove Baptist Church, under the leadership of the late Rev. M. C. Jenkins. He was employed for over 37 years with Cooper Lighting. He is preceded in death by a son, Anthony West and a daughter, Angela Thornton; three sisters: Dorine French Reagon, Rosa Majors and Shuyrine Johnson and two brothers: George Edward French and Elijah French, Sr.

“Joe Lee”, as he was affectionately called, loved his garden, and would open it for everyone to enjoy. He had a heart of gold and was a #1 DAD.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his fiancé, Ms. Natashi Thomas, Americus, GA; his son, Mr. Joseph French, Jr. and fiancé, Monique Pickett, Americus, GA; his daughter, Ms. Belinda (Johnny) Anderson, Atlanta, GA; four brothers: Mr. Willie (Lisa) French, Parrot, GA; Mr. Dewy Johnson, Mr. Archie Johnson, both of Albany, GA and his brother and best friend, Mr. Ruben (Cynthia) French, Smithville, GA; ten sisters: Ms. Bobbie Young, Mrs. Annie Ruth (Rody) Minter, Mrs. Ruby (Johnny) Hawkins, a devoted sister, Ms. Brenda French, all of Smithville, GA; Ms. Beverly Walton, Bronwood, GA; Ms. Nellie Harris, Ms. Linda Smith, both of Americus, GA; Mrs. Valerie (Patrick) Hughes, Mrs. TyRhonda (Robert) Tolbert and Mrs. Elaine (Marvin) Mann, all of Warner Robins, GA; three aunts: Ms. Gladys Floyd, Detroit, MI; Ms. Mary French, Smithville, GA and Ms. Rena Floyd, Syracuse, NY; one brother-in-law, Mr. John Reagon, Americus, GA; seventeen grandchildren, nineteen great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, including devoted nephews: Nicholas French, Lamont Clyde and Kelvin French; cousins, other relatives and friends also survive.



## *Farewell*

*Your life is a beautiful memory.*

*Your absence a silent grief.*

*You sleep in God's beautiful garden of sunshine and peace.*

*You left a beautiful memory.*

*A sorrow too great to be told,*

*but to us and friends who loved and lost you,*

*your memory will never grow old.*

*Forever in Our Hearts*

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