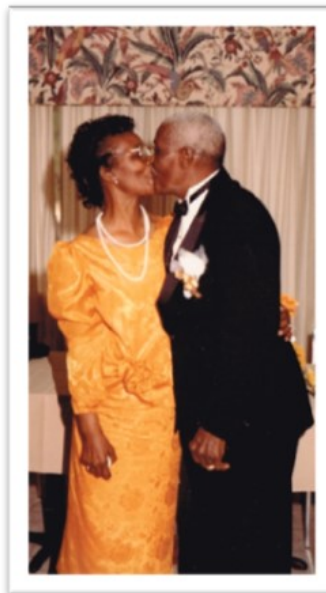


In Our Hearts

We thought of you today.
But that is nothing new.
We thought about you yesterday
and days before that too.
We think of you in silence.
We often speak your name.
Now all we have are memories
and your picture in a frame.
Your memory is our keepsake
with which we'll never part.
God has you in His keeping.
We have you in our hearts.



EARTHLY PLACE OF REST
Staley Memorial Gardens
N. Mayo Street | Americus, GA 31709

PALLBEARERS

Andrew Pless, Jr. | Dexter Furlow, Jr.
Otis Pless, Jr. | Horace Pless, Jr.
George Edward Pless | Sherwood Butts, Jr.

FLOWER ATTENDANTS

Noisy B. Stephens Missionary Society
Healthcare Providers and Friends of the Family

Acknowledgements

Words are inadequate to express the humbleness
and gratefulness we feel towards all friends
who have consoled us during our hour of bereavement.
Your prayers, love, presence and service has sustained us.
Your cards, messages, flowers and gifts of food were warmly appreciated.
We saw all of these as God's love expressed through you.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, the members of our entire family,
THANKYOU very much. May God bless each of you.

~The Pless Family

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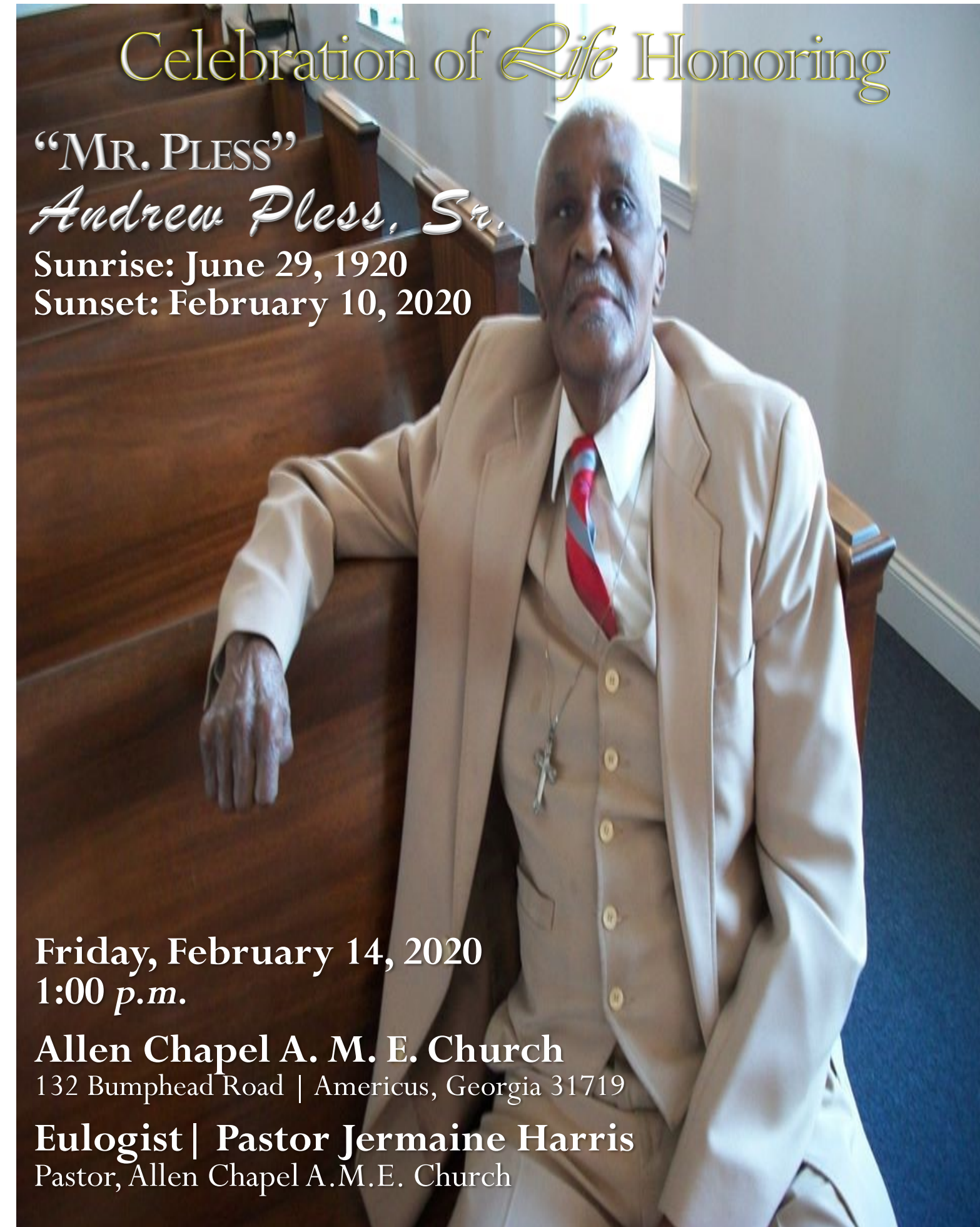
"MR. PLESS"
Andrew Pless, Sr.

Sunrise: June 29, 1920
Sunset: February 10, 2020

Friday, February 14, 2020
1:00 p.m.

Allen Chapel A. M. E. Church
132 Bumphead Road | Americus, Georgia 31719

Eulogist | Pastor Jermaine Harris
Pastor, Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church



OBITUARY

ANDREW PLESS, SR.

Sunrise: June 29, 1920 | Sunset: February 10, 2020

The life he lived speaks at age 99.

Mr. Andrew Pless, who was affectionately known to his family and friends as "Mr. Pless", was born in Buena Vista, Georgia on June 29, 1920, to the parentage of the late Mr. George Pless, Sr. and the late Mrs. Annie Maude Covington Pless and later raised by the late Mrs. Lizzie B. Pless. Andrew and his twin brother, George were the seventh born of nine children. He attended Marion County Rule Schools, where completing an education then only required for the completion of the eighth grade. At an early age, he was taught "faith and integrity were the life to live" (Hebrew 11: 1). He later united with Evans Chapel C.M.E. Church, Preston, GA in the community of Church Hill and was emerged under the water in a creek used for baptism. He united in Holy Matrimony with his "Sweetheart", T.Liller Jones Pless, on January 7, 1939. They were happily married for 78 years until his "Sweetheart's" passing on February 4, 2017 (Romans 7: 2-3). To their union, the Lord blessed them with eight children: five sons and three daughters.

The Andrew Pless, Sr. family relocated to Americus, GA on October 23, 1957, and united with the Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church family. He continued servant-ship in a variety of ministries: Steward, Sunday School Teacher and Church Ward Leader. He received several church Certificates of Appreciation and an Honorary Life Membership from the St. John Masonic Lodge #17. Mr. Pless worked diligently throughout his lifetime as a farmer and a pulpwood technician. He retired from Sumter County Redman Mobile Home Factory, Roundtree Groceries and Harvey's Super Market, all located in Americus, Georgia.

On February 14th, 2020, the body of a pioneer Christian servant and steward— Andrew Pless, Sr. and the last sibling seed of the George Pless, Sr. Family—is laid to rest.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by three sons: Horace Lee Pless, Sr., Arthur C. Pless, Sr. and Otis F. Pless, Sr.; one daughter, Alice M. Pless; two sisters, Annie Laura and Ruby Louise; six brothers: Ralph A., Horace Lee, James Edward, Johnnie, Felton and George, Jr. and two great grandchildren, Briana Nicole Munns and Diamond Pless.

Left to cherish Mr. Pless's sweet memories are his sons, Andrew Pless, Jr. (Geneva Dudley-Pless) and Kelvin W. Pless (Deborah Johnson Pless); a grandson raised like a son, Shernone R. Butts; two daughters, Annie Laura Pless-Munns (Jimmy L. Munns) and Alvetta Pless-Butts; **a devoted caregiver and granddaughter**, Andrea C. Tatum (Benny); **grandchildren:** Horace Lee Pless, Jr. (Vickie Gray-Pless), Shirley D. Pless-Wesley (Melvin Wesley), George Edward Pless (Janice Kitchens-Pless) and Alice M. Burgest (Ulric 'Chico' Burgest), Tara Hawkins, Travis Hawkins, Gary K. Pless (Lovette Pless), Andrew Pless III, Charlotte K. Pless-Johnson (Darin K. Johnson). Gary Pless, Jr., Joshua Pless, Gara Pless-Mike (Nicole Mike), Ambriana Jones, Shalome Pless, Paris Pless, James Pless, Evan K. Pless-Johnson, Gabriel K. Pless-Johnson, Brenda Denise Cooper (Anthony), Sharon Pless, Sherry Tyson (Lawrence), Arthur Pless, Jr., Arlena Pless, Michael Pless, Elizabeth Westbrook, Tabatha R. Munns-Wright, Paterno C. Munns, Jennifer L. Munns-Mastin (Ervin Mastin), Demetria Butts Bridges (Sammie Bridges), Sherwood Butts, Jr. (Mary Butts), Temeshia Butts Edden (Vernon Edden), Shernone Butts, Otis Pless, Jr. (Cynthia Pless) Theresa Threatt (Carl Thrett), Tiffany Camilie Pless, Kevia Wanessa Pless, Channin Thorn, Jacquarian Bichelle 'Jackie' Eagle; **great grandchildren:** Davarus A. Kitchens, Terrance C. Kitchens, Xzavious 'Jakese' Pless, Larry C. Jordan III, Jermaine C. Jordan: Jennifer G. Pless-Gatlin, Latasha L. Pless Hutchins, Tomia B. Wesle, Javin Lewis, Jawarren Lewis, Quatesha Jackson, Tabatha A. Owens, Edward Jarrod Gilmore, Khalil Tabias Munns, Gabrielle Antrina Munns, Zaybrion Christopher Munns-Sheffield, Cierra Pless, Aisha Pless, Jade Pless, Cheyenne Pless, Chione Pless, Morgan Butts, Sherwood Butts III, Vernon Edden III, Lauren Edden, Demetric Jaheim Bridges, Tamea Ayana Hawkins, Bryan Sumlin, Sr., Deborah Simpson, DeAnna Furlow, Dexter Furlow, Jr (Dominique Furlow), Khandiese Cooper, Charles Cooper, Cameron Pless, Quandarius Smith, Keana Hardrick, Marquise Hardrick, II, Lawrence Tyson, Jr., Arlexus Pless, Isaiah Pless, Marquiesha Pless, Artoria Pless, Travis Pless, Arthur Pless, III, Marquis Wimberly, Monisha Wimberly, Jai Pless, Artra'veus Westbrook, Taju Thomas, McKenzie Pless, Isyss Tyson, Azireya Pless, Amari Pless, Jackie Eagle (Jason Eagle), Braydon Evans; **great-great grandchildren:** Shateria Sumlin, Bryan Sumlin, Jr., Cierra Sumlin, David Sumlin, Aiden Washington, Londyn Coley, Ethan Coley, Jordyn Smith, Roman White, Christian Bailey, Malachi Gatlin, Kyra Gatlin, Antwon Hutchins, Jr., Cavius A. Kitchens, Tiyez A. Kitchens, Bryson T. Kitchens, Aedan O. Bush, Trayvion C. Dees, Xayden J. Pless, Xayder J. Pless, Alexiana C. Jordan, Aaliyah Rason Parker, Ariel Eagle, Asher Eagle, Aaron Eagle, Dexter Furlow, Jr., Brece Robinson, I'Lyrica Pless, and Josiah Owens; **and a host of other relatives and friends including** Pastor Jermaine Harris and the Allen Chapel A. M. E. Church Family and his brothers of the St. John Masonic Lodge #17.

To God we Give the Glory!

ORDER OF CELEBRATION
ANDREW PLESS, SR.

Musical PreludeBro. Nile Yearby, Jr.

Processional led by.....Pastor Harris and Pulpit Guests

Final Glance | Final Sealing

Solo.....Sis. Lakeia Taylor

Prayer.....Rev. Lorenzo L. Heard
Greater 2nd Mt. Olive Baptist Church | Albany, GA

Scripture
Old Testament.....Rev. Mathis Wright
New Union Grove Baptist Church

New Testament.....Rev. KeAnthony Brooks
Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church

PoemMrs. Charlotte Kate Pless Johnson

Reflections | limit 2 minutes

As A Healthcare Provider | Mr. Aiden Ellis

As a Church Steward | Bro. Antonio Willis

As a Brother | Deacon Joe Clark

As a Friend | Reverend Norris Harris

As a Family Man | Bro. Sherwood Butts, Jr.

As a Spiritual Leader | Reverend Mathis Wright, Americus-Sumter NAACP President

Solo.....Sis. Dot McCray

Poem.....Ms. Jordyn Smith | Granddaughter

Family Tribute.....Sis. Annie Laura Pless-Munns | Daughter

Solo.....Sis. TiErra Floyd

Eulogy.....Pastor Jermaine Harris

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

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REPAST | Fellowship Hall of Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church