

A Better Place

There's a better place we've never seen
beyond this world we know.

A place only heard of but somebody hopes to go.
It's not on any map, there are no roads to take us there.
But it's a place of perfect peace where hearts are free from care.
And though we understand some may be saddened
when we leave one day, we all will meet again....
that's what we believe.



FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

Deacon Mack Arthur Polk

"Mack" | 1939 - 2026

Earthly Place of Rest | Lebanon Cemetery
Old Plains Highway, Plains, Georgia 31780

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Deacons Ministry | Chairman ~ Deacon Eric D. Bryant

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Sons, Grandsons and Nephews

HONORARY FLOWER ATTENDANTS

Deaconess Ministry

ACTIVE FLOWER ATTENDANTS

Granddaughters and Ushers

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Jesus promised us they who mourned would be comforted. During our hours of bereavement, this promise has been fulfilled by, our kind and loving friends and neighbors. THANK YOU each for coming to help us bear our grief. Your calls, visits, prayers and kindness in acts and deeds during the passing of "Mack" shall never be forgotten. May God Bless each of you.

With Love ~ The Family

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO:

Barnum Funeral Home, Inc.

217 Ashby Street, Americus, Georgia 31709
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Escort Courtesy:

Americus Police Department | Sumter County Sheriff's Office
My Brothers Before Me Motorcycle Club, Americus, GA

Celebrating
THE LIFE OF

"MACK"

"The steps of
a good man are
ordered by the Lord:
and he delighteth
in his way."

Psalm 37:23



Mack DEACON
ARTHUR POLK

ALPHA
August 8, 1939

OMEGA
February 24, 2026



SERVICES: Friday, February 27, 2026 | 2:00 p.m.
Lebanon Missionary Baptist Church
403 Bottsford Road | Plains, Georgia 31780
Words of Encouragement | Retired U. S. Army 1st Sergeant Leonard Ross

Obituary

DEACON MACK ARTHUR POLK

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Mr. Mack Arthur Polk was born on August 8, 1939, in Mt. Dora, Lake County, Florida, to the late Mr. John A. Polk and the late Mrs. Hessie Bell Schley Lewis. He received his education in the public schools of Lake County, Florida.

“Mack,” as he was affectionately called, later moved to New York, where he was employed by the city. He eventually returned to Mt. Dora, Florida, where he worked in the orange groves and with the city’s sanitation department. Years later, he relocated to Americus, Georgia, where he gained employment with Triple A Mobile Home Parts and Services and Redmond Homes, Inc. He later worked as a truck driver with Ratliff and Short Trucking Company, faithfully serving in that role for over 15 years.

He was a faithful member of Lebanon Baptist Church, where he honorably served on the Board of Deacons.

Mack was an avid card and chess player and a devoted sports fan who cheered passionately for all Georgia teams. He especially enjoyed watching the games on his big-screen television. Known for his contagious laugh, Mack had a way of bringing joy into any room — a laugh that could make you smile even when you were upset.

Mack was married to the late Mrs. Freddie Mae Roberts, and to this union five children were born. His son, Gregory A. Polk, preceded him in death.

On July 9, 1978, he married Mrs. Shirley Bryant Polk, and to their union one son was born, Demetry Polk.

In addition to his parents and son, he was preceded in death by three brothers: James “Sonny” Lewis, Charlie Lewis, and Eugene Lewis; and two sisters: Willie Lee Polk and Patricia Lewis.

Left to cherish his loving memories are his devoted wife of 47 years, Mrs. Shirley Polk of Americus, GA; his children, including a bonus son, Mr. Mack A. (Tammie) Polk, Jr., of Columbus, GA; Mr. Reginald (Gladys) Polk, Mr. Demetry Polk, and Mr. Eric (Sulenia) Bryant, all of Americus, GA; two daughters, Mrs. Brenda (Jeff) Hall of Americus, GA and Ms. Stephanie E. Polk of Plains, GA; his sisters, Ms. Johnnie Miller and Ms. Miriam Franklin, both of Plains, GA; Mrs. Larnetta Mason and Ms. Sybie Johnson, both of Orlando, FL; his brothers, Mr. Jimmy Bridley and Mr. Britt Johnson, both of Orlando, FL; his mother-in-law, Ms. Nathelma Bryant of Plains, GA; his daughter-in-law, Ms. Jacqueline W. Polk of Americus, GA; two sisters-in-law, Ms. Shantel Worthy, and friend, Ricky Darby of Plains, GA and Ms. Gloria Jones of Bloomfield, CT; two brothers-in-law, Mr. Nathaniel Bryant of Plains, GA and Rev. Curtis (Yvonne) Iverson of Americus, GA; his cherished grandchildren: Kandis, Reneka, Gregory, Kerry, Brittany (Krerre), Brandon M., Raven, Tracey, Oceaunna, Tiran, DJ, Chris, Eric, Jr., Harrison, Haleigh, Mack Polk, III, Zerrick, and Damon; his beloved great-grandchildren: Quarteisha (Montavious), Anisha, Tintalana, Ze’Kayla, Markarius, Ze’Asia, Zeniya, Zerrick, Jr., Emily, Kinsley, Jordan, Lauren, Dekayla, Gregory III, Malik, Trezare, Tylar, B’Anca, Brandon, Brayshon, Affinity, BreAsia, Jordan, and Taylor; nine great-great-grandchildren: Jaiden, Aurielle, Kaison, Amarri, Jayee, Kalani, Kaiden, Adrian, and Bryson; his godson, Mr. Emory Mack of Inglewood, CA; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends, including devoted cousins and a friend: Henry Polk of Plains, GA; JoAnn Cox of Plant City, GA; Ricky (Denise) Polk of Tampa, FL; and Leonard Ross of Satellite Beach, FL and Charles Johnson.

Mack’s life was a testament to faith, family, hard work, and joy. His legacy of laughter, love, and devotion will forever remain in the hearts of all who knew him.

Processional.....led by Pastor Elect Wallace Jordan, III
 Reverend Kevin Davis and Pulpit Guests

Last Glance and Final Sealing

Hymn.....Reverend Curtis Iverson
Daniel Grove Baptist Church

Prayer.....Reverend Leon Williams
Fairview C. M. E. Church | Fort Valley, GA

Scripture
 Old Testament.....Reverend Shirley Strawter
Saint John and Saint Mark A. M. E. Churches

New Testament.....Reverend Kevin Davis
Master’s House Baptist Church | Dawson, GA

Selection.....Kimberly Worthy and Christopher Thomas

Words of Comfort
 Reverend Ricky Polk | *Bethel A. M. E. Church | Tampa, FL*

Church Resolution.....Dr. Courtney Ross

Selection.....Shantel Worthy and Kimberly Worthy

Words of Encouragement
 Retired U.S. Army 1st Sergeant Leonard Ross | *Satellite Beach, FL*

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

RECESSIONAL

Committal Services
Prayer and Committal | Rev. George F. Monts, Jr.
Whole Truth International Ministries, Inc.

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

REPAST | Fellowship Hall of Lebanon Baptist Church

Order of Service
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