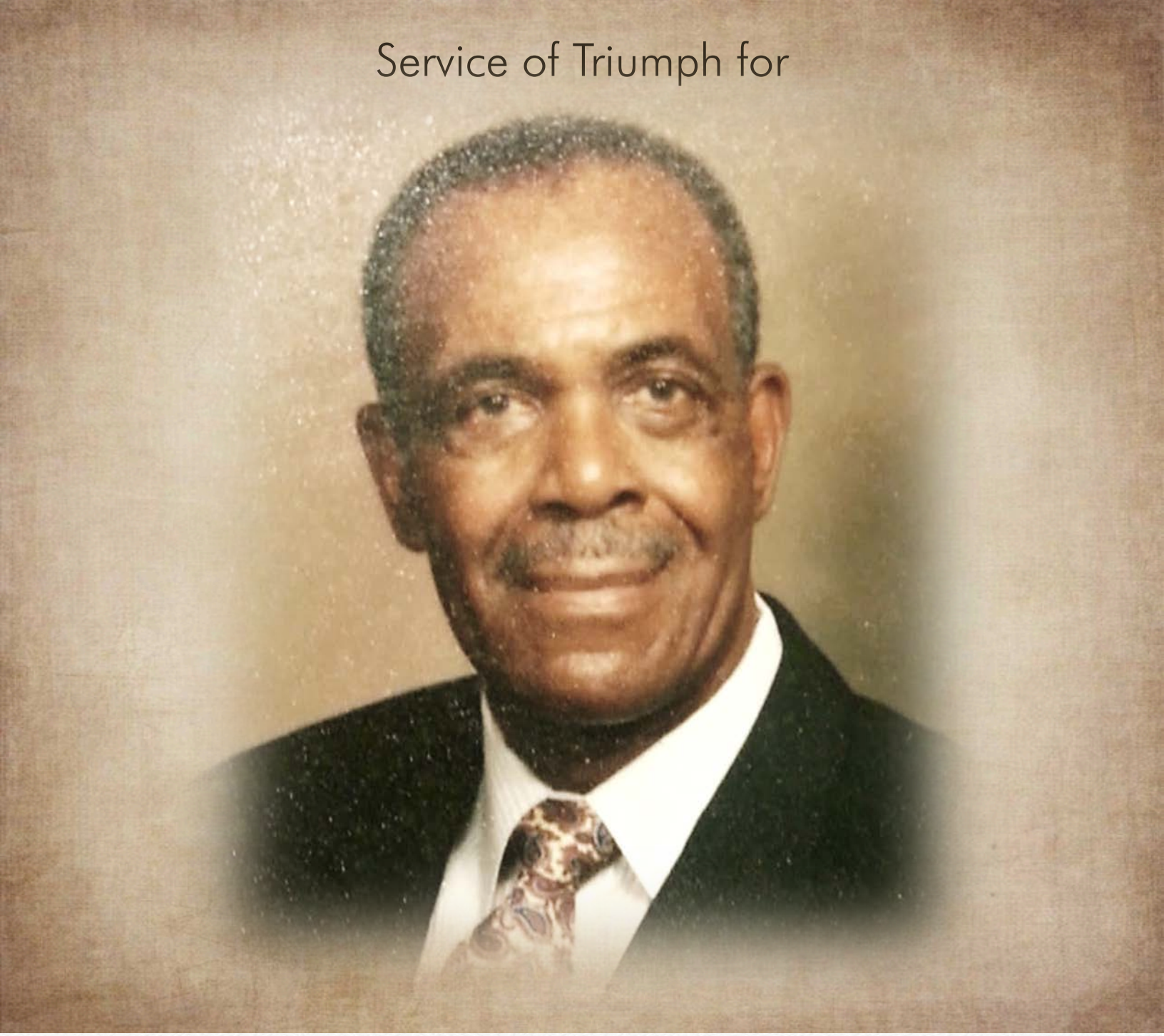
Service of Triumph for



Isaac L. Pitts

Sunrise — Sunset

August 16, 1936 - January 23, 2022

SERVICE of TRIUMPH
Friday, February 25, 2022
10:00 A.M. – Visitation
11:00 A.M. – Service

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH
1500 Ninth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001-3318
Rev. Wallace Charles Smith, DMin., Senior Minister
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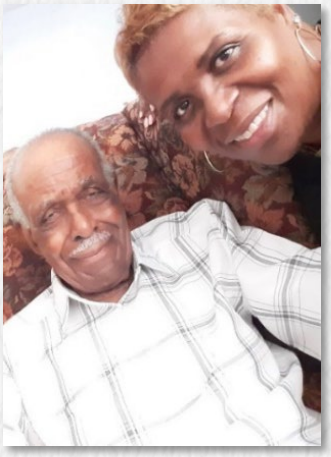
The Obituary

ISAAC LAFAYETTE PITTS was born August 16, 1936, in Madison, Arkansas, St. Francis County. He was the seventh of fourteen children born to the Reverend George W. Pitts and Sallie M. Pitts. Isaac, lovingly known as "Ike", accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age and joined Madison Light Missionary Baptist Church.

A bright and gifted student, Ike graduated from Lincoln High School in Forrest City and was admitted to Arkansas State University (formerly Arkansas AM&N College). After three years of study, Ike's education was interrupted in 1959 when he was drafted into the United States Army. After serving his tour of duty, Ike married his college sweetheart, Anne Robertson, on December 30, 1961, while she was a student in Arkansas. To this union, one daughter, Terri Michelle, was born. Ike eventually followed his brothers, Lemuel, Charles, and Theo to Chicago. While in Chicago, he worked for Sherwin Williams and Delta Airlines before relocating to Washington, DC. With the help of his siblings, Wilma, Elna, Theo and Janice, whom he dubbed his "road dawgs," Ike quickly established himself as a Washingtonian. He worked with Theo at TOPS LLC until he became employed at JBG Smith, Inc., where he retired at the age of 84 after 35 years of service.

In 1988, Ike met Emma ("Sue") Haythe with whom he developed a loving relationship. He also developed close relationships with Sue's children and grandchildren. In 1989, Ike joined Shiloh Baptist Church of Washington, DC, where he was an active member of Helping Hands Circle for 32 years. A true philanthropist, Ike generously gave of his time and personal offerings in support of others and made substantial contributions to charitable organizations.

Also affectionately known as "The Big Fella," Ike was a gentle giant, known for his stylish clothes, willing spirit, and genuine nature. Not very bothered by things, he was always cool, calm and collected. Ike was a man of few words, though he often shared sage advice and sound counsel. He was also a man of many talents; he had a beautiful singing voice, an affinity for completing challenging crossword puzzles and amazing culinary skills.



On January 23, 2022, Ike left his earthly home to live in a home eternal in the heavens. He was preceded in death by his parents, Rev. George W. and Sallie M. Pitts; sisters, Charlie P. Luckey, Erma P. Whitaker, Wilma P. Delaney, and Elna P. Shannon; brothers, George W. Pitts, Jr., Lemuel D. Pitts, Charles K. Pitts, Theo O. Pitts, and James W. Pitts. Left to cherish his memories are his daughter, Terri P. Pope; grandchildren, Kenneth J. Pope and Kimberly A. M. Pope; great-granddaughter, Kenna J. Pope; former spouse, Anne R. Pitts (Chicago, IL); brothers, Melvin Pitts (El Sobrante, CA), Malvin (Gloria) Pitts and Leodis (Lula) Pitts (Forrest City, AR); sister, Janice P. (Marshall) Smith (Fort Washington, MD); beloved friend, Emma S. Haythe and her children, Shirley (Chunie, Sr.) Bharath and Terry Linda Jenkins; grandchildren, Chunie Bharath II, Tiffany Jenkins, Terrice Jenkins; and great-granddaughter, Talia Jenkins (Capitol Heights, MD); adopted son, Willie Blunt (Lanham, MD), and a host nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

The Order of Service

Musical Prelude
Procession of Clergy and Church Officials..... "We're Marching to Zion "

Call to Worship and Invocation

Hymn of Adoration ..... "Blessed Assurance"

Scripture Readings..... Rev. George E. Mensah, Sr.

Old Testament: Psalm 46:1-7
New Testament: 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Prayer of Consolation ..... Rev. W. Clyde Pearson, Pastor
Hillcrest Baptist Church, Temple Hills, MD

"It Is Well with My Soul"

Musical Selection.....Eric V. Pitts
"My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord" (Douglas Miller)

Acknowledgements..... Sharon Parker

Tributes .....Helping Hand Circle, Deacon Ronald L. Felton
Terri M. Pope, daughter

Musical Tribute....."You Raise Me Up" (Josh Groban), Eric V. Pitts

Silent Reading of Obituary

Hymn of Meditation ..... "His Eye is on the Sparrow"

Eulogy .....Rev. Dr. Wallace Charles Smith

Benediction

Recessional .....Oh, I Want to See Him"
Musical Postlude

Music by
THE MUSIC MINISTRY
Evelyn Simpson-Curenton, Accompanist

Interment
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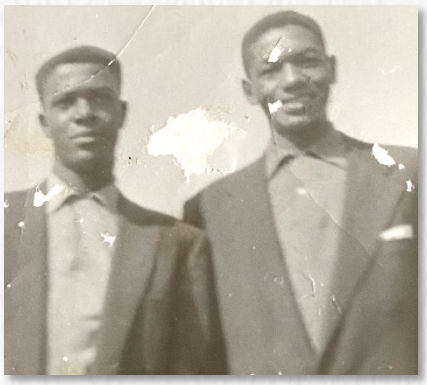
Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance
I have not winced nor cried aloud.
Under the bludgeonings of chance
My head is bloody, but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears
Looms but the Horror of the shade,
And yet the menace of the years
Finds and shall find me unafraid.

It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate,
I am the captain of my soul.

William Ernest Henley







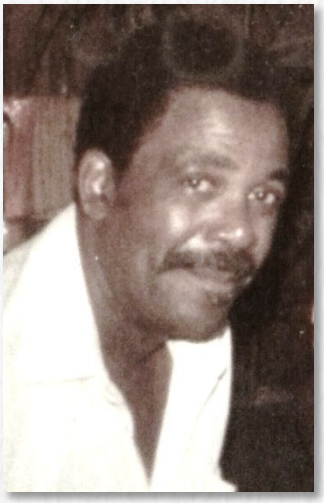




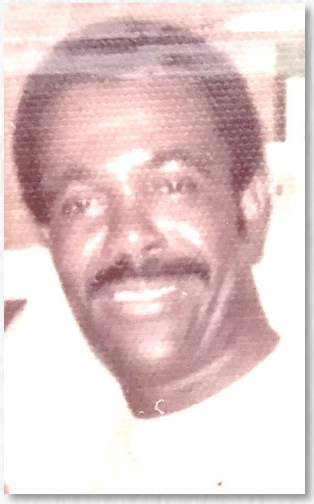


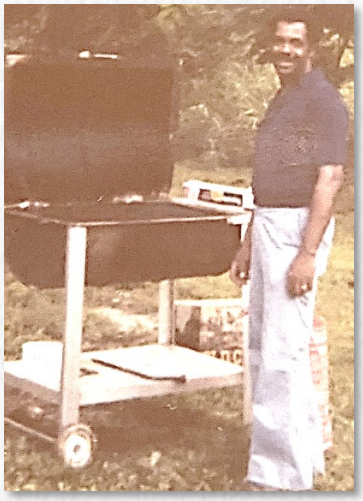


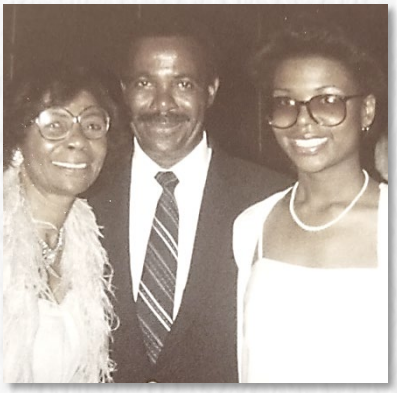
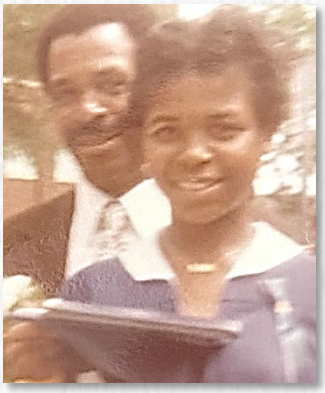


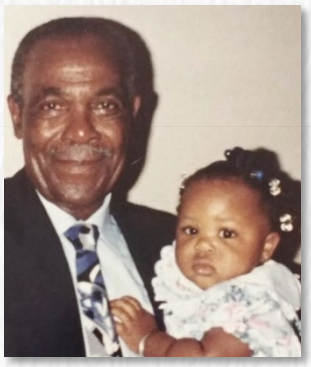






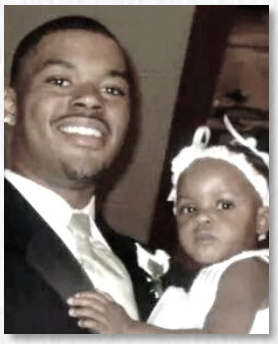












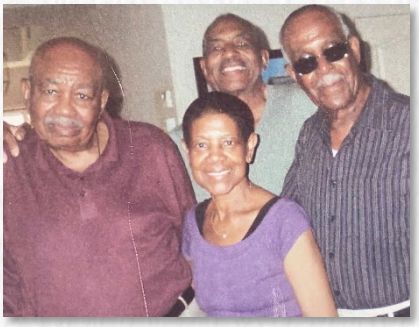








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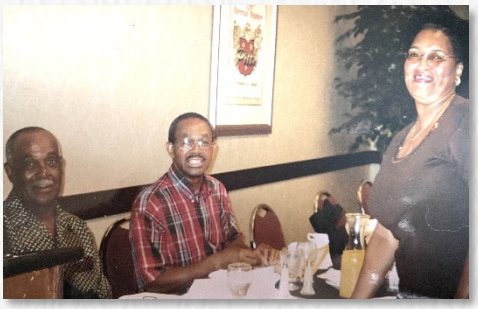

















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Kenneth Pope
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The Big Fella's loss is felt by all his loved ones.
He was too well loved to ever be forgotten.
We truly appreciate your prayers, thoughtful words,
kind gestures, cards, and flowers.
Thank you!



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