



Pallbearers

NEPHEWS

Floral Bearers

NIECES

Celebrate My Life

THERE IS NO NEED FOR TEARS.

I AM AT PEACE; MY SOUL IS AT REST.

THERE IS NO PAIN; I SUFFER NOT,
FOR WITH YOUR LOVE I WAS SO BLESSED.

I'M IN A PLACE OF COMFORT;
THE FEAR IS NOW ALL GONE.

PUT THOSE THINGS OUT OF YOUR THOUGHTS.

IN YOUR MEMORY, I LIVE ON.

REMEMBER NOT MY FIGHT FOR BREATH.

REMEMBER NOT THE STRIFE.

PLEASE DO NOT DWELL UPON MY DEATH,
BUT CELEBRATE MY LIFE.

Acknowledgements

WE, THE FAMILY OF CHARLES T. COFER, WISH TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE GRATITUDE FOR THE MANY WAYS IN WHICH YOU HAVE SHOWN YOUR LOVE DURING OUR TIME OF BEREAVEMENT. MAY GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE WESTWOOD EXTENDED CARE FACILITY STAFF, ESPECIALLY DR. REIMER AND NURSE LONDEN MCNAIR, FOR THE CARE THEY PROVIDED OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS. WE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO MR. EDDIE ANDREWS, UNCLE C.T.'S ROOMMATE, FOR HIS KINDNESS AND THE BROTHERLY LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP HE SHOWED OVER THE YEARS DURING OUR UNCLE'S STAY AT WESTWOOD.

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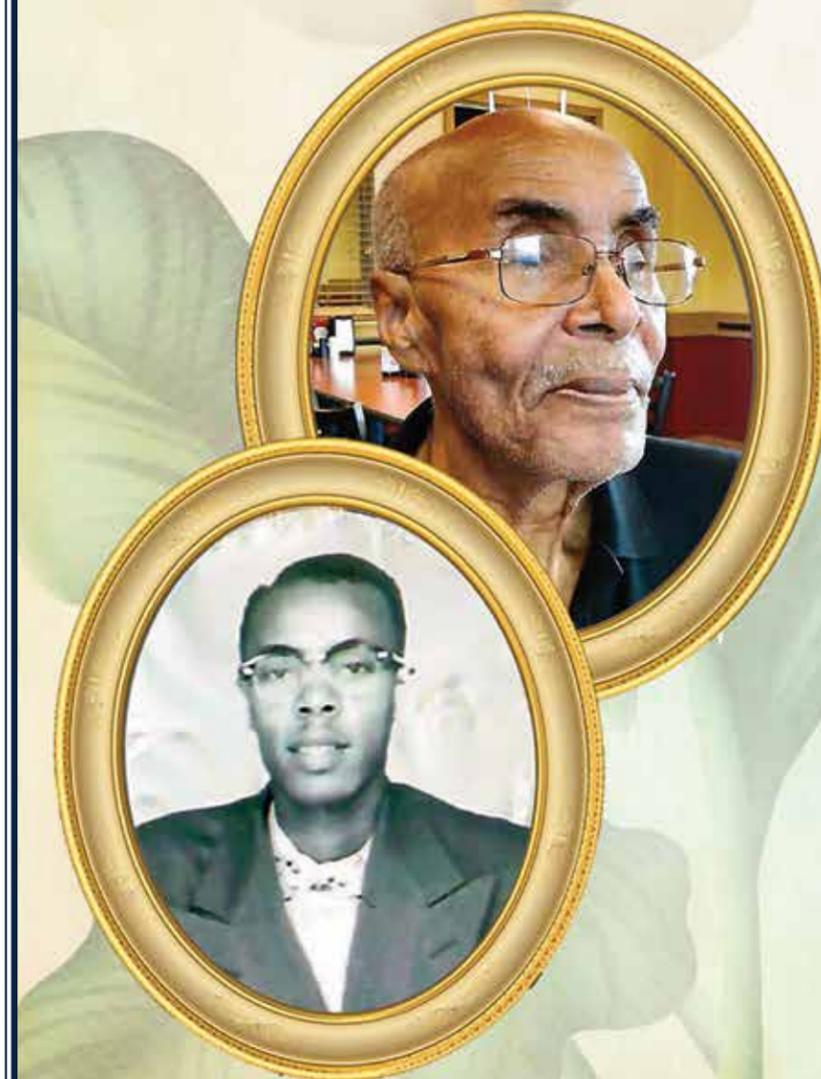
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H O M E G O I N G S E R V I C E S

Charles Thomas Cofer **"C.T."**

APRIL 25, 1936 - FEBRUARY 19, 2020



Saturday, February 29, 2020
1:00 P.M.

NEW FORD BAPTIST CHURCH
402 BRADFORD ROAD | TIGNALL, GEORGIA

Reverend James White, Pastor
... Presiding | Officiating ...

The Obituary

On February 19, 2020, Charles Thomas Cofer, C.T., quietly and peacefully made his transition from labor to reward. C. T. was born April 25, 1936, in Sandtown (Wilkes County), Georgia. He was the youngest of eleven children born to Deacon Charles Cofer and Sister Hattie Estelle Willis Cofer. He was educated in the public schools of Wilkes County, Georgia, specifically at New Ford Church School and Mulberry Church School.

C. T. gave his life to Christ at an early age and was baptized at New Ford Baptist Church during the pastorate of Reverend F. L. Thomas. He was a lifelong member of New Ford Baptist Church.

In 1955, he joined the Great Migration of rural black people who left their southern farms for jobs and better opportunities for advancement in cities in the urban South and North. Lock, stock and barrel, he moved his sixty-nine-year-old father and sixty-two-year-old mother to Augusta, Georgia. He made a covenant with them that if, in their elderly condition, they would give up the backbreaking rigors of sharecropping and farm life, he would not abandon them in their totally new and unfamiliar city environment. The remainder of their aged and infirmed lives are a strong testament to him setting aside personal and professional ambitions in order to keep his covenant with his parents. For indeed, even though he was blind in his right eye, he did all he could to take care of them in the winter of their lives, just as they had taken care of him and his ten siblings when they were children. When his eighty-four-year-old father died in December 1970, C.T continued to carve out a career as a chef and food service worker in order to provide and care for his diabetic and double amputee mother until her death in 1973 at age seventy-nine. His sacrifice and service to his elderly and infirmed parents and other elderly family members have left an indelible impression and imprint in the minds and hearts of all his nieces, nephews, and his church and community. Simultaneously, Uncle C.T allowed God to use him as a father-figure, big brother, mentor, encourager and friend to dozens of nephews and nieces in three generations of Cofers.

A gifted and talented vocalist, he supplemented his income as a Christian Gospel Singer for a season. Additionally, he became active in the Civil Rights Movement by exposing his parents, other relatives and friends to the teaching and preaching of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Reverend Otis Moss, Sr. and other leaders seeking to involve the people of Augusta in the Civil Rights Movement. Moreover, he was quite active as a writer of letters to the editor of the local Augusta newspaper.

C.T. was also preceded in death by all six of his brothers, J.P., James, Fred, Moses, Joseph, and Jesse and two sisters, Sallie and Fannie.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his sisters, Veola Cofer Anderson (ninety-eight) of Charlotte, NC and Lucy Cofer Heath (ninety-one) of Hazel Park, MI; and a host of nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews, great-grandnieces and great-grandnephews, friends and co-workers.



Farewell My Family

FAREWELL MY FAMILY, DON'T WEEP
FOR I'M AT PEACE NOW, JUST ASLEEP.
FAREWELL MY FAMILY, I'M NOT ALONE.
THE "MIGHTY MAKER" HAS LED ME SAFELY HOME.
JUST THINK BACK OVER THE MANY YEARS,
HOW THE FAMILY SEEMED SO STRONG, HOLDING BACK THE TEARS.
YET GOD SOMEHOW ALWAYS MADE A WAY
AND I THANKED HIM EVERY NIGHT FOR ANOTHER DAY.
BE GOOD MY FAMILY, ALWAYS LOVE EACH OTHER.
BE STRONG MY FAMILY, STRONG IN HEART.
THE BLOOD TIES, NO ONE CAN EVER PAR.
AND IF SOMEWHERE I MADE A MISTAKE
AS YOU LIVE MANY WILL YOU MAKE.
FAREWELL MY FAMILY, I'VE BEEN CALLED AWAY.
WALK WITH GOD, TRUST IN GOD
FOR HE IS BY YOUR SIDE.



Order of Service

- Prelude
- Processional
- Congregational Hymn
- Reading of the Scriptures
 - Old Testament Reverend H. M. Easley
 - New Testament Reverend Roberta Murray
- Prayer of Comfort Reverend Paul L. Anderson
- Solo Reverend Tina Morris-Anderson
- Reflections
 - Reverend Ed Anderson | Deacon Luther Hanson
 - Brother George Cofer | Deacon Johnny Banks
- Acknowledgements Sister Kathryn Anderson
- Obituary Read Silently
~ Soft Music ~
- Solo Brother Isaiah Barksdale
- Eulogy Reverend James White
- Recessional
- Postlude
- Interment New Ford Baptist Church Cemetery

... *Repast* ...
New Ford Baptist Church Fellowship Hall