

# Order of Service

Officiating – Suffragan Bishop Booker T. Hayes, Jr.  
Presiding – Suffragan Bishop J.P. Miller

## Prelude

Processional – Hymn #2 “Oh I Want to See Him” .....Officiants and Family

Invocation .....Bishop Vera M. Davis

## Scripture Readings

Old Testament .....Evangelist J. McFadden

New Testament..... Evangelist P. Agnew

## Music Ministry – “I Shall Wear a Crown”

## Expressions (limit your remarks to 3 minutes or less, please)

Family – Cynthia Weaver and Ronnie Battle

Honorary Sons – John Morris and Brandon Jones

Work – VA Representative

Spiritual Mentor – Bishop J. Swinney

Brother in Christ/Friend – Bishop J.E. Graham

## Visual Memories (slide show)

A Daughter’s Tribute ..... Ralisha, Rosalyn and Rachel

## Ministry Remarks

Greater Apostolic Holy Temple – Deacon Sid Hone

Georgia State Council – Bishop J.D. Guthrie

Diocesan, 30th Episcopal of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World

Resolutions and Acknowledgments ..... Tiffany Agnew

The Reading of the Legacy (silently to soft music)

Music Ministry – “He That Believeth”

Words of Comfort .....Suffragan Bishop Booker T. Hayes, Jr.

Recessional – “I’ll Fly Away” ..... Officiants and Family

## Repast

Immediately following the interment, a repast and fellowship with the Family will be held at Greater Apostolic Fellowship Hall.

Yet we have this assurance: Those who belong to God will live; their bodies will rise again! Those who sleep in the earth will rise up and sing for joy!

– Isaiah 26:19<sup>NLT</sup>



“For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus, will God bring with Him...wherefore comfort one another with these words.”  
– 1 Thessalonians 4:14,18

## PALL BEARERS

Tony Hedgepeth / Mario Battle

Ronnie Battle / Tim Harrison

Booker T. Hayes, III / Calvin Michie, II

## FLOWER ATTENDANTS

Greater Apostolic Holy Temple

Christian Women’s Ministry



## INTERMENT, W/ MILITARY HONORS

Bellevue Memorial Gardens

4501 Wrightsboro Road • Grovetown, GA 30813

## IN APPRECIATION

We, the Family of Elder Ricky Hedgepeth, acknowledge with sincere appreciation your expressions of sympathy shown during our time of sorrow. Your words encouraged our hearts; your cards, telephone calls, and every other act of kindness helped to lift a burden that seemed so heavy to bear. May God bless and keep each of you.

We take comfort in 1 Corinthians 2:9...

“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”

– The Family

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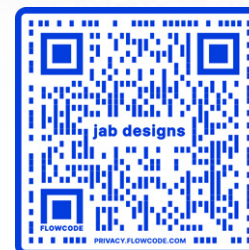
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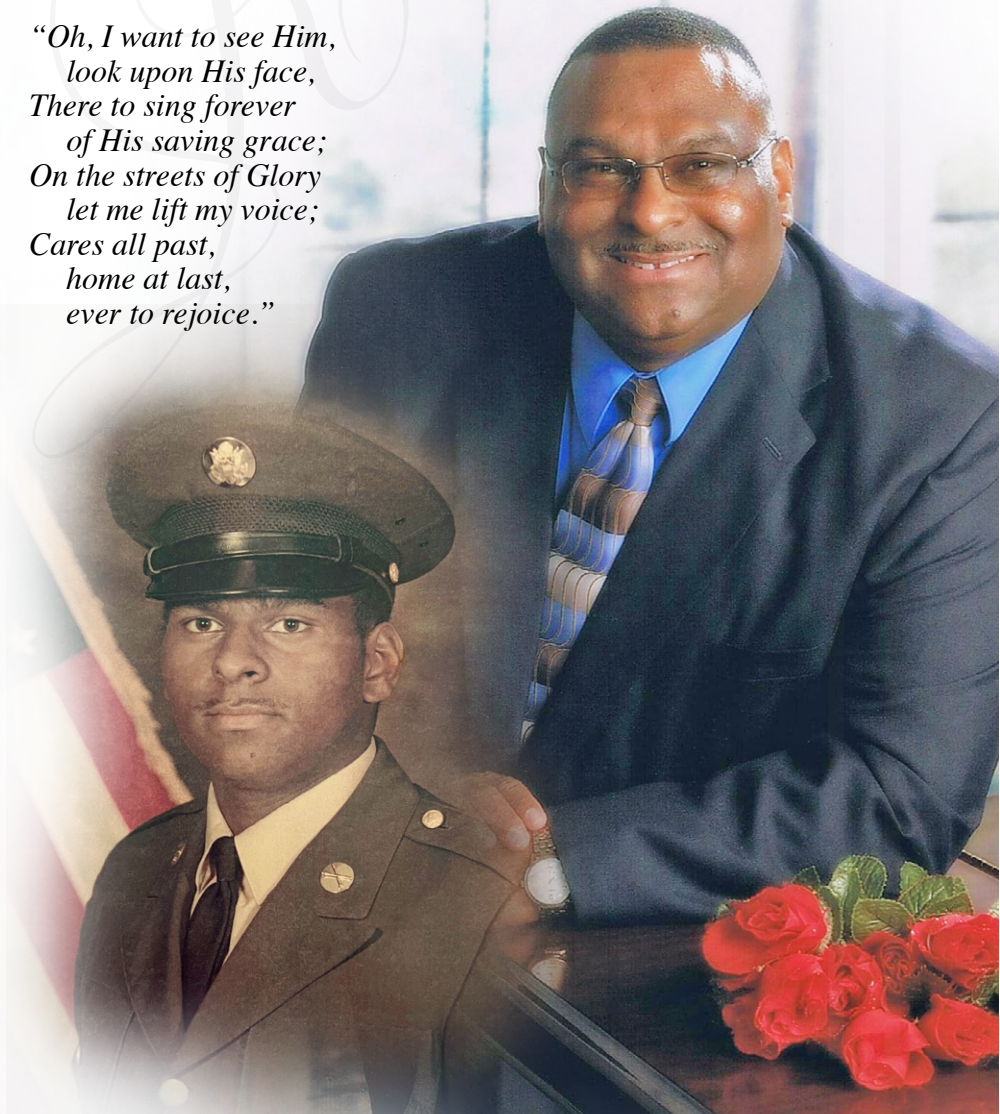
# Celebrating the Life and Legacy

OF

ELDER

# Ricky A. Hedgepeth

“Oh, I want to see Him,  
look upon His face,  
There to sing forever  
of His saving grace;  
On the streets of Glory  
let me lift my voice;  
Cares all past,  
home at last,  
ever to rejoice.”



SUNRISE  
September 3, 1958

SUNSET  
October 12, 2023

Saturday, October 21, 2023  
11:00 A.M.

Greater Apostolic Holy Temple

3443 Morgan Road – Hephzibah, GA 30815

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# A Legacy™

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And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there will be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away.

— Revelation 21:4

## Ricky A. Hedgepeth

FATHER • SOLDIER • LEADER • MINISTER • GRANDFATHER

**Ricky Alexander Hedgepeth** was born September 3, 1958, in Richmond, Virginia, the eighth of nine children to the late Lloyd Hedgepeth and Annie Mae Hedgepeth. On Thursday, October 12, 2023, he entered into eternal rest.

During his formative years in Hampton, Virginia, Ricky took pride in his education, work ethic, and extra curriculars, like the wrestling team. After graduating from Hampton High School in 1976, he joined the United States Army, embarking on a life journey that touched the hearts of many, and brought blessings to all who knew him.

In 1998 he retired as a Sergeant First Class (SFC) from the United States Army after 22 years of dedicated military service. During his honorable military service, he was awarded the *National Defense Service Medal*, *Meritorious Service Award Medal*, *Kuwait Liberation Medal (2x)*, *Army Commendation Medal (6x)*, *Army Achievement Medal (3x)*, *Army Good Conduct Medal (7x)*, *Southwest Asia Service Medal with 2 Bronze Service Stars*, *Noncommissioned Officer's Professional Development Ribbon with Numeral 3*, *Army Service Ribbon*, and he received the *Overseas Service Award*.

SFC (Ret) Hedgepeth continued his federal service with the Veterans Health Administration (VA) with another illustrious career that spanned over 25 years. At the VA he was the Chief Information Officer, serving as the Area Manager of the OI&T (Office of Information and Technology) Department at the Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center (Uptown & Downtown). His combined 47 years of Federal Government Service leaves an indelible mark on the lives he touched during his service to his country.

As a young soldier stationed in Ft. Campbell, KY, Elder Hedgepeth accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and Lord, which set the course for a life dedicated to serving God and man. When stationed in Germany, he studied at the Bible Institute and was ordained as a Deacon. While continuing his military travels, his spiritual calling led him to *Pentecostal True Holiness Church* in Charlottesville, Virginia, where he was ordained as a minister under the guidance of the late Bishop Robert J. Michie, II. There he was thoroughly prepared and trained to fulfill his divine purpose, as he traveled the world, actively sharing the Word of God through preaching, teaching, and pastoring.

At Greater Apostolic Holy Temple in Hephzibah, Georgia, Elder Hedgepeth served as the Church Administrator, Christian Education Teacher, and Ecclesiastical Staff Ministry Leader for 27 years. He was a man of faith and compassion, totally committed to God's will as he walked in purpose and the destiny that God had ordained for his life. Elder Hedgepeth lived in a manner worthy of his calling (Ephesians 4:1), and consistently exhibited a spirit of love and excellence for God's people and His Kingdom.

This spirit of excellence for the things of God was evident even in his pursuit of knowledge through higher education. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Management from

Augusta State University and a Master's degree in Business Management from Troy University, and was in the process of pursuing a Doctorate degree.

Ricky was not *all* work as a mighty man of faith and service, but he also found joy in the simple pleasures of life. As a loyal Dallas Cowboys fan, he passionately cheered on his favorite football team. He possessed a gift for humor, a light-hearted spirit, and a heart full of encouragement. He was often complimented on his perpetually warm smile.

One of his favorite things to do was spending time with his beautiful bride, their 3 daughters, son-in-laws, and grandchildren. He loved supporting them in every activity he could attend, whether a dance recital, school play, or a basketball game for his grandson. He would also encourage them to continue their education. Mr. Hedgepeth often volunteered and attended many of his daughter's school field trips as a chaperone. He volunteered so often that at times students and parents thought he was a teacher at the school.

He was preceded in death by his **parents**, Annie Mae Hedgepeth and Lloyd Hedgepeth, Sr.; two **sisters**, Lucy Harrison and Erma Battle, and one **brother**, Lloyd T. Hedgepeth Jr. Ricky Hedgepeth lived a beautiful life, and his legacy of love, service and leadership will forever be cherished by those who knew and loved him.

He was a loving **husband** to Salina Hedgepeth for 37 years, a dedicated father to his **daughters** Ralisha (Adam) Hawkins, Rosalyn (Julius) Stevens, and Rachel Hedgepeth, and a cherished **grandfather** to Adam Hawkins, Jr., and Rylee Hawkins.

Ricky's commitment to family extended beyond his immediate kin: his siblings, Cathy (Thomas) Mullins, Ann (Larry) Waring, Calvin (Angelina) Hedgepeth, Patricia Lambert, and Cynthia (Marvin) Weaver.

He served as a guardian to his **godchildren**: Dawn Boyce, Joslyn Graham, Cameron Benton, and Ayanna Landry, and his **honorary sons**, John Morris and Brandon Jones, will forever be grateful for his mentorship and guidance.

We find comfort in knowing that Ricky valiantly endured, maintained his unwavering faith, and has found eternal peace with the Lord. His memory will forever inspire us, and his legacy of love, faith, and service will forever illuminate our hearts.



"Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have professed a good profession in the presence of many witnesses."

— 1 Timothy 6:12

