

# Expressions of Love

If tears could build a stairway and memories were a lane  
I would walk right up to heaven and bring you back again  
No farewell words were spoken no time to say goodbye  
You were gone before I knew it and only God knows why  
My heart still aches with sadness and secret tears still flow  
What it meant to lose you no one will ever know  
But now I know you want me to mourn for you no more  
To remember all the happy times life still has much in store  
Since you'll never be forgotten I pledge to you today  
A hallowed place within my heart is where you'll always stay

## Your Loving Children

A limb has fallen from the family tree.  
I keep hearing a voice that says, "Grieve not for me.  
Remember the best times, the laughter, the song.  
The good life I lived while I was strong.  
Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.  
Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.  
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.  
Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.  
Continue traditions, no matter how small.  
Go on with your life, don't worry about falls.  
I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin.  
Until the day comes we're together again."

## Your Loving Family

"I watch you everyday I am always very near  
I know deep in your heart you realize I am here  
I watch you while you sleep in your bed at home  
I hear you when you speak to me when you're on your own  
You cannot understand the reason why I have gone  
But I will never leave you I am there to keep you strong  
Talk to me I hear you though you may not see  
We share an unbroken bond that will always be  
Death won't keep us apart for our love is forever  
Remember me in your heart and one day we will be together.  
Live your life and live it full don't waste a single day.  
Remember I am always with you every step of the way."

Love you all, Deddy

## Active Pallbearers

Dedrick Duckworth  
Derrick Jackson  
Dedrick Rose

Tristan Duckworth  
Shaun Duckworth  
Ryan King

## Our Sincere Gratitude

*"Blessed are they that mourn for  
they shall be comforted..."*

The Duckworth family would like to thank each of you for the encouragement, prayers, gifts and acts of kindness before and after our patriarch's transition from this life. We are comforted by your assurance that we are not alone during our time of grief. May GOD continue to bless each and every one of you.

- The Family

## Interment

**Paradise South Cemetery**  
16000 Cullen Blvd. • Pearland, Texas 77581

*Please join the family for the Memorial Repast at the  
Church following the Interment*

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## A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE IN LOVING MEMORY OF



*"Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you  
again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no  
one will take from you."*

**(John 16:22)**

*Mr. Ather  
Duckworth*

**Alpha**  
October 25, 1931

**Omega**  
November 8, 2022



# His Life's Journey

*"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord..."*

**Ather Duckworth** was born October 25, 1931 in Taylorville, Mississippi to the late Hercules and Drewzella Duckworth. He has seven siblings: Lester (Clara), Aster (Rosalie), Floyd (Emma), Delois, Evon (Chris), Carolyn (Caleb), and Thomas.

In 1947, he moved to Winnsboro, Louisiana where he met his future wife, Martha Goodjoint. They later married in 1951 and relocated to Houston, Texas four years later where he accepted Christ into his life and served faithfully at New Providence Baptist Church for over 25 years as an usher and a member of the Men's choir. He instilled the value of Christ into all of his children and grandchildren, and that legacy lives on today.

Ather retired after working at the Port of Houston for 25 years. He was always handy and could build anything he put his mind to. He was always willing to teach others and kept a friendly smile and a story to tell. Ather was also a great cook and awesome on the grill. He was a dedicated father, friend, and pillar of his community.

In Ather's union to Martha, five children were born: Samuel (deceased), Florestine (deceased), Wanda, Barbara, and JoAnn. The two shared a blissful 55 years of marriage until Martha's passing in 2006.

Ather departed his life on November 8, 2022 after 91 years on this earth. He is preceded in death by his wife, Martha, and children, Samuel and Florestine.

He leaves in God's care three children, Wanda, Barbara, and JoAnn; two brothers, one sister, ten grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, other loving relatives and friends.

He will be greatly missed but his teachings and core values will last for years and years.



# Order of Service

Saturday, November 19, 2022

Viewing: Ten O'clock A.M.

Service: Eleven O'clock A.M.

## New Providence Baptist Church

6640 Weston St. @ Yellowstone

Houston, Texas 77021

**Pastor Deric Dawson, Officiating**

**Musical Prelude**  
(Soft Music)

**Processional**  
Minister and Family

**Scripture Reading**  
Old Testament - Deacon Willie Samuel  
New Testament - Alice Samuel

**Song Selection**  
Choir

**Prayer**  
Reverend Edward Carroll

**Expressions**  
(Two Minutes Please)

**Acknowledgements**

**Song Selection**  
Choir

**Eulogy**  
Pastor Deric Dawson

**Recessional**  
Minister and Family