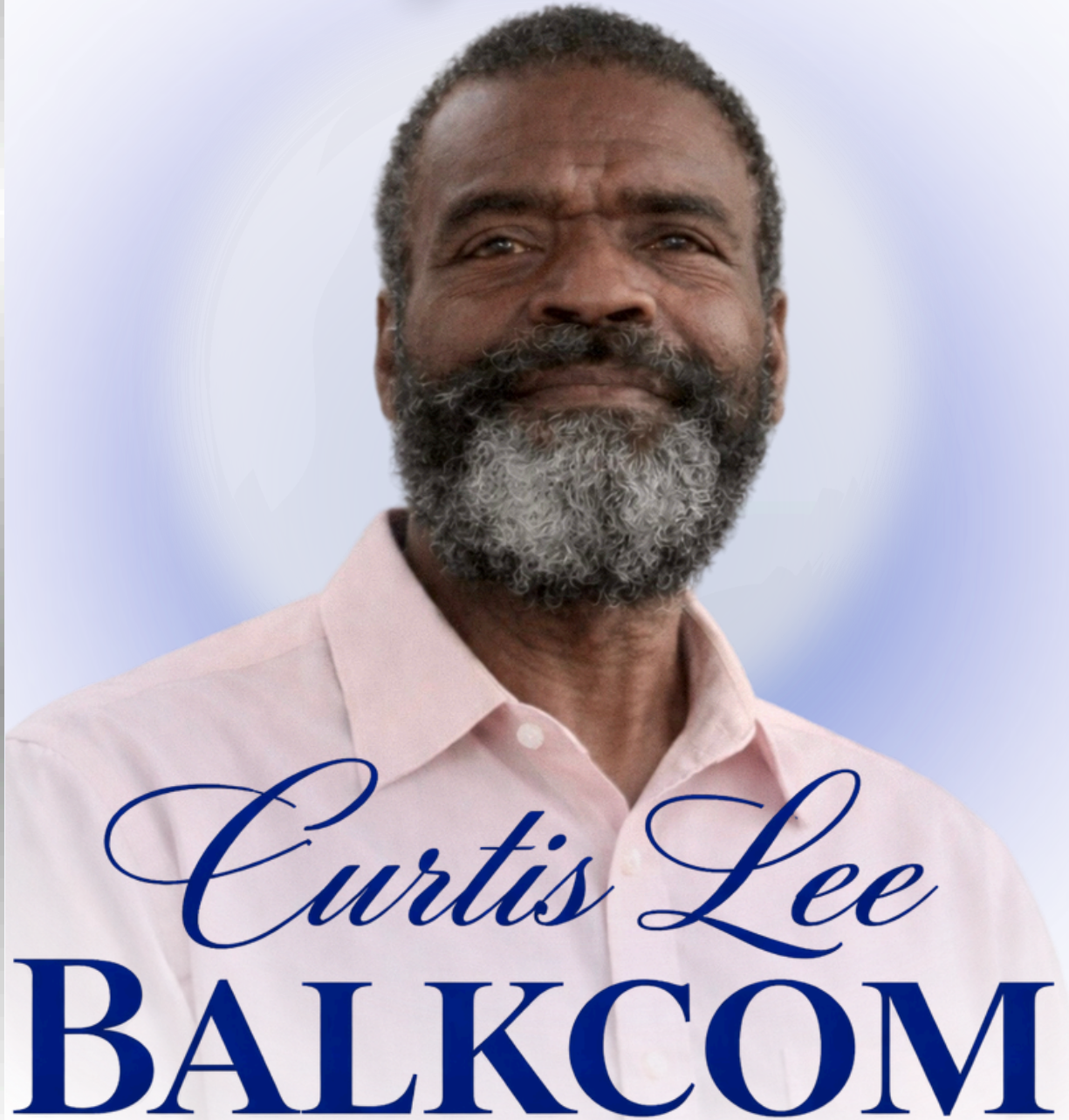


In Loving
Memory



Curtis Lee
BALKCOM

APRIL 23, 1963 - JANUARY 28, 2026



February 7, 2026 | 12:00pm

Big Bethel Missionary Baptist Church
370 Uvalda Hwy, Hazlehurst, GA 31539

Reverend C.D. Johnson, Pastor

Obituary

Curtis Lee Balkcom, the sixth child of the late Ernestine and John Moore Balkcom, Sr., was born on April 23, 1963, in Hazlehurst, Georgia. He was educated through the Jeff Davis County school system, completing his high school years with the class of 1981. Curtis lived a quiet and simple life and was known by his family as a kind and gentle soul who was deeply loved. Though he had no children of his own, he held a special place in the hearts of those who knew him and will be dearly missed by all.

Curtis was preceded in death by his father, John Moore Balkcom, Sr.; his mother, Ernestine Bennett Balkcom; and his sister, Phyllis Balkcom Wooten.

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving sisters, Calamity Kornegay (Reginald) of Hazlehurst, Georgia; Kay Queda Balkcom (Charlie) of Lumber City, Georgia; Jacquelyn Balkcom; and Gwendolyn Johnson of Hazlehurst, Georgia; brothers, Paris Balkcom (Veronica) of Hazlehurst, and John Moore Balkcom, Jr. of Jackson, Georgia.

He is also survived by his nieces, Shanta Williams, Nunya Kornegay, Tashika Conway (“Tang”) of Hazlehurst, Georgia; Ke-Shay Crawford (Greg) of Gulfport, Mississippi; Tiesha Balkcom and Myhagony Balkcom of Savannah, Georgia; nephews, Kenya Johnson and Kenta Johnson of Hazlehurst, Georgia; Paris Solomon of Baxley, Georgia; Wilfredo Balkcom of Hazlehurst, Georgia; and Machi Balkcom of Savannah, Georgia. He also leaves two special nieces, Takyra Brown and Nyoami Bennett of Lumber City, Georgia.

Curtis is further survived by his aunts, Olivia Gadson, Amy Kornegay (Quincy), Mary Fisher, and Valoria Bennett; uncles, Charlie Bennett (Dale), Reuben Bennett, Jim Bennett, and Ray Bennett (Patrica); along with a host of great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and friends who will forever cherish his memory.

Order of Service

Reverend C.D. Johnson, Presiding

Processional and Final Glance.....	Clergy and Family
Prayer of Comfort.....	Rev. C.D. Johnson
Reading of the Holy Scriptures	
Old Testament.....	Rev. Henry Josey
New Testament.....	Rev. Greg Crawford
Musical Selection.....	Big Bethel Choir
Reflections.....	Please limit to 2 minutes
Musical Selection.....	Big Bethel Choir
Poem.....	Nunya Kornegay
Musical Selection.....	Big Bethel Choir
Eulogy.....	Pastor Reuben Bennett, Jr.
Musical Tribute.....	"God Restores Me"
Acknowledgements.....	Thornton's Funeral Home
Committal Service.....	Pastor Reuben Bennett, Jr.
Recessional.....	Clergy, Family, and Friends

"The Missing Pieces"

There is a map of our family where your path veers away,

Into the woods of silence and the mist of everyday.

Distant isn't always miles away;

Sometimes it's just the breath between the things we never say.

Whether it be a photograph, hearing your name, or shared memories together

We hold the fragments that we have of you in our hearts forever.

Love always, your nieces and nephews

Honorary Pallbearers

Charlie Bennett
Reuben Bennett, Sr.

Jim Bennett
Ray Bennett

Pallbearers

Nephews

Bennett 3rd Generation - Blue Shirts

Flower Attendants

Nieces, Cousins, and Friends

Repast

Charlie S. Bennett Building
315 Hallspur Road
Hazlehurst, GA 31539

Acknowledgements

We would like to express our deep appreciation for the many acts of kindness extended to us during this time of bereavement. May God bless every one of you.

~The family of Curtis Lee Balkcom



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