

Order of Service

Elder Eddie Harmon ~ Presiding

Musical Prelude	Soft Music
Processional and Final Viewing	Clergy & Family
Invocation	Reverend Henry Josey
Comforting words from the scripture:	
Old Testament	Minister Tajuana Gadson
New Testament	Minister Roderick Gadson
Selection	Big Bethel MBC Choir
Reflections	Family and Friends
(please limit to 2 minutes per the family's request)	
Bennett Family Tributes	Bennett Generations
3 rd Generation (Blue Shirts)	Jeffery Bennett
4 th & 5 th Generations (Yellow & Red Shirts)	Briyanna Frederick
Tribute to Big Pa	Grandchildren
Solo	Ldrica King
Words of Comfort	Pastor Christopher D. Johnson
Acknowledgements	Thornton's Funeral Home
Recessional	

Acknowledgements

We, the family of the late Reuben Bennett, Sr., are deeply grateful for every prayer, comforting word, visit, meal, card, and act of kindness extended to us during the loss of our beloved father and grandfather. We thank God for surrounding us with such loving family, friends, and community. Please continue to keep our family in your prayers in the days ahead. May God richly bless each of you for the kindness you have shown.

Honorary Pallbearers

Charlie Bennett, Jr.
Jim Bennett
Ray Bennett

Active Pallbearers

Bennett Family Nephews

Floral Attendants

Bennett Family Nieces



Daddy, your absence leaves a void that words alone cannot adequately express. You were my guiding light; you taught me lessons that shaped me into the person I am. Your strength and resilience inspired me to face challenges head-on.

You showed me the value of hard work. Though you may no longer be here in person, your spirit lives on in the values you've instilled in me.

Thank you for being not just a father, but my hero. I promise to honor your legacy by living a life that reflects the lessons you taught me. I'll miss you dearly, but I'll find comfort in knowing that you're watching over me, guiding me still.

Love & miss you, "Daddy's Man", RB

Interment

Francis Chapel Cemetery, McRae, Georgia
Military Honors Presented by the U.S. Army Honor Guard

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C. S. Bennett Building
315 Hallspur Road, Hazlehurst, Georgia



Final Arrangements and Obituary Design Entrusted to
Thornton's Funeral Home
26 N. Miller St., Hazlehurst, GA
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Celebrating
The Life And
Legacy of



Sunrise: September 15, 1944

Sunset May 07. 2026

Deacon Reuben
Bennett, Sr.

May 16, 2026 | 12:00 pm

Bennett Tabernacle Holiness Church

26 Martin Luther King Boulevard | Hazlehurst, GA 31539

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Reflections of the Life of Reuben Bennett, Sr.

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing." 2 Timothy 4:7-8

Reuben Bennett, Sr., a cherished father, grandfather, brother, and uncle, passed away on May 7, 2026. He was born in McRae, Georgia, on September 15, 1944, to the late Charlie Spencer and Mattie Lou Bennett.

After graduating from high school in 1964, Reuben chose to serve his country by enlisting in the United States Army in July 1965. His commitment and dedication were evident throughout his military tenure, during which he served in the Vietnam War. Reuben distinguished himself as an exemplary soldier and was honored with several commendations.

Reuben was united in Holy Matrimony to the late Lenora Kemp Bennett. To this union one child was born, Reuben Bennett, Jr. Affectionately known as Big Buck and Lil Buck, the father son duo had a very special relationship.

Reuben was a devoted member of Big Bethel Missionary Baptist Church for many years. Reuben's commitment to his faith was evident every Sunday, as he joyfully and faithfully served as an usher. In March 2018, he was ordained as a Deacon.

Reuben was truly a jack of all trades, always ready to lend his skills to benefit others. Whether it was fixing something, offering advice, or simply being there when needed, Reuben's resourcefulness made him a valuable presence in the lives of those around him. He shared a dedicated close relationship with all his siblings. Reuben's love for his Bennett Family was unwavering, and he consistently went above and beyond to support any family member in need.

Reuben was also preceded in death by his siblings: Walter Bennett, Edna Thornton, Ernestine Balkcom, Charlene Briggs, Mattie Travis, DeRoy Bennett, and Janet Johnson.

A lifetime of memories will forever remain in the hearts of his son: Reuben Bennett, Jr. (Kristy); grandchildren: Taneshia Ryals (Pernell Sr.), Tashuanna Bennett, Jaylin Clemons, and Jaliyah Chibweth (Kabamba); great-grandchildren, Brandon, Imani, Pernell Jr., A'Nyliya, A'Riyah, Breion, Noah, Samadhi, and Kylan; siblings: Olivia Gadson, Amy Kornegay (Quincy), Charlie Bennett (Dale), Mary Fisher, Jim Bennett, Valoria Bennett, and Ray Bennett (Patricia); a special cousin: Doris Pitts. Special memories will also be cherished with his host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

