

ORDER OF SERVICE  
*Deacon John Lee Dennard, Jr.*  
"BUDDY" | "DEEK"

Processional led by Rev. Norris Harris

*Last Glance and Final Sealing*

Hymn Deacon Wilbur Sims

Prayer Rev. Tommy Law  
Welcome Baptist Church

Scripture  
Old and New Testaments Rev. Marcus Dennard  
Flint Ridge Baptist Church | Fayetteville, GA

Reflections *limit 2 minutes*  
Open to Friends | limit 3 persons

Selection Rev. Marcus Dennard

Words of Comfort Rev. Norris Harris  
Oglethorpe Circuit

Committal Prayer Rev. Norris Harris

Acknowledgements and  
Presentation of the  
Heirloom Family Bible Barnum Staff

Benediction Rev. Norris Harris

Recessional

*Please turn all cell phones and electronic devices off  
or to silent mode during the service. Thank you.*

*But now we're separated  
and for a time apart, but I am not alone, because I am  
FOREVER IN YOUR Hearts  
*Deacon John Lee Dennard, Jr.*  
"BUDDY" | "DEEK"  
September 25, 1940 ~ April 15, 2021*

EARTHLY PLACE OF REST  
Old Corinth Church Cemetery  
Leslie, Georgia 31764

*Our Sincere Thanks*

We are extremely grateful to you for all  
expressions of love, words of encouragement,  
services rendered beyond the call of duty  
and the joy you've shared  
to enlighten us during the time of illness  
of our loved one and our bereavement.

*~ The Family ~*



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A HOME GOING CELEBRATION *for*

DEACON  
*John Lee*  
DENNARD, JR.  
Sunrise: September 25, 1940 Sunset: April 15, 2021

GRAVESIDE SERVICE  
Saturday, April 24, 2021 | 2:30 p.m.  
Old Corinth Church Cemetery  
Leslie, Georgia 31764

Officiant | Rev. Norris Harris  
Oglethorpe Circuit



*"Buddy"  
"Deek"*

**OBITUARY**  
*Deacon John Lee Dennard, Jr.*  
"BUDDY" | "DEEK"

DEACON JOHN LEE DENNARD, JR. was born in Americus, Sumter County, Georgia on September 25, 1940, to the parentage of the late Mr. John Lee Dennard, Sr. and the late Mrs. Annie B. Lockhart. "Buddy" or "Deek", as he was affectionally called by his family and friends, was a very active member in the community. He was a faithful, loving, and devoted husband that cherished his family. Buddy was a fisherman at heart and loved to work in his garden.

He served as a faithful member of the Welcome Missionary Baptist Church for over 65 years, where he was a choir member, an usher, and a Deacon in the Deacon Ministry, in which he served in many capacities: Assistant Chairman of the Deacon Ministry and the Chairman of the Board of Deacons for the last two years. He was an original member of the Jenkin Jubilee Singers for over 60 years; he also served as the manager of the group. He was also a member of the Americus Community Choir for several years.

In addition to his parents, Buddy is preceded in death by two daughters, Susie Anne Whitman and Doris Jean Dennard; a son, Willie Berry; one brother, Henry Lee Dennard, Sr. and one sister, Annie Mae Dennard.

He leaves cherished memories to his wife of 53 years, Mrs. Virginia Foster Dennard, Americus, GA; two sons, Mr. William Charles Lewis, Oglethorpe, GA and Mr. Joe Wade, Warner Robins, GA; three daughters: Ms. Carolyn Dennard, Americus, GA; Ms. Annie Milledge and Ms. Mary Merritt, both of Atlanta, GA; three sisters: Mrs. Annie (Samuel) Barthell, Mrs. Helen (Wilbur) Sims, all of Americus, GA and Mrs. Shirley (Tom) Terry, Albany, GA; three brothers: Mr. Willie L. (Frances) Dennard, Sr., Mr. Walter L. (Ruby) Dennard, all of Americus, GA and Mr. Jerry Dennard, Atlanta, GA; a son-in-law, Mr. Steve Whitman, Americus, GA; a brother-in-law, Mr. Eddie Foster, Jr., Detroit, MI; 32 grandchildren, a host of great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends, including a devoted friend, Ms. Elizabeth Payne, Americus, GA also survive.



*There may be times you miss me.  
I sort of hope you do,  
but smile when you think of me,  
for I'll be waiting for you.*

*Until we meet AGAIN...*

*Deacon John Lee Dennard, Jr.*

**1940 - 2021**

## HE MAKETH NO MISTAKE

My Father's way may twist an turn.  
My heart may throb an ache,  
but in my soul, I am glad to know  
HE MAKETH NO MISTAKE.

My cherished plans may go astray.  
My hopes may fade away,  
but I sill trust my Lord to lead,  
for He doth know the way.  
Though night be dark and it may seem  
that the day will never break,  
but I'll pin my faith, my all, on Him.  
HE MAKETH NO MISTAKE.

There's so much now I cannot see.  
My eye sight is far too dim, but come what may,  
I'll simply trust and leave it all to Him.  
For by-and-by the mist lifts  
and plain it all He'll make through all the way.  
Though dark to me,  
HE MAKETH NO MISTAKE.

