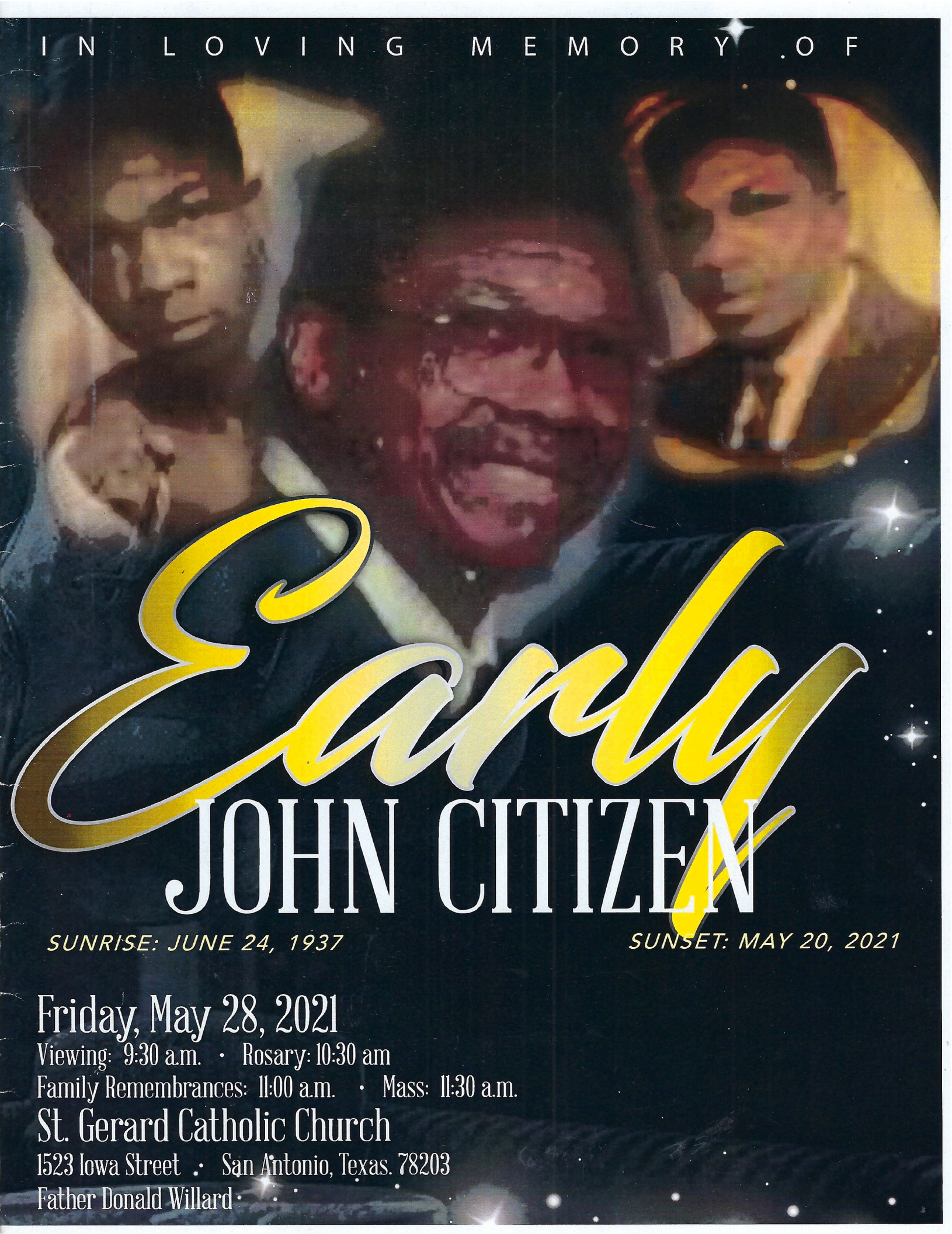


I N L O V I N G M E M O R Y O F



Early
JOHN CITIZEN

SUNRISE: JUNE 24, 1937

SUNSET: MAY 20, 2021

Friday, May 28, 2021

Viewing: 9:30 a.m. • Rosary: 10:30 am

Family Remembrances: 11:00 a.m. • Mass: 11:30 a.m.

St. Gerard Catholic Church

1523 Iowa Street • San Antonio, Texas. 78203

Father Donald Willard •

T H E L I F E S T O R Y O F

Early JOHN CITIZEN

Early "Texas Cobra" accepted Christ as a young boy. He attended Mother Mercy Catholic School, graduated from Hebert High School and went on to take courses at Lamar University. All his education was obtained in Beaumont, Texas.

He worshiped at St. Gerard Catholic Church where he served as an Usher at the 08:00 am masses on Sundays. He was a member of the Knight of Columbus.

He was a professional boxer under the name of Earl Citizen, "aka" Texas Cobra from February 1957 to April 1963, with twelve wins and seven knock-outs. He became a professional truck driver in 1963 In Beaumont, Texas where he was later transferred to San Antonio, Texas, due to, lack of black truck drivers in San Antonio, Texas. He retired as a professional truck driver in 1998.

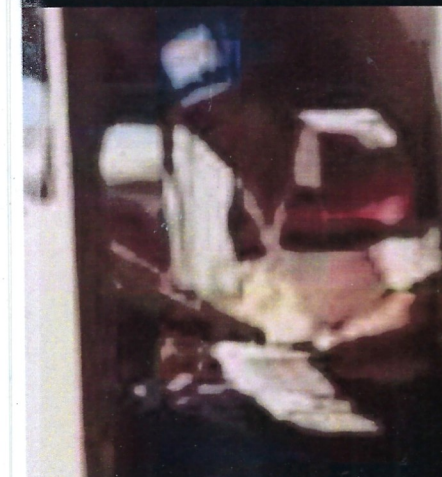
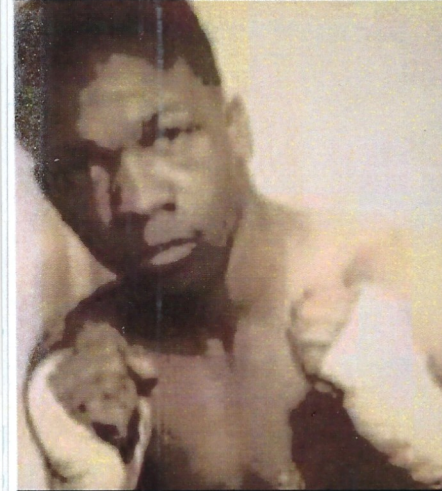
Early was born to the union of the late Earl Citizen and late Minerva Duhon, June 24, 1937 in Welsh, Louisiana. They moved to Beaumont, Texas where he was raised.

Early was preceded in death by his mother Minerva Duhon, father Earl Citizen and brother Frank Citizen.

Early leaves to cherish in his memory his loving wife Loretta Ann Citizen, eight children: sons Darryl Citizen and Devlin Jackson both of Beaumont, Texas; daughters: Shelia Citizen-Scipio(Jimme), Thresa Citizen-Thomas (Solomon), Cynthia Citizen- Burks (Ernest) of San Antonio, Texas. Sons: John Citizen (Chantelle), James Citizen (Ronneco), Raymond Citizen (Rachel) of San Antonio, Texas.

Seventeen grandchildren : J.R., Tamisha, Martell, Brittany, Tiffany, James , Korisha, Dajah, Kiara, Datreese, Raymond, Da'Dria, Malaysia of San Antonio, Texas and Stephanie, Darryl Jr., Jaleah, Shanta of Beaumont, Texas. Twelve great grandchildren.

Sister Rose Simon and brother John Citizen of Beaumont, Texas, sister Anna Patterson, and brother Joe A Citizen of Houston, Texas and a host of nieces and nephews other relative and friends.



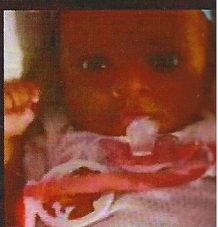
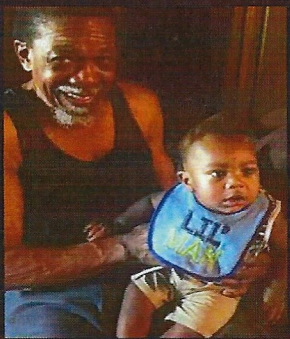
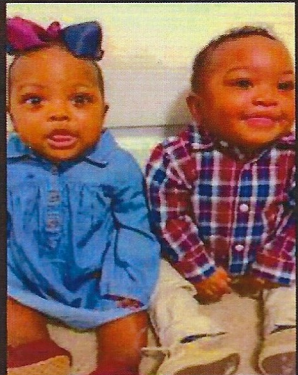
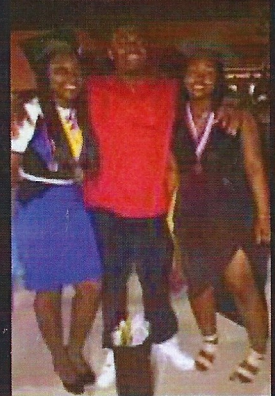
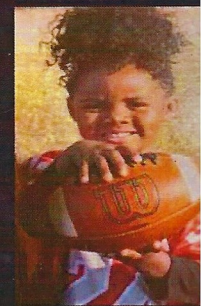
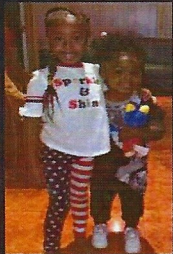
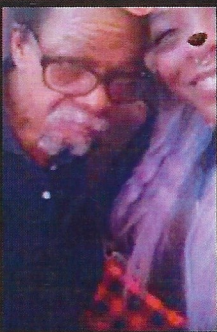
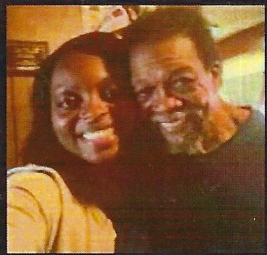
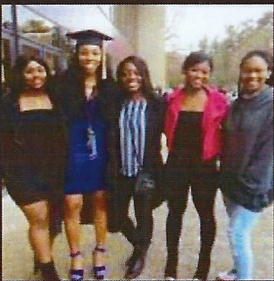
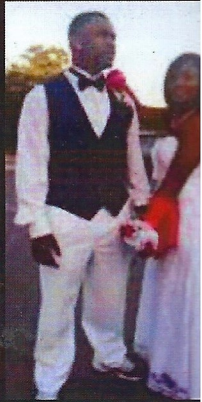
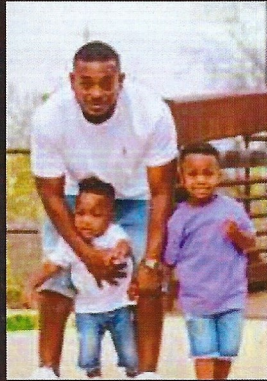
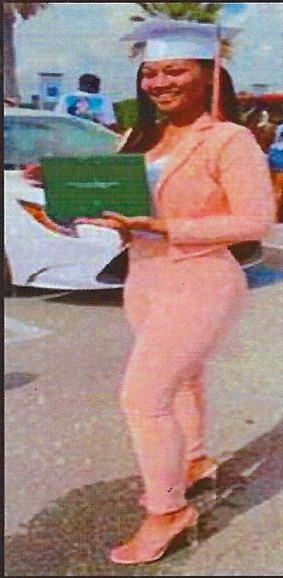
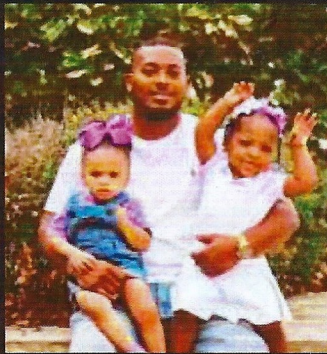
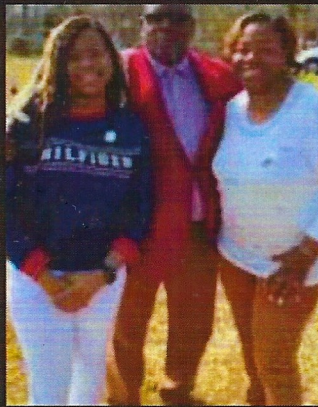
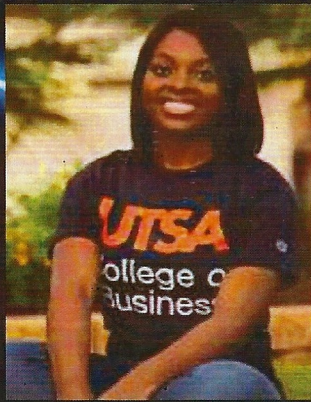


To Our Sweet Dad From Your Three Angels.

(Sheila, Thresa, Cynthia)

You gave us so much love; you taught us very well; you kept us close; your love we always felt; and we know you felt our love as well; now you are our Angel looking down on us and we will never be alone. Rest now our sweet Dad we love you so, so much. There will always be a special place in our hearts for you. We hate to say goodbye, it broke our hearts to lose you but you didn't go alone, part of us went with you the day God took you home. You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide; and though we cannot see you, you are always at our side. Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same, but as God calls us one by one the chain will link again.

We love you and will miss you dearly, Rest In Peace Dad, until we all meet again.



ORDER OF MASS

PLACING OF PALL
FAMILY MEMBER

GATHERING HYMN
RICK MCLAUGHLIN

PLACE OF BIBLE
FATHER DONALD WILLARD

FIRST READING
REV. ROBERT W. MACK

PSALM:
"HERE I AM LORD" (SONG)
RICK MCLAUGHLIN

SECOND READING

"ALLELUIA" (SONG)
RICK MCLAUGHLIN

GOSPEL
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INTERCESSIONS
FATHER DONALD WILLARD

PRESENTATION OF TRIBUTES
CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN

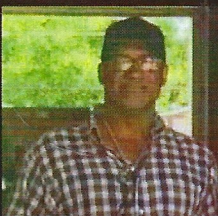
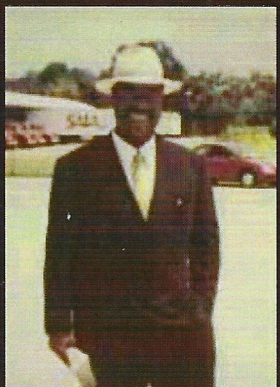
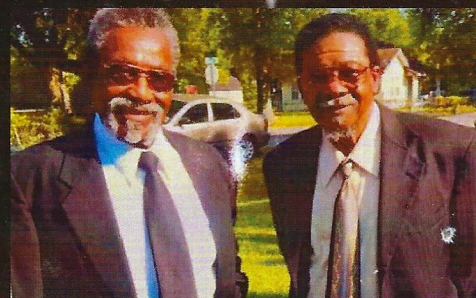
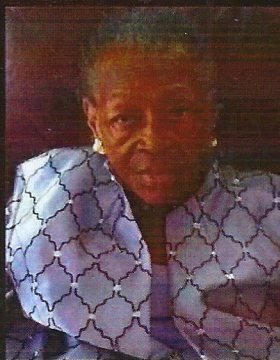
PREPARATION OF ALTER
"HOW GREAT THOU ART"
(SONG)
RICK MCLAUGHLIN

COMMUNION HYMN
"MAKE ME A CHANEL
OF YOUR PEACE"

EULOGY
JESSE CITIZEN - NEPHEW

FINAL COMMENDATION
FATHER DONALD WILLARD

RECESSIONAL HYMN
"SOON AND VERY SOON"
RICK MCLAUGHLIN



FAMILY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Our family extends heartfelt thanks to our friends for all the prayers and kindness shown during the homecoming of our loved on, "Early Citizen ".
God Bless You.

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Martell Fagan
James Citizen
Raymond Citizen
Breton Weeden
Christopher Guillory
Manuel Becker

INTERMENT

Meadow Lawn
5611 E. Houston St.
San Antonio, Texas 78220

REPASS

Sista's Place
6690 FM 1346
San Antonio, Texas 78220
3:00pm

Tribute To My Loving Husband

I got to be your wife for fifty-seven years and the mother of our six children. Thank you for giving me all the love in my life, nothing could prepare our family for this moment, but we will do our best to follow our dreams and honor the legacy you've left behind.

Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal the next time we meet will be at heaven's door. When I see you standing there I won't cry anymore, I will put my arms around you and kiss your smiling face. Then the pieces of my broken heart will fall back into place. I will love you "always and forever".

Rest In Peace until we meet again. Your Loving wife Mrs. Loretta Citizen





God Saw You

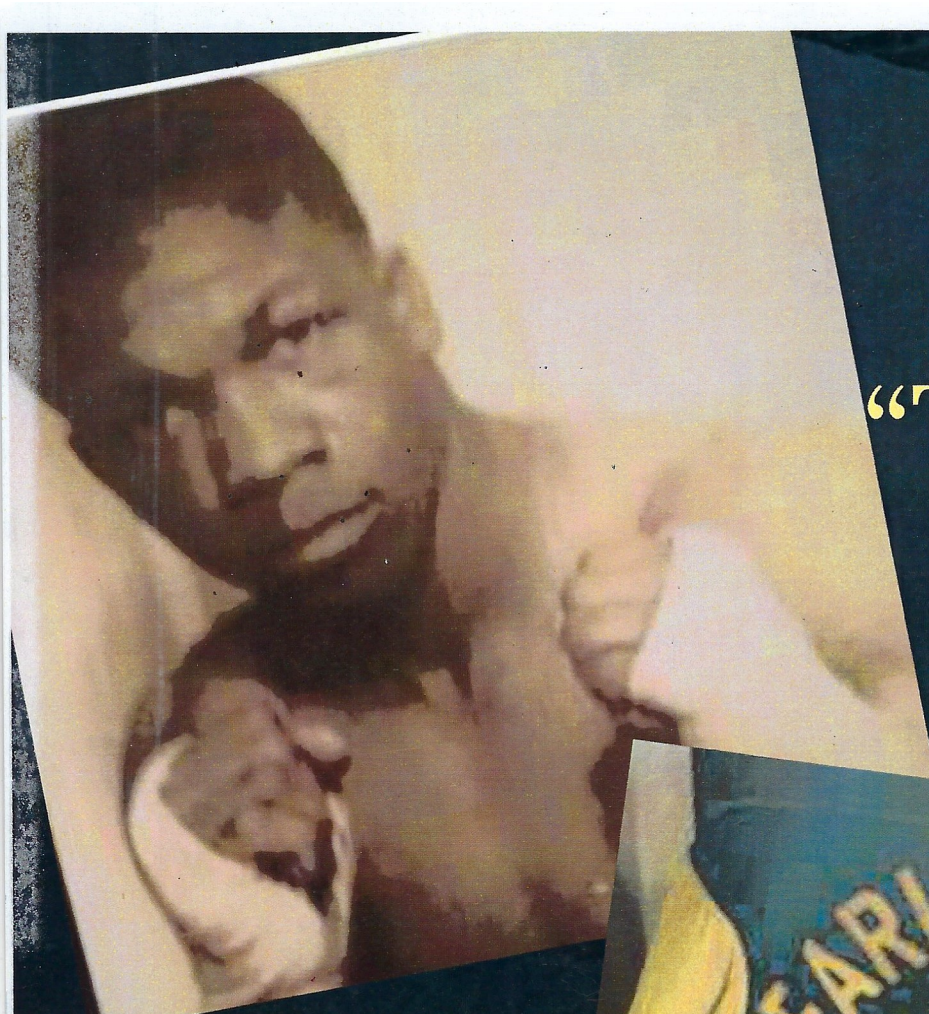
God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be,
So he put his arms around you and whispered Come to me.

With tearful eyes we watched you, and saw you pass away.
And though loved you dearly, we could not make you stay.

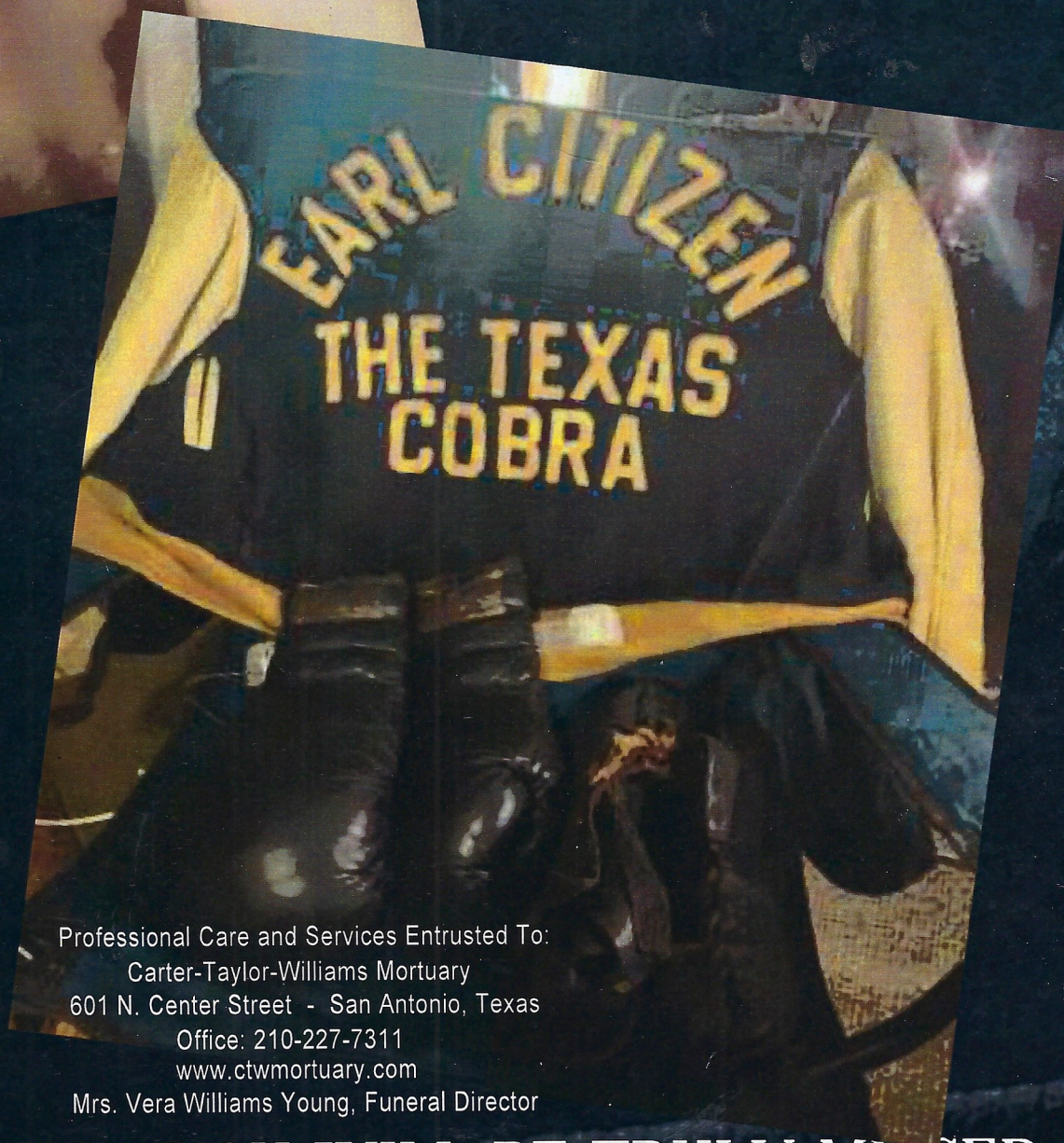
A golden heart stopped beating Hard working hands at rest.

God broke our hearts to prove to us,

He Only Takes The Best.



REST IN PEACE
"TEXAS COBRA"



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