

*In Memory and Celebration  
for the Life of  
Deacon John Henry Douglas, Sr.*



*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. (Psalm 23:1)*

**Sunrise**

**Friday, March 19, 1943**



**Sunset**

**Sunday, July 24, 2022**



**Celebration**

**Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022**

**10:00 a.m. Viewing**

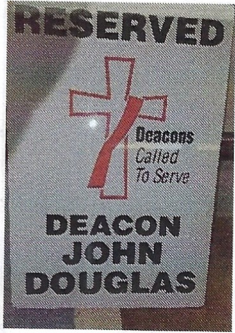
**11:00 a.m. Service**

**St. Joseph Missionary Baptist Church**

***Pastor Alvin Baldwin, Officiating Eulogist***

122 Corliss Street  
San Antonio, TX 78220

# Obituary



John Henry Douglas, Sr. was born Friday, March 19, 1943 in Bennettsville, South Carolina. He accepted Christ at an early age and became a member of Level Green United Methodist Church.

He loved gospel music and actively participated in several Gospel Singing Groups in Bennettsville, South Carolina. He was a member of The Carolina Travelers and The Faithful Few. He was also the Equipment & Sound Technician for The Gospel Commanders.

Deacon Douglas was an extremely hardworking man and a dedicated provider for and with Angela Douglas, whom he affectionately called “Sister Angie”. Over the past 20 years, Sister Angie was committed and faithful to her “Deac”—they went all the way together: for better or worse, in sickness and health, forsaking all others, til death due them part—serving God in the midst of it all.

Deacon Douglas was blessed with a faithful best friend named Brownie. Brownie was more than just his dog. Brownie was a loyal companion who stayed by his side continually—even through his passing and still looks in familiar places for his Master.

We say, “Amen” to Deacon Douglas (a man of wisdom) being loyal to God and St. Joseph from October 12<sup>th</sup> 1997 until his health began to fail. St. Joseph loved him dearly and will miss him even more. Regarding Pastor Baldwin, he said (and meant), “My Pastor”, like none other—a respectful and humble servant. Deacon Douglas was dedicated, obedient, and steadfast to his ministries. No one demonstrated his level of devotion, attention to detail, and obedience to the Van Ministry. He stood with our “Men on a Move for the Lord” Men’s Ministry with holy boldness. He took being a Deacon as if he was one of the original “seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom” in *Acts 6:3*. We were blessed when he called on “Jesus, Jesus, Jesus”—whether praying powerfully or in a conversation. We loved to hear him lead songs with enthusiasm, conviction, and gifting: “Do Lord”, “He Won’t Let You Down”, “It Took the Holy Ghost”, “Can’t Nobody Do Me Like Jesus”, “Pass Me Not”, “Sweet Home”, “It Is For Me” (with Sister Douglas), “Walk with Me Lord”, “Hello Mother”, and our favorite—his “hit”: “Get Right Church”.

Deacon Douglas was preceded in death by Parents, Grandparents, and some Brothers & Sisters.

Deacon Douglas leaves to cherish his memory:

- Angela Douglas (San Antonio, TX)
- Alberta Douglas; *Son* John Henry (Kim) Douglas, Jr.; and *Daughter* Monica Douglas (all of Bennettsville, SC)
- *Brothers*: Dan Douglas (Bennettsville, SC), Daryl Douglas (Bennettsville, SC), and Lorenzo Douglas (Houston, TX)
- *Sisters*: Jackie (Roger) Brown, Sandra (Dwayne) Brown, Nancy Douglas, and Pat McLain (all of Bennettsville, SC)
- *Grandchildren*: Joshua Douglas and Jordan Douglas (Bennettsville, SC)
- *Special Nieces*: Faye McNeil and Yolanda Miller (both of Bennettsville, SC)
- *Stepchildren*: Ezekiel (Chelsi) Andrews, Sr.; and Krystal Andrews (both of San Antonio, TX)
- *Step-Grandchildren*: Elijah Brown and Bobby Brown; Jeremiah Andrews, Ezekiel Andrews Jr., and Isaiah Andrews (all of San Antonio, TX)
- St. Joseph Missionary Baptist Church Family
- *And a Host of Relatives and Friends*

# Order of Service

## MUSICAL PRELUDE

*"It Took the Holy Ghost to Knock", "Can't Nobody", "Sweet Home"*

**PROCESSIONAL** .....Clergy, Pallbearers, and Family

**MUSICAL SELECTION**..... Heavenly Praise (St. Joseph MBC)  
*"Do Lord"*

## SCRIPTURES

The Old Testament.....Reverend Eugene Riojas, Jr. (Anointed Temple of Praise)

The New Testament ..... Minister Melvin McMurry (St. Joseph MBC)

**PRAYER**.....Sister Juanita Braxton (St. Joseph MBC)  
*"It Is For Me" (instrumental)*

**MUSICAL SELECTION**.....Heavenly Praise (St. Joseph MBC)  
*"Get Right Church"*

**CHURCH RESOLUTION** .....Sister Debra Jackson (St. Joseph MBC)

**READING OF OBITUARY**..... Read Silently (*"Pass Me Not" instrumental*)

**WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT**.....Sister Fannie Davis (St. Joseph MBC)

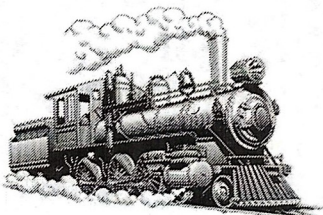
**SOLO** ..... Sister Vanessa Lampkin (St. Joseph MBC)  
*"Walk Around Heaven"*

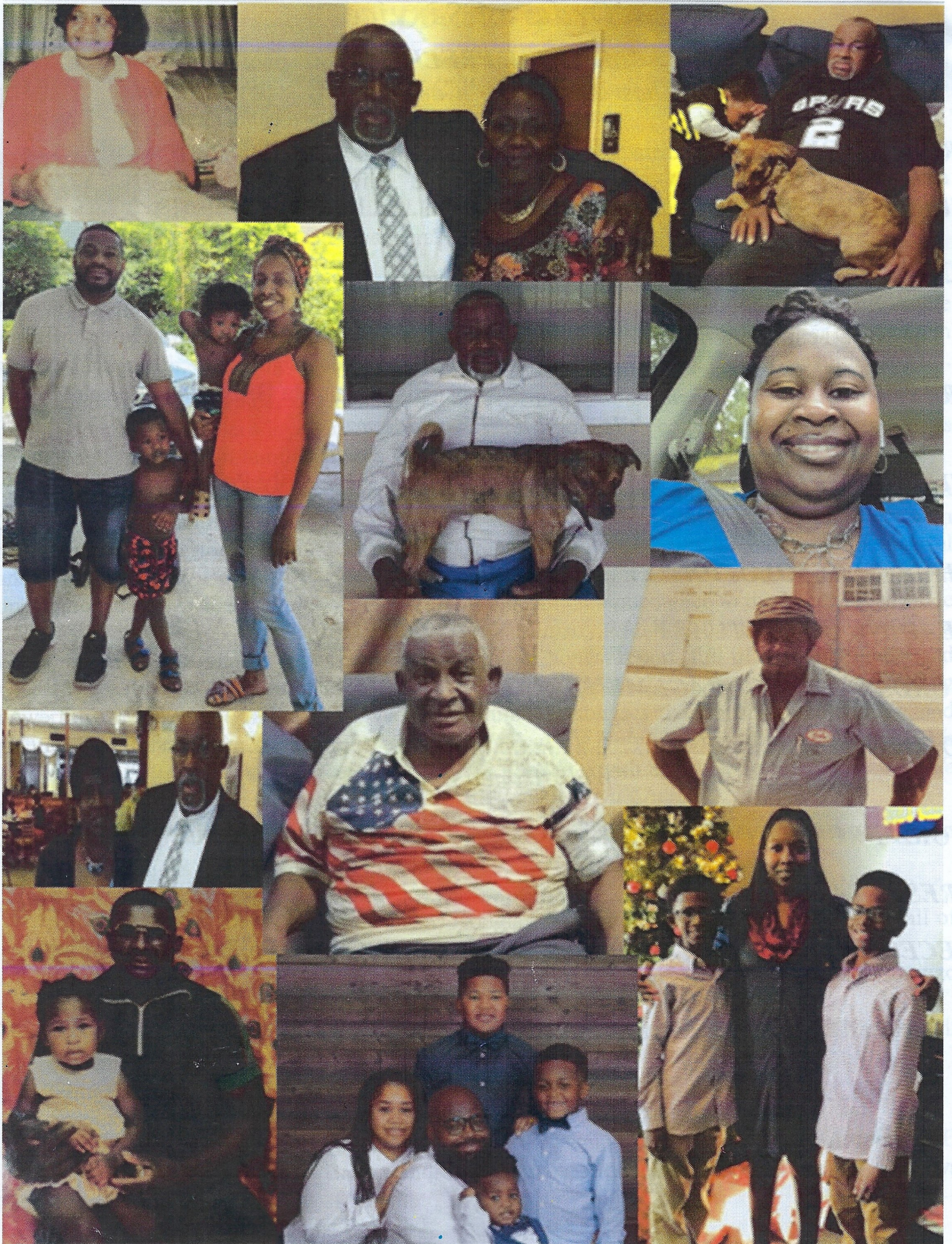
**WORD FROM THE LORD** ..... Pastor Alvin Baldwin (St. Joseph MBC)

**PRESENTATION**..... Carter-Taylor-Williams Mortuary

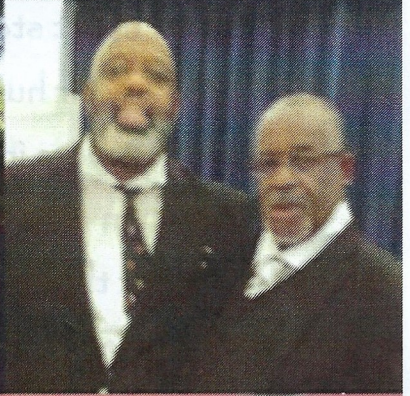
**RECESSIONAL**.....Clergy, Pallbearers, and Family  
*"Hello Mother" / "He Won't Let You Down"*

*"Get right Church & let's go home!  
I'm going home on the morning train!"*





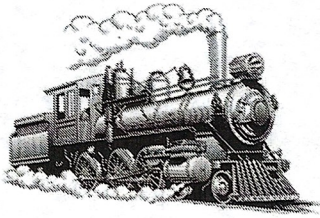
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## God Saw

God saw "Deac" getting tired and the cure was not His Will,  
So God put His arms around him and whispered, "My son, come to Me".  
With tearful eyes, we watched John grow humanly weaker. I saw him pass away.  
Though we loved him dearly, we know God determined his appointed time.  
A golden heart stopped beating. Hard-working hands were put to rest.  
In our humanness, it feels like God broke our hearts,  
But as Believers in Christ, we believe God has "Deac" asleep in Christ,  
And when Christ returns, "Deac" shall be with those who rise first,  
To meet the Lord in the air, together with Believers who are alive,  
And we shall ever be with the Lord!—mighty words of comfort!  
With all My Love, "Sister Angie"

*"Get right Church & let's go home!  
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## *A Fallen Limb*

A limb has fallen the family tree. I hear a voice that says, "Grieve not for me. Remember the best times, the laughter, the song, and 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 and my soul is at rest remembering all—how I was truly blessed. Continue traditions no matter how small. Go on with your life. Don't worry about falls. I miss you all dearly so keep your chin up until the day comes when we are together again.

*From your Daughter, Monica Douglas*

### *Pallbearers*

Minister Melvin McMurry    Reverend Eugene Riojas, Jr.  
Deacon William Harvey    Brother Robert Williams  
Brother Montega James    Brother Kaden Harrison

### *Honorary Pallbearers*

Joshua Douglas    Jordan Douglas  
Elijah Brown    Bobby Brown  
Jeremiah Andrews    Ezekiel Andrews, Jr.  
Isaiah Andrews    Quin Rice

### *Acknowledgement*

The Family of Deacon John Henry Douglas wishes to thank each one of you for your thoughtfulness during the illness and demise of our loved one. Your prayers, cards, visits, calls, funeral attendance, cooking, meals, transportation, hugs, and whatever you have done for us will always be remembered in our hearts.

May God bless each of you in His Special Way.

*The Family*

*“To-Go” Dinner will be served to the Family  
Immediately following the Service at  
St. Joseph Missionary Baptist Church  
Fellowship Hall*

### *Arrangements Entrusted To:*

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*“Never place a question mark, where God has placed a period.”*