

# *A Celebration of Life*

For

*Mr. Kenneth Lewis Vaughn, Sr.*

*Heaven Sent  
July 26, 1947*

*Called Home  
March 28, 2023*



**Monday, April 17, 2023**

**12:00 p.m.**

*East St. Paul United Methodist Church  
502 Kayton Avenue  
San Antonio, Texas 78210*

*Ruth Martin, Pastor*

# Obituary

Kenneth Vaughn was born in Waco, Texas on July 26, 1947 to John Vaughn and Hazel L. Todd. He was baptized at New Light Baptist Church and later became a member of East St Paul United Methodist Church.

Kenneth graduated from Moore High School, Waco, Tx and after volunteering for the draft and was inducted into the U S Army. He was assigned to the 24th Infantry Division in Munich, Germany. While assigned to the 25th Infantry he served in Vietnam without sustaining a wound.

Kenneth retired as Staff Sergeant Vaughn. His decorations and awards include Berlin Occupational Metal, National Defense Service Ribbon, Vietnam Occupational Metal, Combat Infantry Badge, and Vietnam Service Metal.

Kenneth earned an Associates of Arts degree in Surgical Technology from St. Philip's College. He began his civilian career with Texas State Hospital. He has worked with Cresthaven Children Center, the San Antonio Register, and as Entrepreneur owned and operated African American Times newspaper along with a Limousine Service.

He had a natural ability to connect with diverse audiences across the globe. His greatest professional passions was his work as a Trooper with the Bexar County Buffalo Soldiers and served in many capacities, notably as Coach, Trainer, Equipment Manager, and Board Member for Southeast Apaches Pop Warner Football Organization. He had a distinct love for children and helped to nourish many talents providing resources when needed as well as discipline and encouragement. He excelled in the area of helping businesses, churches, civic organizations and individuals in need.

Kenneth met and married Deborah Lynn Crawley. They were united October 10, 2018. They spent quality time entertaining family and friends, attending local benefits for organizations Kenneth was affiliated with and they loved traveling. Kenneth felt privileged to wear the responsibility of Patriarch to his family and was always available for all situations and gatherings.

The most productive and joyful work of Kenneth's life was his children whom he loved very much.

On March 28, 2023 Kenneth left this world and is preceded in death by his father John L. Vaughn, mother, Hazel L. Todd, sister, Felicia Vaughn, brother, Nathaniel Johnson, Jr., and sister Doris McFarland.

Kenneth leaves many family members and friends who will cherish his life and legacy, his wife, Deborah L. Vaughn, his siblings, Kathryn Montgomery, Norman Simmons, Curtis White, John White, Fred Stroud, Marjorie Johnson, Roy Johnson, Janet Stanley, Willard Johnson, Carol Stroud, and Karen Vaughn; his children Kasandra Vaughn, Avery Ellis, Lila Vaughn, Dr. Haana Deickman, Kenneth Vaughn II, and T aylor Vaughn; 12 grandchildren, and 23 great-grandchildren, and a host of nephews and nieces.



## Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Clergy and Family

Officiant (Opening Address)

Pastor Ruth Martin

Congregational Hymn

Prayer of Consolation

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

Pastor Keith Terrell, Savannah Baptist Church, Marion TX

New Testament

Pastor Terrance Hayes, Ernest T. Dixon United Methodist Church, San Antonio, TX

Musical Selection

United Methodist Choir

Reflections

The Children

Attesting His Work in the Community

Mr. Larry Carter, President, Bexar County Buffalo Soldiers  
Rev. James Cooper, Southeast Apaches Pop Warner Football

Attesting His Work in the Church

Mr. Willard Johnson, Brother

Resolutions

Mr. Carlos Sheffield,  
East Saint Paul United Methodist Church

Others

Clergy Remarks

Musical Selection

United Methodist Choir

Eulogy

Pastor Ruth Martin

Recessional

Musical Selection

“Take Me To The King”

# KENNETH LEWIS

## VAUGHN

### *Active Pall Bearers*

The Bexar County Buffalo Soldiers

### *Honorary Pall Bearers*

William Porter  
Tyrick Vaughn  
Zachary Suggs

Avery Ellis

DeShawn Suggs  
Samuel Roseman  
Kenneth Vaughn, II

### *Acknowledgments*

The family of Kenneth L. Vaughn, Sr. have been blessed between family, close friends, and extended family. We ask for your continued prayers and wisdom for our family. May God continue to bless you all.

### *Special Thanks*

Walter Johnson, Thomas Johnson, David Glasco,  
David Wayne Vaughn, and Robert Torres

### *Funeral Arrangements Entrusted to:*

Carter -Taylor -Williams Mortuary  
601 North Center San Antonio, Texas 78202  
210-227-7311

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