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The family of Columbus Faulkner are grateful beyond measure for every expression. While it is difficult to let him go, we are thankful to God for the time we were blessed to have him. We trust God for His wisdom, patience, courage and understanding and love to withstand this difficult time. Please continue to keep our family in your prayers. May God's blessing be with each of you today and always.

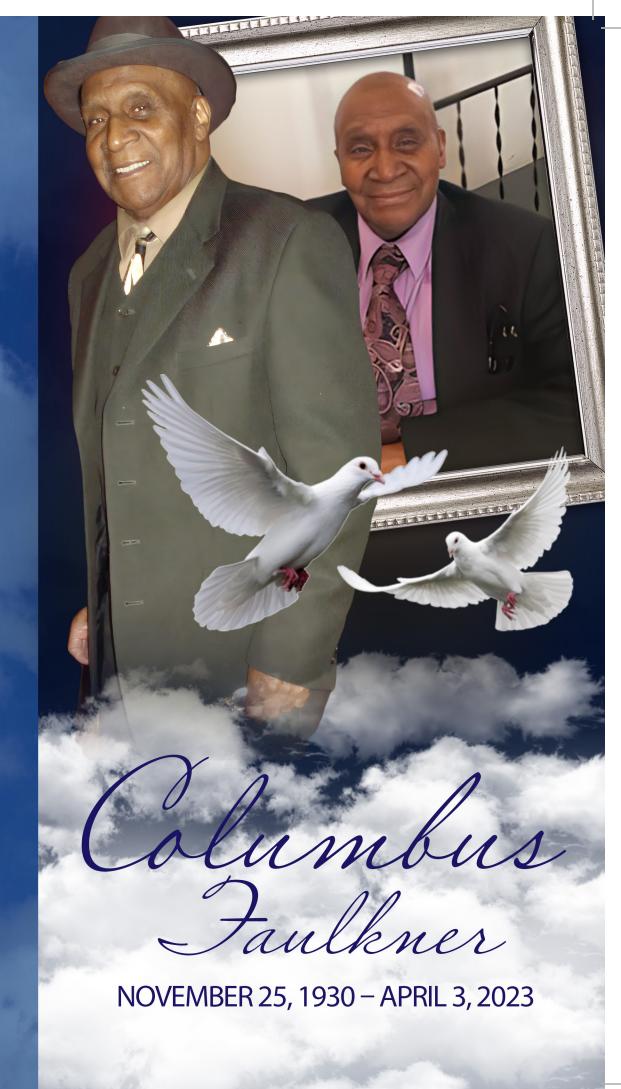
Special thanks to all the grandchildren, especially those who worked untiringly to help take care of their grandfather during his final days. Nothing was too menial for them to do for their grandfather. Love is an action word, and they showed their love every day.

INTERMENT
Homewood Memorial Gardens
600 Ridge Rd, Homewood, IL 60430 Homewood, IL.

Arrangements Entrusted to: Nabors Family, Funeral Home Lillie Nabors, L.F.D.E. 470 W. 172nd St Thornton, Illinois 60476 Office/Cell: 708-704-5023

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# Life Reflections

**Columbus Faulkner** was born November 25, 1930, to Zellie and Viola Ellis-Faulkner. He was the eldest child of eight children. He was raised by his Grandmother Fannie Faulkner along with her son Roosevelt and his fourteen children whom he loved as his siblings.

**Columbus** was affectionately known as "Newt" to his family. He was a precocious child with a keen sense of humor that lasted throughout his life. Even through his sickness, he found a reason to smile and laugh. Although his children wanted to cry at times, he kept them laughing during his last days.

**Columbus** received his formal education in rural Mississippi. He worked as a laborer at a compress factory in Batesville, Mississippi until he retired. He met this sweet little girl named Mattie Mae Kizer and they were united in holy matrimony on August 27, 1949. To this union 15 children were born. After having a full house and raising many of his children in Mississippi, Columbus decided to relocate his family to Harvey, Illinois in 1978.

Columbus's first encounter with Christ was at age 11 at Liberty Hill Baptist Church. He was healed and filled with the Holy Ghost at the Watson Church of God in Christ and was later ordained as an Elder of the Church of God in Christ. After getting a higher call from God, Elder Faulkner was led to become the founder and pastor of what is now known as the Kizer Memorial Church of God in Christ named in memory of Deacon Isadore and Mother Cordelia Kizer, the late parents of Mother Mattie Faulkner. It all started with his Thursday night "miracle" services. Many souls were saved through his ministry. He served God vigorously even through his sickness. Columbus prayed day and night for his children, grandchildren, extended family, and the world at large.

**Columbus** departed this life on April 3, 2023, surrounded by his loving family. He was preceded in death by his wife Mattie Faulkner, his parents Zellie and Viola Faulkner; his grandmother Fannie Faulkner; his daughter Deborah Love; his grandchildren, Brian Cook, Tony Love, Travis Love, Teronda Love; his brothers, Jeff, Richard Cooper, Roosevelt, W.C.; his sisters Fannie Booker, Bobbie Little, and Joyce Ann.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his children, Martha Jean Cook (Fisher); Sara Hinton (Jerome); Alberta Jackson (Joe); Columbus (Mary); Timothy; Alvin; Barry (Gizelle); James (Sandra); Stephanie; Sharon Ulmer (David); Kelvin; Queen Washington (Ronald); Carla Harris (Reginald); and Angela Smith (Raymond); 42 grandchildren, 66 great grandchildren, 17 great-great grandchildren. He leaves a host of nieces, nephews; special nephews, Leon Booker and Jessie Featherson; cousins, and church family; special bonus children, Frenchie Wilkerson, Renee Jackson, and Joyce Gardner. Columbus had a special love for his in-laws.

### Expressions of Love

Thank you for caring for us.

Thank you for praying for us.

Thank you for loving us.

Thank you for the laughs.

Thank you for being you.

Thank you for Thursday night prayers.

Thank you for loving your children "beyond heaven".



### The Faulkner Clan

Grandpa, we will miss you!

Thank you for your love down through the years.

Whether it was the blessed water or a reassuring word,

We knew we could count on you.

You loved us through and through.

Thank you for being a praying grandpa.

Your legacy will live on through our generation and the next.

Love your grandchildren

## Order of Service

Saturday, April 8, 2023
Wake 10:00 AM | Service 11:00 AM
Outreach Church of God in Christ
200 W. 147th St Harvey, IL 60426
Host Pastor, Elder James Sims
Superintendent Fisher Cook, Officiating

#### **Processional**

**Facilitator** Administrative Assistant, Pastor Fisher Cook Peace and Goodwill COGIC

Invocation
Pastor Stephen Stone
New Harvest Pentecostal Assembly

**Scriptures** Elder Anthony Fields

**Musical Selection**Pastor Faulkner's Grandchildren

Special Remarks
Bishop Richard Patterson
Saint Samuel Temple Elect of God Holiness Church, Inc.

**Acknowledgments & Resolutions**Mother Blanch Zanders

Representation From The Pulpit
Pastor Harvey Love, Kizer Memorial Church of God in Christ
Pastor James Sims, Outreach Church of God in Christ

#### Solo

Jamonte Ford

#### Obituary

Read in Silence

#### Solo

Chrysann Moore

### Words of Comfort

Administrative Assistant, Pastor Fisher Cook
Peace and Goodwill COGIC

#### Recessional

Pastors and Elders