

## Road to Eternity

Life is but a stopping place,  
A pause in what's to be,  
A resting place along the road  
To sweet Eternity.  
We all have different journeys,  
Different paths along the way,  
We all were meant to learn something  
But never meant to stay.  
Our destination is a place far  
Greater than we know,  
For some, the journey's quicker,  
For some, the journey's slow.  
And when the journey finally ends,  
We'll claim a great reward,  
And find an everlasting peace,  
Together with the Lord.

Beginning of the  
George Washington  
Nutrition Trail

## "Come by Here, My Lord"

Come by here, my Lord, come by here.  
Come by here, my Lord, come by here.  
Come by here, my Lord, come by here.  
Oh Lord, come by here.

Someone needs you, Lord, come by here.  
Someone needs you, Lord, come by here.  
Someone needs you, Lord, come by here.  
Oh Lord, come by here.

Someone's prayin', Lord, come by here.  
Someone's prayin', Lord, come by here.  
Someone's prayin', Lord, come by here.  
Oh, Lord, come by here.

Kum Ba Yah, my Lord, come by here.  
Kum Ba Yah, my Lord, come by here.  
Kum Ba Yah, my Lord, come by here.  
Oh, Lord, come by here.

## Acknowledgements

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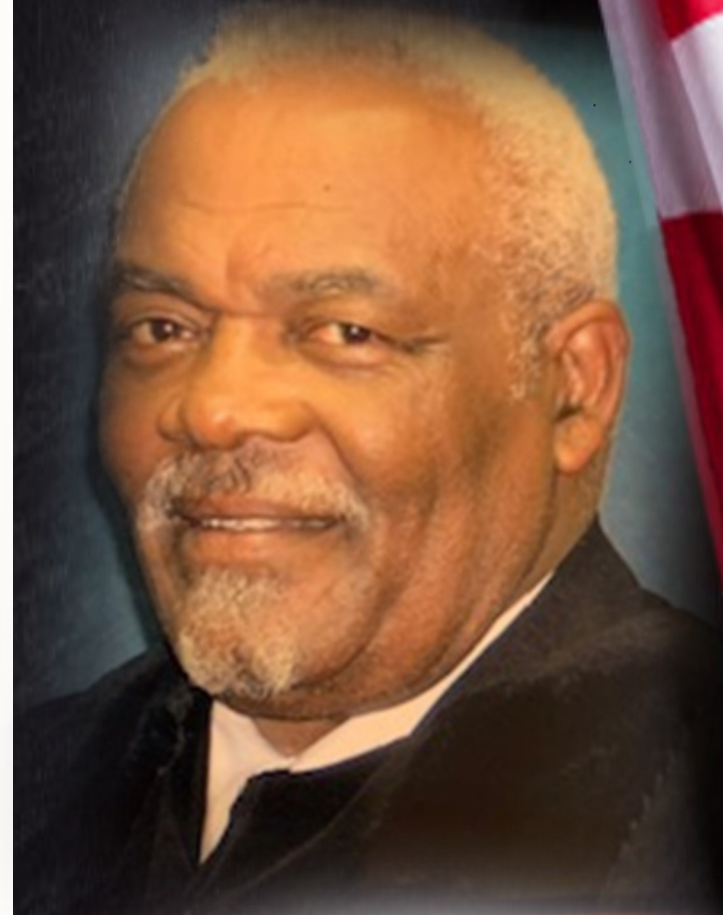
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## Celebrating the Life of



**Rev. William**  
**FOSTER**  
August 4, 1938 – August 18, 2020

Friday, August 28, 2020  
1:00 p.m. CDT

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Rev. George Pulliam, Officiating





# Obituary

States, Far East and Europe. He was the second African-American commissioned officer to join the Alabama National Guard. Bill served 15 years and advanced to major.

When Bill's military service ended, he was employed by the New York/New Jersey Port of Authority as a civil engineer; before he began a 20-year stint with the City of Tuskegee as Director of Buildings & Engineering.

From 1976 to 2002, Bill was a member of Zion at the Hill AME Zion Church. During his tenure at Zion at the Hill, he served in positions including, Sunday School Superintendent, Steward Board, Wednesday Night Service Prayer Leader, Class Leader and choir member. In 2002, Bill joined Shiloh AME Zion Church. There he served as Youth Church School Leader and Sunday Worship Leader.

In 2002 at Watch Night Service, Bill testified about his call to serve God in the ministry. On May 18, 2003, he received his Local Preacher's license making him the first in the third generation of his family to answer the call to ministry.

Reverend William Foster pastored Reese's Chapel AME Zion Church, Marvyn, Alabama and Pursuit of Redemption Christian Church, Talladega, Alabama until his health declined in 2018.

In 2001, William married Janis Gaskins Jeffers of Washington, DC. This was the second marriage for both. He and Mrs. Foster are the proud parents of six children.

Bill was preceded in death by his daughter, Billie Foster.

William "Bill" Foster is survived by his beloved wife, 'Jan'; his children, Una (Missy) Freeman, Melanie Decker, William Foster II, Philip (Tana) and Janifer Jeffers; three sisters, Johnnie Langham (George), Susan Reeves, and Deborah Caldwell; and nine grandchildren. He will be forever cherished by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and two special friends, David Lowe and Dean Baker.

## "Servant of God, Well Done"

Servant of God, well done,  
Rest from thy loved employ  
The battle fought, the vict'ry won,  
Enter the Master's joy.  
Soldier of Christ, well done,  
Praise be thy new employ,  
And, while eternal ages run,  
Rest in thy Savior's joy.

# Order of Service

## Reflections

## Invocation

## Proclamations & Resolutions

## Old Testament Scripture

Psalm 121

## New Testament Scripture

John 14:1-6

## Prayer

## Congregational Hymn

"Come By Here, My Lord"

## Words of Comfort

## Musical Selection

"Precious Lord Take My Hand"

## Obituary

## Reflections

## Recessional

"It Is Well With My Soul"

## Military Ceremony

## Releasing of Doves



## II Timothy 4:7-8

I have fought the good fight; I have kept the faith; Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day.

# Don't

Don't spend too much time in mourning.

Tears are for the sad.

I left to be with Jesus,

and this should make you glad.

Don't waste your hours in grieving.

No need to feel distress.

I'm tired of life's frustrations,

and had to get some rest.

Don't vex yourself with questions,

or try to reason why.

Life here for me was ended;

it came my time to die.

Don't lose the love I gave you;

feed it with your care.

Grow it with devotion

and spread it everywhere.

Don't fret because my leaving

came in such a way.

We'll have another meeting,

in God's Eternal Day!