

Celebration OF LIFE



April 15, 1954 - August 5, 2025

EMMANUEL LEE FOREMAN SR

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 2025 10:00 AM
CHURCH OF CHRIST CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES
1416 WILSON ROAD
BAKERSFIELD, CA



Order _____ OF Service



**In Loving Memory of
Emmanuel Lee Forman Sr.
Friday, September 5, 2025 10:00AM
Church of Christ Christian Ministries**

Officiating: Bishop Bernard Wallace

I. Processional

Clergy, Family & Friends

II. Musical Selection

III. Scripture Readings

Old Testament: Psalm 23

Deacon Darryl Ford

New Testament: Romans 38:39

Evangelist C Shena Wyrick

IV. Prayer of Comfort

Evangelist C. Shena Wyrick

V. Musical Selection

“Emmanuel” - Church Choir

VI. Acknowledgments & Resolutions

Dominique Lawson

VII. Reflections (2 minutes each)

Friends & Family

Please limit reflections to 2 minutes

VIII. Obituary Reading

Dominique Lawson

IX. Slideshow

5-10 Minutes

X. Musical Selection

XI. Eulogy

Bishop Bernard E Wallace

XII. Final Viewing

Open

XIII. Recessional

“Walk Around Heaven”

Internment

Union Cemetery

Services Entrusted To

Johnson & Taft Mortuary

Bakersfield, CA

Repast

Immediately Following Burial

TO OUR FATHER

You built a strong foundation, no one can take away. I've grown up with your values, and I'm very glad I did. So here's to you, dear dad.
From your forever grateful child.

- *Lakisha*

Rest now, your journey is done. Your earthly race, is forever won. May peace surround you, calm and deep.
We will always remember and weep. Your love will always remain, a guiding star no matter where or how far.

- *Manuel Jr*

I knew this time would come someday, but I didn't think so soon.
This thing called time wasn't on our side, but memories will last us through.
I thank God for all the good times, and prayed through bad.
Through it all I loved you and was proud to call you dad.

- *Tyrone Sr*

It doesn't seem like time was with us, your legacy will always remain. To be lost for words, and to say farewell is this journey we all have to take.
Even though you are gone, but your spirit stays.
I'll always remember you as Big Swamp, that name will never fade.

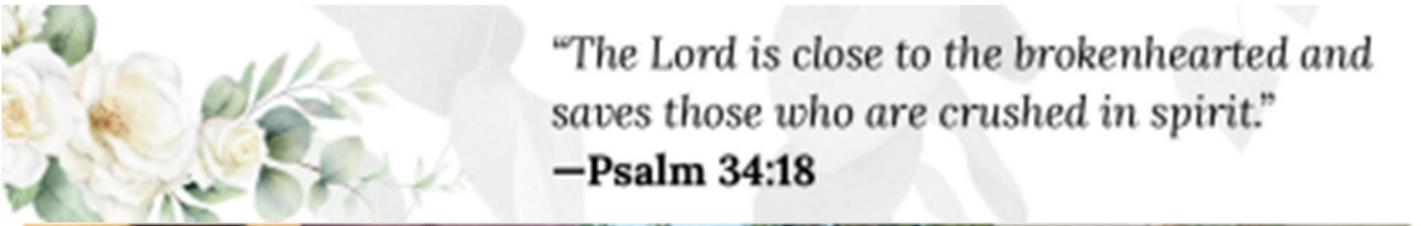
- *Dupree Sr*

As my tears fall I think back to times long gone
When you would be my strength, that my life was built on. I remember all the happiness, you brought throughout the years.
And although they are sweetest memories, I can not stop my tears. You were my protector, my advisor and my guide and life will never be the same without you by my side.
So dad, as I pay this visit to your resting place today, I'd like to thank you for the caring I can never repay.

- *Laquinta*

An Endless Legend





"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."

—Psalm 34:18





IN MEMORY OF

Emmanuel Lee Foreman Sr



“I been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me”

—Galatians 2:20



REMEMBERING

Emmanuel Foreman Sr

EMMANUEL “BIG SWAMP” FOREMAN SR.

Age 71, passed away peacefully on August 5, 2025. He was born on April 15, 1954, in Bakersfield, California, to Melvin Foreman Sr. and Marie Harris-Bell.

Emmanuel, lovingly known as “Manuel,” attended Casa Loma Elementary, Golden State Junior High, and South High School. He discovered his passion for construction early in life and dedicated more than 20 years to the field before retiring as a heavy equipment operator. A hardworking man who never minded getting his boots dirty, Manuel embodied determination and grit.

From a young age, he embraced the “cowboy lifestyle,” enjoying time on the ranch and taking pride in cruising through town in his Cadillac. Emmanuel lived life to the fullest—his vibrant energy could light up any room he entered.

He was the proud father of seven children: Lakisha Foreman-Herron, Damon Foreman Sr., Emmanuel Foreman Jr., Dupree Foreman, Tyrone Foreman Sr., Laquinta Foreman-Holder, and Marisa Foreman, all of Bakersfield, California.

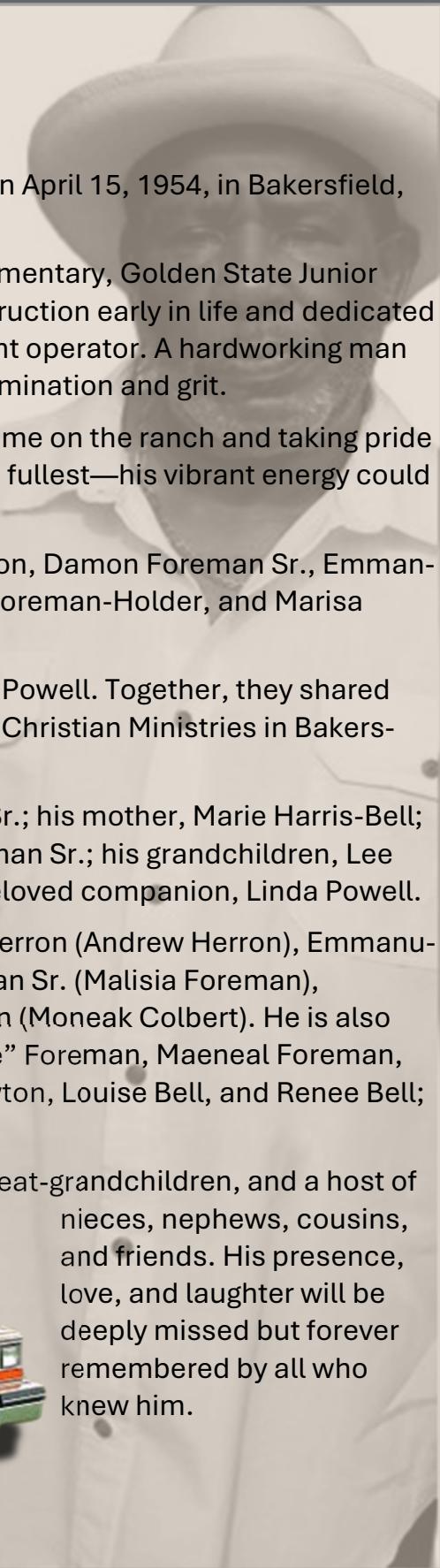
Later in life, Emmanuel found love and companionship with Linda Powell. Together, they shared many years of devotion and faith while attending Church of Christ Christian Ministries in Bakersfield, where he began his journey of walking with Christ.

Emmanuel was preceded in death by his father, Melvin Foreman Sr.; his mother, Marie Harris-Bell; his sisters, Brenda “Yayay” Foreman; his son, Damon “Lac” Foreman Sr.; his grandchildren, Lee Andrew Herron, Emon Foreman, and Zechariah Holder; and his beloved companion, Linda Powell.

He leaves to cherish his memory his children: Lakisha Foreman-Herron (Andrew Herron), Emmanuel Foreman Jr., Dupree Foreman (Stacey Foreman), Tyrone Foreman Sr. (Malisia Foreman), Laquinta Foreman-Holder (Dennis Holder Jr.), and Marisa Foreman (Moneak Colbert). He is also survived by his sisters: Glinda Foreman-Dickerson, Earlinda “Faye” Foreman, Maeneal Foreman, Pauline Foreman, Cynthia Foreman, Dorothy Bell, Helen Bell-Newton, Louise Bell, and Renee Bell; his brothers: Eddie Leflore, Charles Bell, and Melvin Foreman Jr.

Emmanuel’s legacy continues through his 54 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and a host of

nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. His presence, love, and laughter will be deeply missed but forever remembered by all who knew him.





Pallbearers

Marquez Foreman	Dusani Foreman
Dupree Foreman Jr	Cobe Herron
Keshaw Avery	Tyrone Foreman Jr
Daquan Foreman	Damen Foreman Jr

Honorary Pallbearers

Trevon Foreman	Rober Carter Sr
Dennins Holder Jr	Darryl Ford
Khamari Foreman	Emmanuel Foreman III
Ty'won Foreman	Larry Davis
Steve Wofford	Danny Richard
LaZaroy Miller	Curtis Smith



Appreciation

With deepest gratitude, we extend our heartfelt
thanks for your love, support, and kindness
during this time.
Your prayers, words of comfort, and presence
have brought us great strength.
May God bless you abundantly
for your thoughtfulness.

The Foreman Family