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ARRANGEMENTS: VIEWING AND VISITATION, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 FROM 1-6 PM AT W. D. CROWDER FUNERAL HOME, 1800 JOHN L. PATTERSON STREET, SPRINGFIELD, TENNESSEE 37172 AND SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2023, 12-1 PM WITH FUNERAL TO FOLLOW AT 1 PM ST, MATTHEW HOLY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, 112 RICHLAND DRIVE, SPRINGFIELD, TENNESSEE, INTERMENT, RESTLAWN MEMORIAL GARDEN, CEDAR HILL, TENNESSEE.

Andrew Wilbert Brooks was the fifth child out of eleven children born to the late William Felmore and Josiephine Moore Brooks on January 12, 1935. God, in his infinite wisdom, called him home on August 23, 2023. He professed his faith in Christ at an early age at Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church, Orlinda, TN. Andrew was joined in holy matrimony to Mrs. Vendella Lawrence on November 19, 1955. He has ten children. He was ordained as a deacon under the leadership of Reverend Shaw on March 6, 1988, and served faithfully for many years.

He attended Bransford High School in Robertson County where he played football. He moved to Indianapolis, IN, with his new bride and worked as a cab driver until his mother fell ill then he moved back to the Milldale, TN, area where he began his love for farming. He began sharecropping with Mr. Pud Payne until he moved to Ms. Rebecca Wydick's farm. He would be on his tractor for hours. He was a great tobacco farmer and loved blessing any, and all, with produce from his private garden. He was very proud to partner with his brother to purchase a semi-truck.

He was more than just a father; he was Daddy or Big Daddy to all. He was a strong, quiet spirit who loved, cherished, prayed for, and protected his family with purpose. He loved being around the family and spoiling his grandkids.

He was the Treasurer of the Brooks Family reunion for many years and never missed a reunion until he became ill this year. If there was a need, he fulfilled through his faith in GOD. Even in his elder years, he continued to show love and support in his own simple but quiet way. From his favorite spot, the front porch, he would wave to all who passed his Main Street home.

He is preceded in death by his parents, William Felmore and Josiephine Moore Brooks; his wife of 67 years, Vendella Brooks; son, Walter Thomas Brooks; and siblings, Robert Lewis, William Felmore Jr., Raydell, Thomas Wilson, Arshion Sr., James Donald, Elizabeth Jean, Mary Francis, Joann, and Brenda K. Brooks.

He leaves to cherish his memory: children, Alice (Junen) Campbell, Brenda Brooks, Sylvia Brooks, Archie (Dorothea) Brooks, Tracy (Jody) Brooks, Victor Brooks, Bobby Joe (Teresa) Brooks, Eric (Rachelle) Gardner Sr., Eva (Coulange) Eugene; adopted daughter, Mary Dowlen; and devoted neighbors, Mr. Buddy and Mrs. Gail Rawls. He will also be missed by his twenty-five grandchildren, fifty-four great-grand-children, nine great-great grandchildren, and a host of extended family and friends.