



Deacon Roger Lamar Laster

June 12, 1933 - May 10, 2026

Deacon Roger Lamar Laster was born on June 12, 1933, in McDonough, Georgia, to the late Deacon W.A. Laster and Minnie Laster. He was the second of four children and was affectionately known by many as “Uncle Bubba.”

On May 10, 2026, the Lord softly whispered in his ear, “Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” (Matthew 11:28). With a peaceful spirit, Roger looked toward his Heavenly Father and declared, “I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith,” (2 Timothy 4:7). As he peacefully closed his eyes, he transitioned from labor to reward and entered his heavenly home.

Roger received his education through the historic Shiloh Baptist Church School in McDonough, Georgia, established as the first school for African American children in the city and Henry County. Those who knew Roger best would often smile when hearing him say the word “Indeed,” a phrase that became one of his many memorable trademarks.

At an early age, Roger joined Bethlehem Baptist Church in Locust Grove, Georgia, where he remained a faithful lifetime member. After serving as a junior deacon in training, he was ordained as a Senior Deacon in July 1955 and faithfully served the church for many years.

Deacon Laster was deeply committed to caring for God's people. He visited the sick and shut-in, administered Holy Communion, delivered fruit baskets to the elderly, and ensured the Mother Board received flowers. His acts of kindness and servant leadership reflected the true heart of a devoted deacon. In 1957, Roger began his distinguished career with Delta Air Lines as a Skycap Agent, dedicating 57 years of faithful service. With his warm smile, gentle spirit, and helping hand, he welcomed passengers from all over the world and from every walk of life. Through his career, he and his beloved wife were blessed with opportunities to travel extensively and create cherished memories together.

On December 25, 1955, Roger was united in holy matrimony to his loving and beautiful bride, Doris Watson. Their union was blessed with a beautiful daughter, Theresa Faye Laster. Roger was a devoted husband, loving father, and faithful provider who treasured his family deeply.

Deacon Laster was also a proud member of the Locust Grove Masonic Lodge #573, where he faithfully served for more than 60 years. As a distinguished 33rd Degree Mason and one of the lodge's oldest charter members, he served honorably as Chaplain for many years, as long as his health allowed. He was preceded in death by his parents, Deacon W.A. Laster and Minnie Laster; and his sisters, Vera Laster McKinsey and Wilene Laster.

He leaves to cherish his precious memories: his devoted and loving wife of 70 years, Doris Laster; his faithful and loving daughter, Theresa Faye Laster; son, Robby (Mary) Johnson; grandchildren, Renico and Nekosha Fambro, Silkee Dabney (Jimmy) Smith, Ezzard Laster, Desmon (Delicia) Johnson, and Alicia Watson; great-grandchildren, Reco, Jaden, Jania, Jordyn, Seven, Jamira, Braylon, Khyla, and Knowledge; devoted sister, Christine Burns; sister in laws Martha Tolbert, Cleveland OH, Flora Watson, McDonough, GA

Godchildren, Alesia Gales, Daryl Solomon, Katrina Cordell, Nickey (Robin) Johnson, Rhonda Pinkney, , Sharon Jenkins, Sharon Johnson, Valerie Cordell, and Vincent Laster; among them, Alesia, Daryl, and Rhonda shared an unbreakable bond with him; god-granddaughter, Tasha Clark; special nephew, Kurt Jackson; special friends, Mother Dorothy Solomon and Lavonia McBride; along with a host of nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends.

Deacon Roger Lamar Laster lived a life of faith, humility, honor, and service. His legacy of love, devotion, wisdom, and kindness will continue to live on in the hearts of all who were blessed to know him. "Well done, thy good and faithful servant."

The Celebration of Life Service for Mr Roger Laster will be held on Saturday, May 23, 2026 at 1:00 PM. This service will be recorded and streamed live. If the event is interrupted at any time due to technical issues, the entire event will be uploaded and available to view later in the day. Please copy and paste the link to share, or simply click on the link to view the event.

<https://vimeo.com/event/5944642>

Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, 4347 Flat Shoals Parkway, Decatur, Georgia 30034.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **22**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B Levett and Son Funeral Home - Flat Shoals Location
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy
Decatur, GA 30034

Celebration of Life service- Attend Live or via Livestream

MAY **23**. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Bethlehem Baptist Church
643 Bethlehem Road
Locust Grove, GA 30248

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Burial

MAY **23**. 2:45 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery
643 Bethlehem Road
Locust Grove,, GA 30248

Tribute Wall

TJ

“ Praying for the family during this difficult time.

Tam Jacobs - May 26 at 11:38 AM

MC

“ Rev. Dr. Carl Z. Liggins, Sr. and Sis. Sheryl Liggins express our deepest sympathy on the passing of Deacon Roger Laster. He served faithfully and will be surely missed. May Deacon Laster rest in peace.

Mt.Olive MB Church - May 22 at 03:55 PM



“ Sincerest Sorrow Blue & White was purchased for the family of Deacon Roger Lamar Laster.



May 19 at 02:39 PM

FC

“ From Rev JL Allen & wife Sis Carmen purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Deacon Roger Lamar Laster.



From Rev JL Allen & wife Sis Carmen - May 18 at 05:07 PM

RT

“ You will be truly missed Deacon Laster. Praying God's strength to the family. God bless. Amen 🙏

Raquel Thompson - May 14 at 06:25 PM

EP

Listen , it is with my deepest Sympathy i share in the lost of the Patriot of your family. Although we all were only Cousins . He has always been more like a Brother to my Mom & Dad , Margaret & Trustee Willie (Bit) Phelps and a Uncle to us kids.

I recall being Baptisted at age 9or10 yrs old along with my sister and Alicia (Gales)Solomon in Good ol Laster Lake 🙏 also the Daycations and or Vacations we all would take together to Lake Winnepesaukee or some part of Florida.

Which included most times Deacon Robert & Dot Solomon and their 4 children, Deacon Charles & Gladys Solomon and their 4 Children, Deacon Roger , Doris & Faye Laster alone with me Dean my Mom and Dad and 3 siblings. Sometimes others. But this was the core.

They would then drop us off for a week in McDonough with our Grandparents and they would go on the grown Folks vacation then to places like the Bahamas. We were one Big Happy Family.

Faye you've always been like a Big sister to me. We've always had our own relationship. I am always here for you guys ok . You and Doris keep the Faith. You got this . Love y'all

Cousins Eric "Dean" Phelps

Eric Phelps - May 23 at 04:46 PM