



## Mr. Robert Rochell Freeman

February 4, 1940 - November 28, 2017

Robert Rochell Freeman departed this life on November 28, 2017. He was the oldest child of the late Rev. Amos E. Freeman and Mrs. Ruby Mae Freeman of Denmark, Tennessee, born on February 4, 1940.

He was a graduate of West High School, Denmark, Tennessee and held Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tennessee in Agronomy, Plant Science and Biochemistry and an Associates Degree in Business Management from Lansing Community College, Lansing, Michigan.

Rochell (as he was called by friends & family) accepted Christ at an early age at St. John #2 Baptist Church, Denmark, TN. He was ordained as a Deacon in 1966 at Morning Star Baptist Church, Alton, Illinois. He served as Sunday School Superintendent, Youth Advisor, Trustee, Chairman of the Deacon Board and sang in the Male Chorus at Friendship Baptist Church, Lansing, Michigan. He was a member of the Sanctuary Choir, Sunday School teacher, Lead Deacon and Second Lead Deacon at St. John # 2 Baptist Church, Denmark, Tennessee.

After serving in the U.S. Army as a records clerk and GED instructor while stationed at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, his career included employment as a Quality Control Chemist, Water Resources Chemist, and Personnel Officer; retiring in 2002 as Training Coordinator for the Michigan Department of Civil Service.

Rochell was a leukemia stem cell transplant survivor and a proud member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Epsilon Tau Sigma Chapter. Rochell was a loving and gentle husband, father and grandfather; loved the Lord, his church and his pastor. He gave generously to many charities and loved encouraging young people in continuing their education by offering monetary rewards for good grades to college students at St. John #2 Baptist Church.

He has been married to Marilyn Faye Menefee Freeman for almost 54 years. He also

leaves to cherish his memories; daughters, Chevelle Freeman of Dallas, TX; Cynthia Freeman (Jay) Gibbs of San Antonio, TX; Jamille Freeman (Damon) Hunter of Memphis, TN; son, Dion (Vicky) Freeman of Lansing, MI; sister, Ruth Angela (Bruce) Bond of Denmark, TN; 1 brother-in-law, E. Jerome (Willa) Menefee of Albany, GA; 1 beloved Aunt, Mary Henning of Denmark, TN; 8 grandchildren - Dennie Price, Jr., Nolan Price, Sydney Parkinson, Joshua Freeman, Derek Freeman, Julian Hunter, Victor Freeman and Lauren Hunter; several great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Marvin Conwell Freeman and a son, Dennie Price, Sr.

# Cemetery Details

## St. John No. 2 Church Cemetery

191 Bond Cemetery Road  
Denmark, TN 38391

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 3. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home, Inc.  
807 N. Hays Avenue  
Jackson, TN 38301  
(731) 427-7411  
info@stephenson-shaw.com  
<https://www.stephenson-shaw.com>

## Service

DEC 4. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. John No. 2 Baptist Church  
191 Bond Cemetery Road  
Denmark, TN 38391

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Robert Rochell Freeman*

January 28, 2023 at 12:37 PM

WF

“ *With Love, The Barnum Family purchased the Serene Green™ Bouquet For Sympathy for the family of Mr. Robert Rochell Freeman .*



**With Love, The Barnum Family** - December 04, 2017 at 08:03 AM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert Rochell Freeman .*



December 03, 2017 at 11:36 PM

CA

“ *Charles Lewis & Tracy Abrom purchased the White Standing Spray for the family of Mr. Robert Rochell Freeman .*



**Charles Lewis & Tracy Abrom** - December 03, 2017 at 09:03 PM

EE

“ *To Merilyn, and all the family of Rochell Freeman, you all are in my prayers and thoughts today in the Homecoming of Rochell, I do know how you all feeling right now, but God knows and care,read Isaiah 25:8, I won't be able to be with you and the family tomorrow, but I'LL be in prayer, remember God love you dearly in Christ Jesus'name I enjoy knowing the Freeman's Family along time, God bless and love always ----EVELYN Ellison, love in Christ , always*

**Evelyn Ellison** - December 03, 2017 at 08:56 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert Rochell Freeman .*



December 03, 2017 at 08:42 PM

MW

“ *I'm thinking of you & family and I am praying for God's comfort during these times. Know that you are loved and you have my sincere sympathy.*

*From Mollie Mosely Walls-Albany, GA  
To the Robert Rochell Freeman Family*

**Mollie M Walls** - December 02, 2017 at 09:48 PM



“ *Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert Rochell Freeman .*



December 02, 2017 at 09:05 PM

VM

“ *Merilyn, our prayers and deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family. We have always consider ourselves apart of your family. You have always been the glue that held your family together and you will continue to do so. So continue to be strong and know that God has his arms wrap around you . We love you  
Julius and Valorie Mosely*

**Valorie Mosely** - December 02, 2017 at 06:18 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert Rochell Freeman .*



December 01, 2017 at 11:38 PM



“ *Sincerest Sorrow - Blue and White* was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert Rochell Freeman .



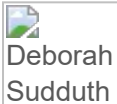
November 30, 2017 at 03:56 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy* was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert Rochell Freeman .



November 30, 2017 at 02:37 PM



Deborah Sudduth

“ *Mrs. Freeman and family,*

*I am praying for God's comfort, peace and strength during this difficult time for all of you. There is no pain that God cannot heal! No sorrow God does not feel. All things work according to the Master's Will. Hang on to Him, He will see you through.*



*Deborah Sudduth  
Lansing, Michigan*

**Deborah Sudduth** - November 29, 2017 at 12:45 PM

EE

*To the family of Robert Rochelle Freeman, I want to let you all know , you all are in my prayers and thoughts in this time of sadness, sorry I can't be for Rochelle home-coming,he was a nice person to have known, I met him through his cousins the Freeman, God be with you all now and always ----Evelyn Ellison--Jackson TN*

**Evelyn Ellison** - December 03, 2017 at 12:24 PM

HC

“ *To the family of Cousin Bob-We want to express our deepest sympathy. Bob was a very special person. He was very smart. He was very helpful and he had a kind spirit. I shall never forget his kindness to me over the years. In a world where so much is going on, it is encouraging to know someone that is grounded in faith and love. He will be missed.*

*Love all of you. Hewitt & Dornell*

**Hewitt & Dornell Chatman** - November 29, 2017 at 10:14 AM

PS

*To The Family of Robert Freeman - Sister Freeman stay strong in the Lord. He knows your sorrow. Continue to lean on him and he will fill the void which is left in the transition of Brother Robert. To the Church, you are sad, but you can smile for your dad was indeed a great man. He helped so many folks here in Lansing. He is not but never forgotten.. May the peace of God rest with the family. Pastor Stan and Charlotte Parker, and the Faith Fellowship Baptist Church family.*

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**Pastor Stan** - December 03, 2017 at 03:56 PM