



## Pastor Shonta Omaile Newson

January 30, 1972 - August 5, 2023

Statesboro, Georgia

Pastor Shonta “Shun” Omaile Newson, age 51, answered the Lord’s call home on Saturday, August 5, 2023, in Statesboro, Georgia.

Shonta (Shun) Omaile Newson was born on Monday, January 30, 1972, to Robert Joe Newson and Dorothy Andrews in Newnan, Georgia. In an instance, he answered the Lord’s call home on Saturday, August 5, 2023, in Statesboro, Georgia.

He was educated in the public school system of Coweta County and graduated in 1990 from Newnan High School. Shun attained a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education and Teaching from Georgia Southern University in 1997. While a student at Georgia Southern, he was an active member of the Afro-American Choir and was a Tutor Counselor with the Upward Bound Program. Additionally, in May 2018, he earned a master’s degree in Christian Education from Liberty University.

At an early age, his faith journey began when he joined the Friendship Baptist Church. While residing in Statesboro, Georgia, he joined Agape Worship Center under Bishop Anthony Chavers. Having answered his ministerial call, Shun was licensed as a Minister in 2002 and ordained as an Elder in 2004. At

Agape Worship Center, Elder Newson served in many capacities and roles, from the Music Ministry to Executive Team to Ministerial Staff. He served as the youth minister at Saint Paul Missionary Baptist Church in Register, Georgia from 2005 until his installation as Pastor in 2012. He faithfully served until his passing. He also served as the youth minister at Miller Grove Missionary Baptist Church from 2007 until 2020.

Pastor Newson began his vocational career first as an Admissions Counselor in the Office of Admission at Georgia Southern University, and later as an Education Specialist in the Education Talent Search Program, a federally funded TRIO Program. During his tenure at Georgia Southern University, he served as the Advisor to Voices In Ministry (VIM) Choir. He additionally held positions with Pineland Mental Health and Necco Foster Agency. Most recently, he was the Community Marketing Representative for CareSource. He is preceded in death by fathers, Robert Joe Newson and Thomas Alton James; paternal grandparents, Robert L. Newson and Annie Lee; and maternal grandparents, W.T. Andrews and Bessie Andrews.

Pastor Newson leaves to cherish his memories: his loving and devoted wife, Deidra Reid Newson of Statesboro, GA; two children, Jade and Zachariah Newson both of Statesboro, GA; his mother, Dorothy A. James of Newnan, GA; mother-in-law, Phyllis (Ronald) Campbell; father-in-law, Lepolin Mainer; his siblings, Kenya Shaneke Newson, Shamandra Newson, DeMarcus Newson all of Newnan, GA and Rafael (Raven) James of LaGrange, GA; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Rico (Lisa) Campbell, Tanisha Campbell, Tara King, Derrick (Latrice) Mainer, Lepolin Mainer; nieces and nephews, Keyonta (Mikey) Collazo, LaMarcus Hill, Terrelle Newson, LaDeja Owens, Niya Newson, M'Shanti Newson, MoRaya Newson, Trinity Carriker, Eric Campbell, Isaiah Campbell, Marcus Campbell, Christopher Campbell, Da'Meshia Jinks, Kennedi Lanier, and Taylor Mainer; nine great nieces and nephews; aunts, Ruby Davis, Ernestine (Reverend Joe) Geter, Sallie (Jewell)

Glenn, Willene (Willie) Adams, Jackie Carroll, and Ruby James; uncles, Frank (Nereau) Andrews, and Reverend Felton (Fanny) James, a great uncle, Clifford Geter; his godchildren, Ashton McMillan, Mason and Mya Tremble, Aaryn Everett, Aubrey Jackson, Darien Cone, King Shatteen, Jatavia Frink, CJ Williams, LaErica Hutton, and Amber Baldwin; his brothers from another mother, Apostle Antonio (Lady Joi) Thomas and family and Lawrence (Dana) Thompson and family; the members of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, The Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Association and the Concerned Clergy along with a host of other relatives and friends.

Visitation will be held on Friday, August 11, 2023, from 6 pm to 8 pm, in the chapel of Hill's Mortuary, Inc.

The funeral service for Pastor Newson, will be held 11 am, Saturday, August 12, 2023, at the Miller Grove Missionary Baptist Church, the Rev. Harry J. Tremble, Jr., pastor, Bishop Anthony Chavers, presiding and Apostle Antonio Thomas, as eulogist. A burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Final rites have been entrusted to Hill's Mortuary, Inc.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Hill's Mortuary, Inc.  
58 Packinghouse Road  
Statesboro, GA 30458

## Lie In State

AUG 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Miller Grove Baptist Church  
7829 GA-24  
Statesboro, GA 30461-7822  
(912) 587-5356

## Funeral Service

AUG 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Burial

AUG 12 (ET)

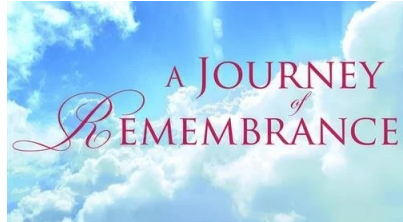
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# Tribute Wall



“ Hill's Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Pastor Shonta Omaile Newson



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**Hill's Mortuary, Inc.** - August 11, 2023 at 03:45 PM

BL

*We Will Miss You!!!*

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**Betty Lovett** - August 12, 2023 at 08:20 AM

RB

*We will miss your service provided to the Middle Georgia Communities through Family Connection. We thank you.*

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**Regina F Butts** - August 17, 2023 at 06:40 PM

TE

“ Tricia Eason sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Shonta Omaile Newson



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**Tricia Eason** - August 16, 2023 at 12:17 AM

CD

“ *Pastor Shun and I worked together at Pineland. He was always observed to be professional but caring. Shun's life here on earth added value to the lives of others. Well done that good and faithful servant.*

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**Cynthia A Dekle** - August 12, 2023 at 04:36 PM

GL

“ *Deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Pastor Newsome.* 💜💜💜 🙏🙏



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**Gwen Littles** - August 12, 2023 at 02:57 PM

RG

“ *May the God of all Grace comfort you in this your time of bereavement. Pastor Newson was a dear friend and brother and will be greatly missed. Bishop Richard D M Garvin and the Hutchinson Longstreet Family*

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**Richard Garvin** - August 12, 2023 at 11:45 AM

DW

“ *With sincere condolences Pastor Delmons White and Mt.Olive Missionary Baptist, Nevils Georgia!* 🙏🙏🙏🙏

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**delmons white** - August 11, 2023 at 07:02 PM

RC

“ R.I.H.P. Rev. Newson. He looked at us and smiled. Then he walked into the opened gates.



Rev. James & Cynthia Canty - August 11, 2023 at 06:13 PM

AF

“ Annie Doe, FSW lit a candle in memory of Pastor Shonta Omaile Newson



Annie Doe, FSW - August 11, 2023 at 03:28 PM



“ 95 files added to the album LifeTributes



Hill's Mortuary, Inc. - August 11, 2023 at 02:54 PM

AP

“ *ARNOLD PERKINS lit a candle in memory of Pastor Shonta Omaile Newson*



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**ARNOLD PERKINS** - August 11, 2023 at 12:46 PM



“ *Angela Luckey lit a candle in memory of Pastor Shonta Omaile Newson*



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**Angela Luckey** - August 10, 2023 at 06:41 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pastor Shonta Omaile Newson.*



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August 10, 2023 at 03:11 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Pastor Shonta Omaile Newson.*

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August 10, 2023 at 03:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Pastor Shonta Omaile Newson.*



August 10, 2023 at 03:02 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Pastor Shonta Omaile Newson.

August 10, 2023 at 03:02 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pastor Shonta Omaile Newson.*



August 10, 2023 at 02:58 PM



“ *Pastor Woodson of The Tabernacle Baptist Church offer our prayers and condolences*



**Daniel C Woodson** - August 10, 2023 at 02:37 PM

DF

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family. Praying that God will shower each of you with HIS Love, Peace and Comfort during this time of sorrow. Much love and prayers from Dwayne and Rosetta Fowler, Stone Mountain, Ga.

Dwayne and Rosetta Fowler - August 10, 2023 at 12:58 PM

KG

“ I will forever remember Shun as an amazing young man growing up in Newnan!!!! His parents were ALWAYS in church whether at Friendship Baptist in Newnan or Saint Paul Baptist in LaGrange under his uncle Pastor Felton James. My condolences to his entire family. My prayers are with you and for you.

Kenny McCamey, LaGrange, GA - August 10, 2023 at 12:50 PM

SI

“ Stacey Irvin-Lockhart lit a candle in memory of Pastor Shonta Omaile Newson



Stacey Irvin-Lockhart - August 10, 2023 at 10:48 AM

CA

“ Cathygoodman lit a candle in memory of Pastor Shonta Omaile Newson



Cathygoodman - August 10, 2023 at 10:35 AM

CA

*So so very sorry for the lost of your husband D.which is how I always called you and when I heard this sadful news all I could do was put myself in your place at that time and even right now I try to imagine if I be the longest survivor of my marriage just how this would really affect me cause I know it would really be a big missing link in my life it hurts me just to know when spouses has to go for us all but as time past you'll get that devine strength each day it's takes a lot of days months yrs to fully to realization of lost love ones it just hurts so I am ending this message to you by saying and baby trust me I know behind every dark cloud God will Allow the sun to shine and shine right upon you . And he'll keep his hands in your hands*

**Cathygoodman** - August 10, 2023 at 10:46 AM

CA

*And carry on pastor newsones legacy he was very educated and you are a smart woman as long as you and your kids are together and safe and well your husband will be with you all everyday in spirit don't get weak get even stronger and carry on*

**Cathygoodman** - August 10, 2023 at 10:52 AM

JA

*Pastor Newsom in the short time we've known you we really got to Love you and your preaching just got better and better.May God continue to Bless your family they are in our prayers. May you rest in peace, we will miss you but never forget you. Deacon John & Annette Robinson.*

**John & Annette** - August 10, 2023 at 04:48 PM

TH

“ Tracy Huff lit a candle in memory of Pastor Shonta Omaile Newson



**Tracy Huff** - August 10, 2023 at 10:17 AM

MN

“ *cousins Mary Neal ,Kyle, and Kervis*



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**mary l neal** - August 10, 2023 at 10:11 AM

LW

“ *Lynette Jones Wilcox lit a candle in memory of Pastor Shonta Omaile Newson*



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**Lynette Jones Wilcox** - August 10, 2023 at 06:53 AM

JW

“ *Janiesha Williams lit a candle in memory of Pastor Shonta Omaile Newson*



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**Janiesha Williams** - August 10, 2023 at 06:36 AM

BM

“ JOB -(14) MAN BORN OF A WOMAN IS OF A FEW DAYS AND LIFE FULL OF TROUBLE 🙏🙏🙏

We were saddened to hear about the passing of Pastor Newsom, We never know the day or the hour that he is coming back to receive us, It behooves us to be ready and on guard at all times. We had the opportunity to hear Pastor Newsom preach for us at Banks Creek P.B. Church a couple of times. May God 🙏 continue to give the Newsom family and The Saint Paul Missionary Baptist Church Family peace and comfort in the days ahead, We are praying for each of you! 🙏 Earth has no sorrow heaven can't heal 🙏

BANKS CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH PORTAL  
GEORGIA ELDER JOSEPH MOSLEY, PASTOR

Brent and Bernice Riggs Mosley - August 09, 2023 at 10:36 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Pastor Shonta Omaile Newson.



August 09, 2023 at 10:24 PM

GS

“ Grace Safford lit a candle in memory of Pastor Shonta Omaile Newson



Grace Safford - August 09, 2023 at 12:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Pastor Shonta Omaile Newson.*



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August 09, 2023 at 12:13 PM



“ *Lora Cooper lit a candle in memory of Pastor Shonta Omaile Newson*



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**Lora Cooper** - August 09, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *My fondest memory is when we were doing devotion, singing in The Junior Choir and Our Ordination Service together at Friendship Baptist Church we were so nervous but We knew God had our back, I'm going to miss you Man of God love Minister Ernest Woods III and family I'm praying for Lady Newson,the kids, Mom Mrs. Dorothy James brother Raf and the entire family that's connected to you my Brother*

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**Ernest Woods III** - August 09, 2023 at 09:27 AM

CP

*Expect His Favor!*

*Today's Scripture:*

*The women said to Naomi: "Praise be to the LORD, who this day has not left you without a guardian-redeemer. May he become famous throughout Israel!*

*He will renew your life and sustain you in your old age."*

*(Ruth 4:14–15, NIV)*

*Today's Word:*

*Family, after the death of her husband and two sons, Naomi felt heartbroken, empty, and bitter. But when her daughter-in-law Ruth fell in love and married Boaz and had a baby named Obed, Naomi's life was renewed. She took care of that baby like he was her own son and was happier than she'd ever dreamed. What's significant is that Obed became the grandfather of David, and out of David's family line, Jesus came. Naomi couldn't see it, but through her heartbreak she became instrumental in our Savior being born.*

*You may be at an empty place. Perhaps you don't see how you could ever be happy again. If Naomi were here, she would tell you that's not how your story ends. God has things in your future better than you've imagined. You may not understand the hardship right now, but trust Him. It's all a part of His plan. Keep believing, keep living with passion, keep expecting His favor. He's going to take you to a blessed place where you're more fulfilled and more rewarded than you've ever been.*

*Prayer for Today:*

*Father, thank You*

*that You know best when it comes to the difficulties that come into my life. Thank You that Your plans are always so much more fulfilling and bigger than my plan. I declare that You are in control, and at the right time You will get me to where You want me to be. In Jesus' Name, Amen." 🙏🙏🙏".*

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**Carl Porter** - August 09, 2023 at 10:29 AM

SO

“ We are praying for you and your family during this time of loss.  
Stephen Olliff and family

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**Stephen Olliff** - August 09, 2023 at 06:04 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Pastor Shonta Omaile Newson.



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August 08, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Rev. Velma Littles lit a candle in memory of Pastor Shonta Omaile Newson*



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**Rev. Velma Littles** - August 08, 2023 at 07:33 PM



*To Deidra Reid Newson, Children, And The St. Paul M.B.C. Family: We are Praying for All of You at this hour. We Love You All. ❤️ Rev. Velma Littles and Harvey Littles Family.*

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**Rev. Velma Littles** - August 08, 2023 at 07:36 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket* was purchased for the family of Pastor Shonta Omaile Newson.



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August 08, 2023 at 04:21 PM

DF

“ *Dalantae Hicks & Family lit a candle in  
memory of Pastor Shonta Omaile Newson*



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**Dalantae Hicks & Family** - August 08, 2023 at 03:38 PM