

THE HOMEGOING CELEBRATION
FOR

A portrait of George Walter Pope, a bald man with glasses and a mustache, wearing a suit and tie, smiling. The background is a blue sky with white clouds.

GEORGE
WALTER POPE

DECEMBER 23, 1952 - JULY 20, 2026

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2026

VIEWING—10:00 A.M. | SERVICE—11:00 A.M.

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OBITUARY

George Walter Pope was born on December 23, 1952, in Sandusky, Ohio, to the late Thomas and the late Artelia Pope.

George was the third of four children: June (late sister), Thomas, Jr. (older brother), and Robert (younger brother). He attended Sandusky High School, where he was actively involved in many extracurricular activities. He played football and was a member of the school band, where he proudly played the drums. George graduated from Sandusky High School in 1970. Following graduation, he worked several jobs, including one of his most notable positions at the Chrysler factory while attending Bowling Green State University.

In 1978, George relocated to the Washington metropolitan area. He worked several jobs before being employed at Computer Based Systems, Inc., as a contracting manager. It was there that he met Janet, his wife of nearly 33 years.

In 1995, George joined From the Heart Church Ministries, where he accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. He faithfully served in the Intercessory Prayer Ministry and participated in Men's Fellowship, living out his faith with quiet humility and devotion.

On September 5, 1996, George and Janet were blessed with the birth of their beautiful twin daughters, Jasmine and Taylor. Affectionately known as "Ge," he was a loving and devoted father who treasured every moment with his daughters.

Throughout his career, George held many positions, but one of his most rewarding and final roles was an Assistant Deputy Program Manager at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration as a contractor. He took great pride in his work and the opportunity to contribute to such an esteemed organization.

George enjoyed watching classic Westerns, science fiction, action, and comedy films. One of his favorite family traditions was watching The Polar Express every Christmas season with his daughters, singing along, dancing, and creating cherished memories together. He also had a sweet tooth and could often be found sneaking a slice of lemon pie or peach cobbler topped with a generous scoop of vanilla ice cream. When dining out, two of his favorite places were First Watch and Chick-fil-A.

George leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife, Janet Pope; children: Jasmine Pope, Taylor Pope, Doris "DJ" Jasma Pope Reyes, and George Pope Reyes; brothers, Thomas Pope and Robert Pope; and a host of nieces, nephews, in-laws, other relatives, and dear friends who will lovingly remember him.

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Invocation

Congregational Hymn “It Is Well”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalm 23
New Testament: I Corinthians 15:50-58

Prayer of Comfort

Selection Mr. Alton Cheaves

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Mr. Robert Pope, Brother
Mrs. Gwen Pope, Sister-in-Law
Mrs. Sharice Rodriguez, Niece

Obituary Ms. Jasmine Pope and Ms. Taylor Pope

Song of Preparation Mr. Alton Cheaves

Message of Hope Pastor Justin K. Young

Call to Christ

Committal

Benediction

Recessional

Family Sentiments

My husband, George, was truly a wonderful gentle giant. Words cannot fully express how deeply I miss him. He was a devoted husband, loving father, caring brother, cherished uncle, loyal best friend, trusted coworker, respected colleague, and so much more. George was loved by everyone who knew him. He had a special gift for making people feel comfortable, welcome, and loved. He was a man of few words, but his heart was sincere and always spoke volumes. His kindness, sincerity, and gentle spirit left a lasting impression on everyone he met.

I remember the very first time I saw him at work and thought, "Huh...Quite a handsome man. Maybe I should introduce myself." But George didn't wait for me to approach him. The Holy Spirit convicted him, and he felt compelled to introduce himself to me. Quietly, I said to myself,

"Thank You, Jesus!" A few years later, was the manifestation of Proverbs 18:22 (NKJV): "He who finds a wife finds a good thing..." We were looking forward to celebrating our 33rd wedding anniversary. Amidst our imperfections we faced life's challenges with grit, faith, perseverance, and determination to create almost perfect situations.

I reminisce over those years with fond memories of our struggles, our family time, especially our Sunday dinners which we purposefully made time to compensate for our busy schedules. Those moments at the dinner table were filled with so much laughter, joy, and unconditional love. Those precious memories will truly be cherished. In 1995, we joined From the Heart Church Ministries and accepted Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. George faithfully served as a member of the Intercessory Prayer Ministry and the Men's Fellowship. In September 1996, we were blessed with the birth of our twin daughters, Jasmine and Taylor. George was absolutely delighted to become a "twin girl dad." He shared an incredibly close bond with both of his daughters and loved them beyond measure.

Although my heart grieves deeply, I find comfort in knowing that George is never truly gone. His love lives on in my heart and in the countless memories we created together. I find peace in remembering the life we shared, knowing that he is now resting safely in the arms of the Lord. I am comforted because I know Jesus Christ, and I know He will continue to be with us through the changing seasons of life. This is not goodbye, my dear Ge, but simply, until we meet again. You have left us with the promise of Isaiah 40:31(KJV): "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." Rest in peace. Rise in glory. -Jan

George, My Brother,

Your commitment to demonstrating a faithful family man, devoted husband and father with a desire to please God resonated, encouraged and inspired me and those who knew you. Thank you for your demonstrated example of Jesus' teaching as a merciful peacemaker. Your faithful commitment to prayer, your serene, peaceful character ministered to everyone who met and knew you. You have fought the good fight, you kept the faith, and you have finished your course. May you rest in God's eternal reward for work well done in Christ Jesus. -Cheryl

GE, you were truly the best father I could have ever asked for. I thank God every day that he allowed me to be your daughter. The lessons, love, life, and laughter that you instilled in me will forever be a part of me. I'll miss our inside jokes, vent sessions, long drives, dance battles, and warm, loving hugs. You can now take your eternal peaceful rest in the Lord's loving arms. I miss you and I love you.

-Your "Buddy" Tay

I will always cherish the lessons and memories you have given me. You will forever be in my heart, and I know you will forever watch over us. -Jasmine

Family Sentiments

I met George in the 1990s when I worked with both him and Janet at the same company, and I came to know him very well during that time. I have such fond memories of him, both at work and during the occasions we spent together outside of work. George was one of the kindest people I have ever known. I often referred to him as a "gentle giant" because of his height and his incredible spirit. He was so much fun to be around and always so laid back. It was usually Janet and me acting crazy together while George would simply look at us, shake his head, and laugh. I never heard a harsh word from him—he was always an absolute gentleman. One of the greatest honors of my life was being chosen as godfather to Jasmine and Taylor. Although distance kept us from seeing each other often over the years, whenever we did get together it felt as though no time had passed at all. George, I will miss you. Rest in the arms of God, my friend. I take comfort in knowing that one day we will meet again.

-With love, Dan Ryan

George, my brother in Christ Jesus what shall I say of you.... A Devoted Family Man who lovingly cared for his beloved wife and two beautiful daughters. A Watchman on the wall, interceding in prayer for his family, church, and community. A workman who through the challenges and adversities of life had the sufficiency of God's grace to get through each day and finished his course. Well done my brother, now enter into your rest !!!!! Thank you and Janet and family for letting me share this with you and may the peace and comfort of our Lord Jesus Christ uphold you all in this period of transition.

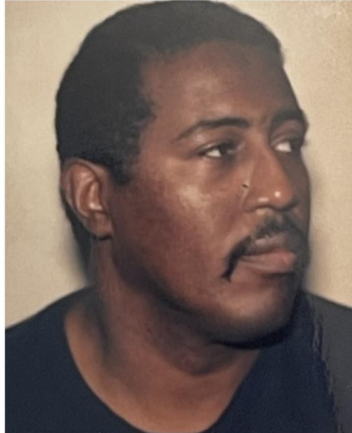
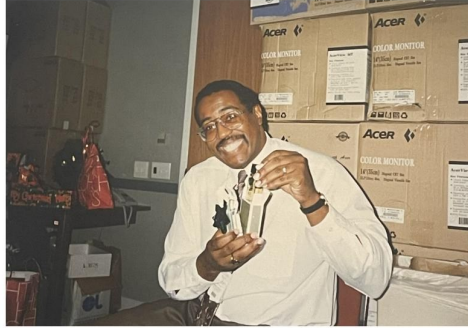
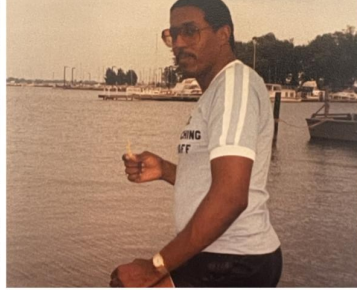
-Love you all, Ron and Theresa

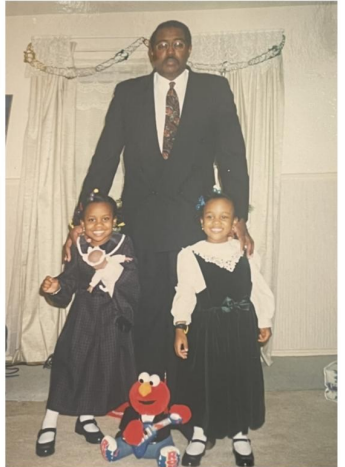
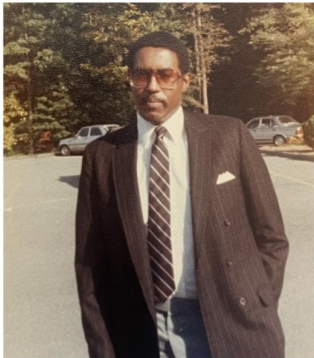
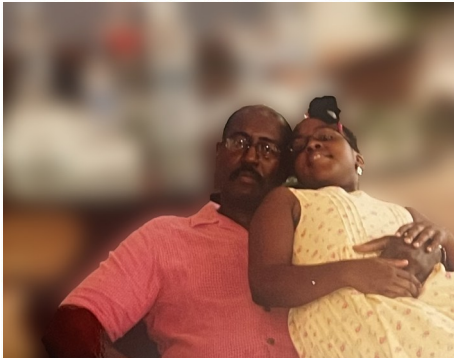
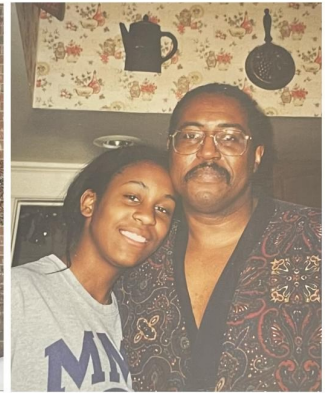
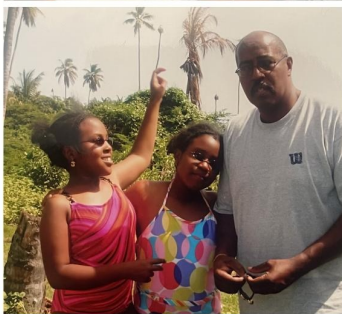
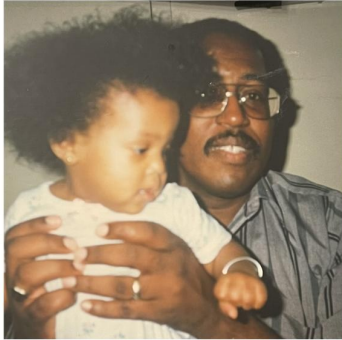
George shared the relationship of a true brother and a wonderful uncle with all his in-laws. This was not limited by marriage but expressed by his quiet genuine love for our family. We had what seemed like endless fun, especially during family trips, whether it was to Nevis (a place he called home) or road trips whenever family members visited Maryland. These trips were specifically scheduled to be back in time to attend church on Sunday morning after which we shared a sumptuous dinner.

I watched him love my sister, quietly protect and fiercely defend his family in his own unique way. He was a man who generally spoke softly and with very few words; however, his presence was always very well respected. We will miss him dearly but find comfort as we reflect on, and hold fond memories of the life we shared together as a family. To Janet, Jasmine, and Taylor we will remain comforted knowing that our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will heal our broken hearts and bind up our wounds.

-Marlene, Warren, Marlon and Wayne Nisbett







Congregational Hymn

It Is Well

When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Chorus

*It is well, with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought,
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Chorus

And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.

Chorus

Acknowledgement

The entire Pope and Griffin families sincerely thank all of you for your prayers, comfort, love and support. Your many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy have been a blessing to us. May the Lord Jesus Christ bless and keep you in perfect peace!

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Flower Bearers

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