



## Mr. Joseph Orlanda Echols

March 28, 1948 - January 8, 2022

Funeral service for Mr. Joseph Echols, 73, of Forrest Park, GA and formally of Auburn, AL will be held at 11:00 am Friday, January 14, 2022, at Greater Peace Missionary Baptist Church with interment in Fort Mitchell National Cemetery. Rev. Clifford E. Jones will officiate. Masks are required for the services.

Mr. Echols passed away on Saturday, January 8, 2022 at Emory Mid-town Medical Center in Atlanta, GA. Early in life, he joined White Street Missionary Baptist Church. In 1968, he graduated from J.F. Drake High School. Following his tour of duty in the US Army, he furthered his education at Opelika Technical School. Mr. Echols retired from Clayton County Board of Commissioners (Tara Airport) as a fuel tech.

Public viewing and a family hour will be held Thursday from 4:00pm-6:00pm. His remains will lie in state at the church one hour prior to the service.

He is survived by: his wife of forty-eight years, Evelyn Stephens Echols of Forest Park, GA; three children, Marcey (Wayne) Cheney of Cleveland, OH, Dante' (Nikki) Stephens, Sr. of Stockbridge, GA and Chasity (Clement) Romain of Austell, GA; five grandchildren, Marquise Spraggins, Sr., Marquase Spraggins, Dante' Echols, Jr., Micah Echols and Harmone' Romain; two great grandchildren, Marquise Spraggins, Jr. and K'eauri Spraggins; four brothers,

Edward Allen and Jerome "Duke" Allen both of Auburn, AL, Walter (Cassie) Allen of Riverdale, GA and Derrick "Tuloo" (Brenda) Pitts of Opelika, AL; two sisters, Jackie Echols of Loachapoka, AL and Phyllis Allen of Fort Hood, TX; two brothers-in-law, Jacob (Annie) Stephens of Opelika, AL and Fredrick (Alice) Whitaker of Forson, GA; three sisters-in-law, Alline Boykin of McDonough, GA, Henrietta Crittenden Snipes of Opelika, AL and Debra Core of Fayetteville, NC; a special friend, John (JoAnn) Bufford of Auburn, AL; a host of nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Mitchell National Cemetery

553 Alabama 165  
Fort Mitchell, AL 36856  
[http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/ftmitchell.a  
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# Previous Events

## Family Receiving Hour

JAN 13. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Peterson and Williams Funeral Home  
1016 McCoy Street  
Opelika, AL 36801  
(334) 745-6473  
[pw1016mccoy@hotmail.com](mailto:pw1016mccoy@hotmail.com)

## Visitation

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## Lie in state

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JAN 14. 10:00 AM (CT)

Greater Peace Missionary Baptist Church  
650 Jeter Avenue  
Opelika, AL 36801  
<http://www.greaterpeacechurch.org/>

## Service

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JAN 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Peterson and Williams Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Joseph Orlanda Echols



Peterson and Williams Funeral Home - January 14, 2022 at 03:29 PM

JC

My Main Man. Awesome Tribute for and Awesome Man!! 🙏🙏🙏💙🇺🇸

Jean Carter - January 25, 2022 at 11:20 PM



“ Mr. Joseph Orlanda Echols

January 29, 2023 at 11:13 AM



“ PRAYING FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY



LORETTA JACKSON, - January 14, 2022 at 09:46 AM



“ KEEPING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY IN MY PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS DURING THIS DIFFCULT TIME.



IORETTA COOPER JACKSON - January 14, 2022 at 09:43 AM



*Evelyn you know I love you and your husband he was mad at me skin partner he scared skins and hot suck together I would never forget him and you know I lost my husband 2 years ago so you need me we can talk I'm crying now I watch the video it was call me Patsy*

Patsy Gatson - January 28, 2022 at 10:12 AM

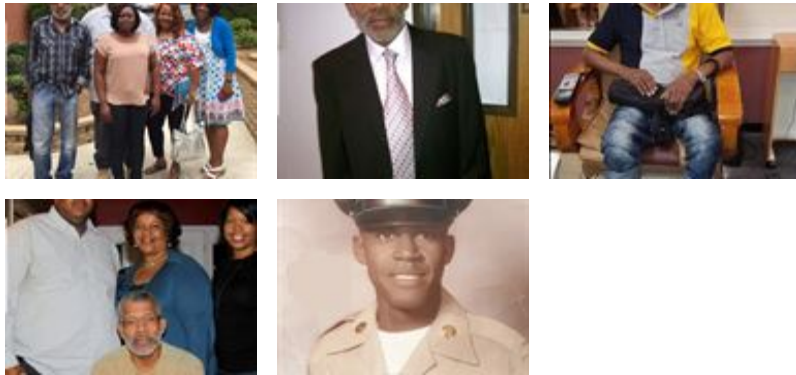


*And I messed up my post some of the words I said but you know what I mean he was my friend we shared meet skin together okay talk to you later*

Patsy Gatson - January 28, 2022 at 10:16 AM



“ 39 files added to the album Life Tributes



Peterson and Williams Funeral Home - January 13, 2022 at 03:47 PM



*Heaven has a beautiful place for you Big Dog. You sneak away on me but I still love you man . Thanks all the fun and laughter and memories we shared ❤️. You ain't gonna like this but you can fly with War Eagle. Roll Tide my friend. I miss you.*

**Bernard Ogletree** - March 03, 2022 at 01:37 PM

DO

*“Dagmar Sanders & Vesta Jean Oliver purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Mr. Joseph Orlanda Echols.*



**Dagmar Sanders & Vesta Jean Oliver** - January 13, 2022 at 01:59 PM

DH

*“My deepest condolences. Grew up with Jeff. We grew up in White Street Baptist Church and attended Drake High. He was in my Brothers class a year ahead of me. We all had great times and Jeff was always funny. He was good friends also to my late ex-husband and classmate. Always have fun memories. Rest well friend. Soar high with your new wings. Doris Torbert Hutchinson and Brother, Cary Torbert Jr.*

**Doris Torbert Hutchinson** - January 12, 2022 at 03:53 PM

JC

*My sincere condolences to the Family. He was a great Husband, married to my First Cousin Evelyn for 48 loving years. They had two wonderful children and showed his love for them dearly as a Father . I remember like yesterday when Evelyn said she was leaving her Government job here in DC at the age of 19 to go back home and marry the Love of her Life. He called everyday til she returned to Opelika, 48 years later their everlasting Love will be Forever. My visits to their home on several occasions over the years was such a joy being in their company. I hated to return, but kept coming back again and again. Will treasure their hospitality for me forever and a Day. Will miss you Jeff 🙏💕*

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**Jean Carter** - January 14, 2022 at 05:14 AM

RD

“ *RUTH DOWDELL lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Orlanda Echols*



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**RUTH DOWDELL** - January 12, 2022 at 07:38 AM

AG

*my deepest condoleeness praying for ths family*

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**artie and ovalia grady** - January 13, 2022 at 06:40 PM