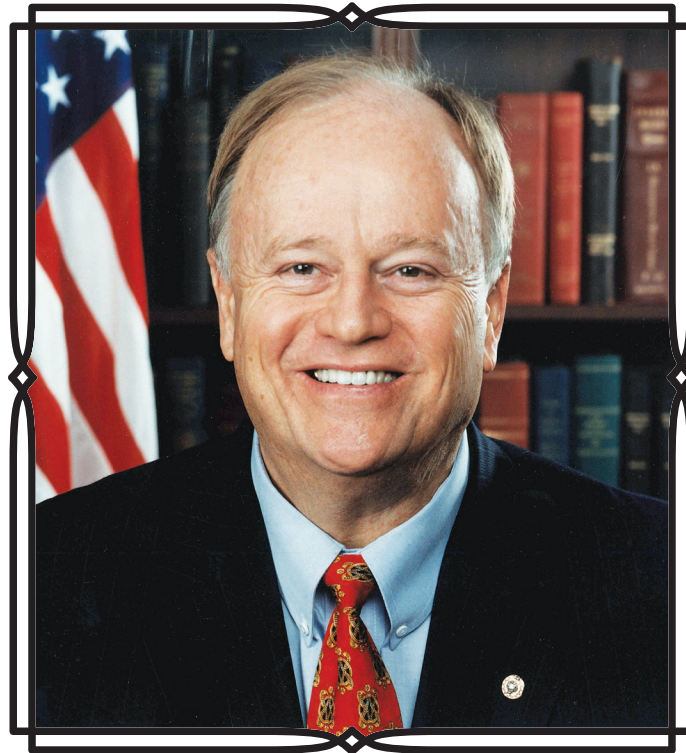


IN CELEBRATION AND THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF

The Honorable Joseph Maxwell Cleland

August 24, 1942 – November 9, 2021



Captain
UNITED STATES ARMY

State Senator
STATE OF GEORGIA

Administrator of Veteran Affairs
UNITED STATES VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

Secretary of State
STATE OF GEORGIA

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FOR THE STATE OF GEORGIA

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP HONORING THE LIFE OF
THE HONORABLE JOSEPH MAXWELL CLELAND

May 25, 2022

† Please rise in body or spirit when you see this symbol,
and join in singing or reading aloud text in **bold**.

THE PRELUDE Mr. Joshua McClure

† THE PROCESSIONAL | God of Our Fathers Mr. McClure

† THE PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS The Military Honors Funeral Team

THE CHORAL INTROIT | My Country Tis of Thee Mrs. Tiffany Uzoije

THE WORDS OF GRACE AND GREETING Rev. Jeff Rogers

THE OPENING PRAYER Rev. Rogers

Eternal God, we praise you for the great company of all those who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labor. We praise you for those dear to us whom we name in our hearts before you. Especially, we praise you for Max whom you have graciously received into your presence. To all of these, grant your peace. Let perpetual light shine upon them, and help us so to believe where we have not seen, that your presence may lead us through our years, and bring us at last with them into the joy of your home not made with hands but eternal in the heavens; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† THE HYMN 99 | To God Be the Glory

**To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

Refrain: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!

**Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,
but purer and higher and greater will be
our joy and our wonder, when Jesus we see.**

[Refrain]

† THE APOSTLES CREED Rev. Rogers

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE 23RD PSALM Rev. Dr. Gerald Durley, Pastor Emeritus
Providence Missionary Baptist Church, Atlanta

THE LETTERS OF TRIBUTE

President Joseph Robinette Biden, Jr.

The Honorable Barack H. Obama II

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton

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President of the Republic of Albania, H.E. ILIR META

Mr. Jason J. Carter,
Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Carter Center

Ambassador Genci Mucaj,
Senior Advisor for International Relations,
Republic of Albania

THE REMARKS

The Honorable Charles Timothy Hagel,
Former United States Senator, Nebraska and
Former United States Secretary of Defense

The Honorable Roy E. Barnes,
Former Governor, State of Georgia

Professor Douglas Brinkley,
Katherine Tsanoff Brown Chair in Humanities and
Professor of History, Rice University

THE ANTHEM | The Battle Hymn of the Republic Mrs. Uzoije

THE GOSPEL LESSON | John 14 Dr. G. Gil Watson

THE HOMILY Dr. Watson

THE PASTORAL PRAYER Dr. Watson

THE LORD'S PRAYER Dr. Watson

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

† THE HYMN 369 | Blessed Assurance

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

[Refrain]

**Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.**

[Refrain]

† THE RETIREMENT OF THE COLORS

The Military Honors Funeral Team

† THE BENEDICTION

Rev. Rogers

† THE RECESSIONAL | For All the Saints

Mr. McClure

† THE POSTLUDE

Mr. McClure

*The flowers placed in the Sanctuary are given by President & Mrs. Joseph R. Biden
in memory of their friend Max Cleland on behalf of a grateful nation.*

Honorary Ushers: Mr. Jacob Kyser & Mr. Chandler Smith

Following the service, please join us in the Watson Faith & Arts Center for a reception.



A Soldier's Prayer

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve;
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.
I asked for health, that I might do greater things;
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.
I asked for riches, that I might be happy;
I was given poverty, that I might be wise.
I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men;
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.
I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life;
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.
I got nothing that I asked for—but everything that I had hoped for.
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.
I am among all men most richly blessed.

By An Unknown Soldier



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