

"Letting Go"

The Angels gathered near your bed,
so very close to you.
For they knew the **PAIN AND SUFFERING**
that you were going through.

I thought about so many things,
as I held tightly to your hand.
Oh, **HOW I WISHED** that you were
strong and happy once again.

But your eyes were looking homeward,
to that place beyond the sky.
Where **JESUS** held His outstretched arms,
it was time **TO SAY GOODBYE**.

I struggled with my **SELFISH THOUGHTS**,
for I wanted you to stay.
So we could walk and talk again,
like we did — just yesterday.

But **JESUS KNEW THE ANSWER**,
and I knew He loved you so.
So I gave to you life's greatest gift,
THE GIFT OF LETTING GO.

Now my heart will carry **MEMORIES**
of the love you gave to me
UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN in heaven,
where the best is yet to be.

Love, Jamaica and Kison



Floral Bearers

Nieces

Honorary Floral Bearers

Deaconesses of Union Baptist Church

Pall Bearers

Nephews

Honorary Pallbearers

Deacons of Union Baptist Church



Acknowledgements

The family of James A. Bennett would like to extend our heart-felt thanks to the Union Baptist Church and Community for your acts of kindness and concerns. While our loss is painful, through your prayers and God's help, we have been sustained. May God continue to bless all of us.

-The Family

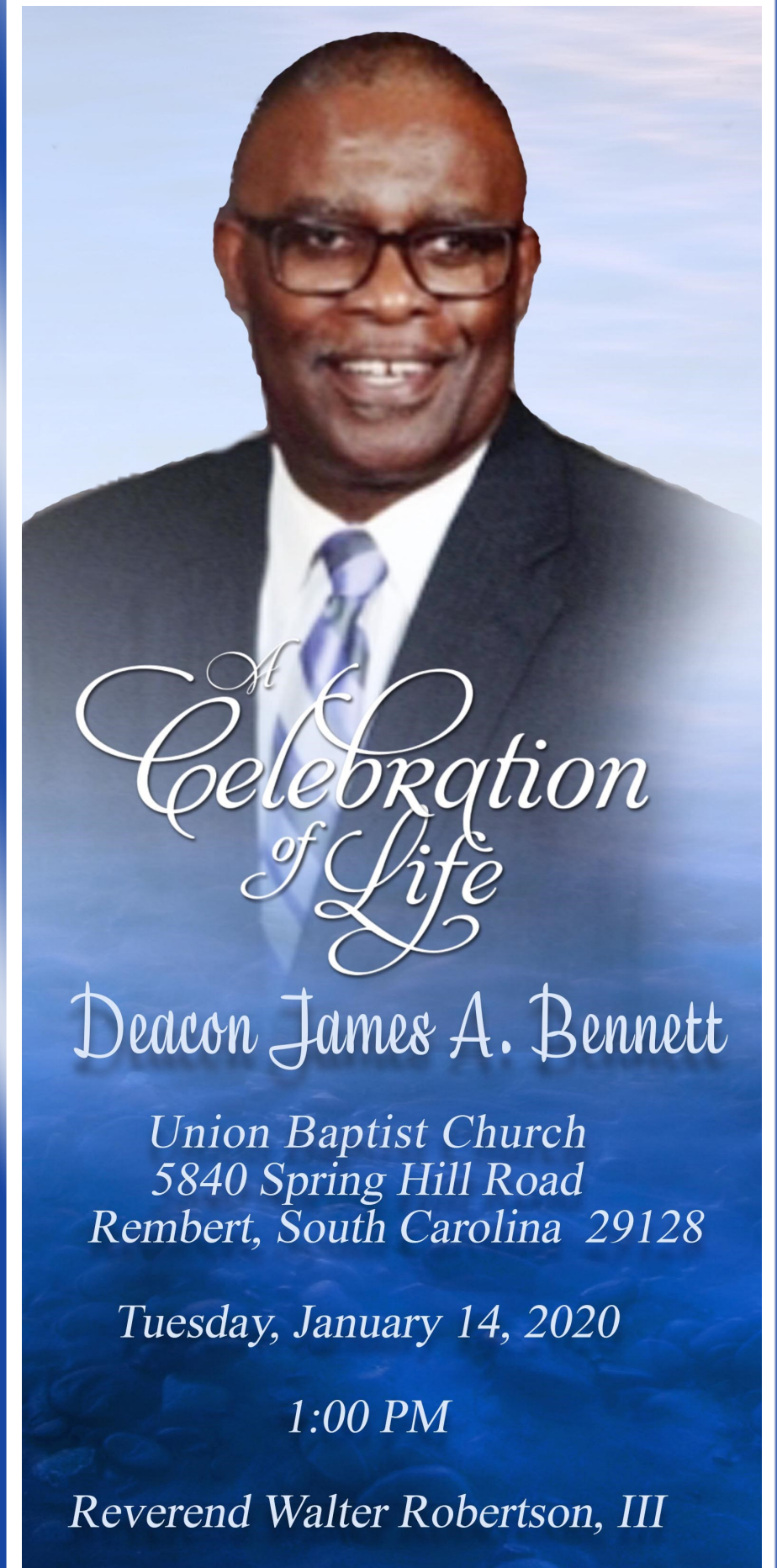
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Life Reflections

James Arthur Bennett departed this life, peacefully, January 9, 2020, at the Prisma Health Baptist Center in Columbia, SC.

“Cotton,” as he was affectionally known to many of his family and friends, was born January 26, 1953, to James and Lula Bennett, who proceeded him in death. He was also preceded in death by Maggie, his parents’ firstborn.

James graduated from Hillcrest High School in 1971.

James was a “political” commentator and avid sports fan. His love and gift for baseball was shown through his years of playing and coaching the Pisgah Pirates. He also played football at Hillcrest High School and was a passionate Buffalo Bills Football and Atlanta Braves Baseball fan.

He was employed by Invista (Formally E. I. DuPont) for 45 years before retiring in 2017.

James joined the Union Baptist Church at an early age where he served in many of the youth organizations and was currently serving as Vice-Chair of the Deacon Board, Men’s Sunday School Teacher, member of the Male Chorus, President of the Baptist Training Institute (B.T.U), and Financial Secretary. James previously worked with Habitat for Humanity and also served as Union’s co-chair of the Winterization and Repair Ministry (WARM) Program, which is sponsored by Lyttleton Street United Methodist Episcopal Church.

James leaves to mourn his dedicated wife of 47 years, Vivian Holiday Bennett; daughter, Jamaica T. Hopkins (Brenton); and son, Kison D. Bennett, along with fiancée Tangnakika and daughters, Jordyn and Kaitlyn. One granddaughter - the love of his life, Brylin Arielle Hopkins, who he often referred to as “PA-PA Baby.”

James also leaves to mourn five siblings, Lillian Dinkins (Lorenzo), Marion Bennett (Vermell), all of Rembert, SC, Frank Bennett (Betty) of Sumter, SC, Gladys Brooker (Charles) of Suffolk, VA, and Isaac Bennett (Mary Lou) of Pflugerville, TX; four sisters-in-law, Delores Holiday, Celestine Holiday, and Rosa Lee Holiday of Rembert, SC; Terri Carter (Kenneth) of Camden, SC; and three brothers-in-law, James Ed (Patricia) and Marion Ransom, all of Rembert, SC, and Alphonso Council (Tonia) of Lansing, MI; two god-daughters, Victoria Zico and Jamaya Dinkins. He was dearly loved by special friends, Clarence and Tijuana Rainey, who became like family, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



Order of Service

Presiding, Rev. Dr. Willie D. Dennis, Pastor Emeritus

Prelude Musicians

Processional

Opening Hymn Worship Choir

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Rev. Dr. Sammie D. Simmons

Job 19:25-27

New Testament Rev. Billy E. Bennett

Revelations 21:1-7

Prayer Rev. Kenneth N. Carter

Selection Male Chorus

Remarks (Please limit to three minutes)

Family - Rev. Marion Bennett / Sis. Evan (Terri) Carter

Community - Bertha Thompson

DuPont / Invista - Ricky Gause

Church - Deacon Calvin Brisbane

Acknowledgments Stephanie Dinkins

Selection Worship Choir

Words of Comfort Pastor Walter Robertson, III

Recessional Medley of Selections

Worship Choir and Male Chorus

Committal, Benediction, and Internment
Union Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery
Rembert, South Carolina

*Repast immediately following Internment in the Union
Baptist Church Family Life Center