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He has achieved success who has lived well,

laughed often, and loved much; Who has enjoyed the trust of pure women, the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children; Who has filled his niche and accomplished his task; Who has left the world better than he found it, Whether an improved poppy, a perfect poem, or a rescued soul; Who has never lacked appreciation of Earth's beauty or failed to express it; Who has always looked for the best in others and given them the best he had; Whose life was an inspiration; Whose memory a benediction.

THE FAMILY'S EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

Bessie A. Stanley

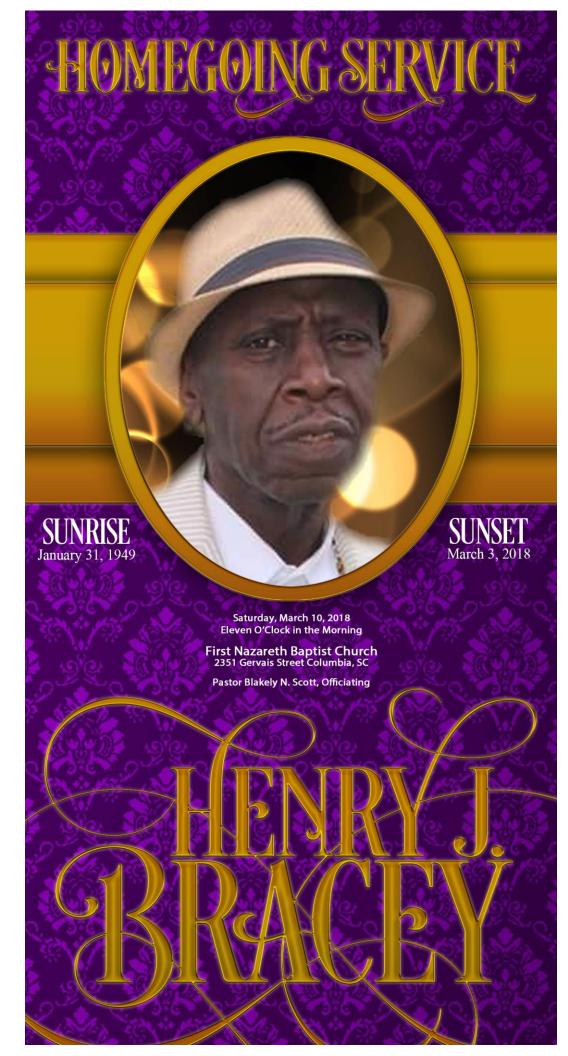
We wish to warmly thank you for your comforting words, prayers, support, and genuine acts of kindness in our time of sadness. It has meant so much to our family. Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair; perhaps you sent a floral piece if so we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words that any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all; just though of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much whatever that part.

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REFLECTIONS OF HIS LIFE

Henry J. Bracey the son of the late Sheba M. Davis and Joseph Bracey of Eastover and Hopkins SC, was born in Grand Rapids MI on January 31, 1949. He was affectionately called "Butch" by his family and friends. Henry received a Bachelor of Arts from Western Michigan University and received the degree of Master of Education from the University of South Carolina.

Henry had a wide range of professional experiences, ranging from the first African American Director of the Council on Aging in Columbia SC, Patient Care Coordinator with the Lexington/Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council to Career Counselor with Midland's Technical College the position he held for thirty plus years at his retirement in 2009.

Henry had a special love for African Centered philosophies and concepts and was the founder of Kuumba Circle Information Brokerage which utilized his experience in conducting workshops and lectures to deepen awareness of the African American experience. One of his favorites quotes is "It takes a Village to raise a child." He tirelessly worked with students and organizations to ensure information, training, persistence, and motivation were used as the vaccines for success.

Henry was a founding member of A Concerned Group of Men which ran project impact programs in the schools, churches and community with manhood training programs. The group traveled throughout the US and received numerous letters of commendations from different cities on their programs. Other founding members were M. Benjamin Brown, William Robinson and Baba Derrick Jackson. They were all master teachers and have a passion for educating young black men and women.

Henry was a member of numerous professional organizations to include the City Advisory Council, Eau Claire Educational Committee, Board member Eau Claire Development Council, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Past President Eau Claire Community Council, Past President College Place Community Council, Past President Alcorn Middle School PTSA and CA Johnson High School PTSA, member of the Association for the Study of Classical African Civilizations and has written and published numerous articles and publications on African Centered topics. Henry always encouraged civic responsibility and the pursuit of education.

Henry has received numerous awards and recognitions to include: Outstanding Young Men of America, Who's Who Among Black Americans, Exceptional Service Award by Eau Claire Community Council and Outstanding Service Award by College Place Community Council.

On Saturday March 3, 2018, he departed this earthly life. The vision must continue.

He leaves to cherish his memory and to honor his legacy: His wife Rosemary A. Bracey of Columbia SC, his children Kwando Bracey of Port Huron MI, Lisa King of Port Huron MI, Anton Bracey of Phoenix AZ, and Candice Alexander of Columbia SC: sisters, Kathy A. Bracey of Grand Rapids MI, Charlene Bracey of Grand Rapids MI, Marlene Bracey-May of Columbia SC: brothers, Charles Davis (Cillerine) of Columbia SC, Valray (Helga) Bracey of Sacramento CA, Timothy Bracey of Grand Rapids MI: three grandchildren one great grandson, a host of special nieces and nephews, cousins, relatives and friends all of whom will miss him dearly.



Behold the seed that in due time will grow into a lofty palm! It does not, while yet a seedling, struggle up to the surface of the ground; For there the desert sun would scorch it, and the desert wind suck until it has roots deep and firm. It makes no untimely haste, but stirs into growth as the year awakens and rest when the year sinks to sleep. Learn from the palm and be happy to grow. Think not all what stature is yours... fix no limits for your growth, it has no limits, except those you create by your own willing or thinking: therefore, think only of growing, and never of being full grown.

-P.G. BOWEN

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted Matt 5:4

PASTOR BLAKELY N. SCOTT. PRESIDING

Prelude

Recessional

Processional	Clergy and Family
Final Farewell to Our Beloved "Butch"	Bostick-Tompkins Staff
Hymn	Choir
Old and New Testament Scripture Readings	Minister
Prayer of Comfort	. Minister Walter L. Griffin
Hymn	Choir
Reflections (three minutes please)	Kathy Bracey
	William Kilgore Best Friend
	Anton Bracey Son
Hymn	Choir
Eulogy	Pastor Blakely N. Scott

SERVICES OF COMMENDATION

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