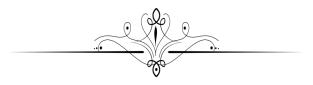
### Floral Bearers

James Hill Chapter #63
Order of Eastern Star PHA

### Pall Bearers

Sanford Masonic Lodge #101



### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The family wishes to acknowledge your kindness during our time of sorrow. We want to "thank you" for your many expressions of love and thoughtful deeds. Our hearts are filled with joy because of your blessings.

A very special "thank you" to the Westfield Rehabilitation and Health Center Staff and Liberty Hospice Services for the excellent care; Pastor Kenneth Swann and Cameron Grove AME Zion Church; Class Leader Harry Chubbs and Mrs. Dianne Chubbs; and Brother Gary Cox and Elder Carolyn Cox for your support.

May God richly bless each of you.

The Bryant Family

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## In Loving Memory Of

# John Bryant Jr.

Alpha October 31, 1937

Omega July 5, 2018







1:00 PM Monday, July 9, 2018

Cameron Grove AME Zion Church

309 Vernon Street Broadway, North Carolina

The Reverend Kenneth Swann, Pastor | Officiating

### Order of Service

The Processional
The Hymn of Praise
The Words of Comfort The Old Testament – Psalm 90:1 - 12Elder Carolyn Cox Liberty Praise Center, Sanford NC
The Gloria Patri
The New Testament – St. John 14:1 – 6Elder Ernest Dunn Pastor, Mt. Pisgah Lee FWB Church, Sanford NC
The Prayer of ComfortElder Belinda McKoy Pastor, Mt. Sinai Holy Church, Siler City NC
The Musical TributeBrother Walter Hatcher
The Family TributeMrs. Rhonda Susan Williams, Niece
The Acknowledgements & ResolutionsBrother Gary Cox
The Musical SelectionCameron Grove Mass Choir
The EulogyReverend Kenneth Swann
The Song of VictoryBrother Walter Hatcher
The Parting View
The RecessionalMorticians in Charge

### Interment

Cameron Grove Church Cemetery

### Obituary

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith..."

(2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:7)

John Bryant, Jr. was born October 31, 1937 in Broadway, North Carolina to the late Letitia and John Bryant, Sr. He was reared on a farm and learned to work hard in the tobacco fields and in the woods cutting logs.

John was educated in the Lee County Public School System, and graduated from W. B. Wicker School in 1956. He continued his education at Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, NC with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education and an Associate's Degree in Physical Education, in 1963. John spent his summers working on the farm and performing other jobs to help finance his education. He later worked at Lee County Hospital and at Coty, Inc.

While at Fayetteville State, John pledged Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., was a member of the Book club, Socialite Club, Glee Club, and a member of the Rudyaires, an acappella quartet group that performed at local area churches.

John's first teaching job was at Harnett High School in Dunn, NC where he taught 7th grade. He also taught at Berkley High School in Aberdeen, NC; J. S. Waters School, Goldston, NC; and Bonlee Elementary School, Bonlee, NC. He was reassigned to J. S. Waters during integration. John would frequently encounter his previous students, who shared fond memories of him as a teacher.

John joined Cameron Grove AME Zion Church at an early age and walked to church during his childhood. He was an active member singing with the Male Chorus, Gospel and Senior Choirs; serving as a Trustee, and Sunday School scholar and teacher, until his health declined. John loved reading, singing, listening to Gospel music (Sam Cooke and quartet music) and visiting with family and friends. His favorite Gospel groups were: The Soul Stirrers, The Dixie Hummingbirds, The Blind Boys of Mississippi and The Blind Boys of Alabama.

He loved listening to the "Country Boy", Walter Hatcher, on WXKL radio and would often call- in for special song requests.

John was a member of Sanford Masonic Lodge #101.

This year brought many drastic changes to John's life. Through it all, he always kept his sense of humor knowing that God is good, and His grace is sufficient and His mercy everlasting.

John is survived by his only child, Lori Ellen Bryant; his sisters, Odessa Williams and Fannie Headen; brother, Charles Bryant (Rebie); and step-sister, Sally Ann Hailey; two devoted nieces who dutifully supported him during his illness, Janice Sharpe and Rhonda Williams, and a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.