In Loving Memory Of My Dear Husband

It’s hard to believe, you’re no longer here. words cannot describe how this makes me feel... you’ve passed on to the other side, though I wish you could still be here with me...

You were a remarkable man dependable, loving, and caring you were the center of my world. you were one in a million to me...
you made me laugh, you made me smile you were a wonderful husband from beginning to end.

Your love showed me how good life could be, your death showed me how cruel, life sometimes is...but good or bad, life has to go on even though it’s not easy to carry on.

Forever will you live in my thoughts and never die. With love always, I remember you, With fond memories, I think of you... With hope I believe we’ll meet again

Love, Donna

More Than A Man

A Husband that is more than a man
His actions taught us the love our Father should have for our Mother
The way to uplift a Queen
The protector that stood for his love and Godly union
Fought for his family, And was always true
Our Father represented more than one may know
He fixed more than cars and wiped away doubt
Taught us to hold our heads high
And wrap our souls with dignity

Walk with Faith, And keep God First
Robert Cornelius Covington made sure we knew when to “tighten up”
His presence was sometimes concise yet powerful
I mean his words really had that ring that you need, in the moment you needed it
Giving his reliable advice and loving us through our faults
A role-model for our children
Showing the light of a man in their lives
Supporting and uplifting, all of our achievements
Using his words to express his love and his actions to display his feelings
He was, in fact, More Than A Man
He was actually THEE Man
Volunteering his time, his love, and his wisdom
Shredding his family temple
Literally and figuratively building foundations
Our Father was More Than A Man
He is a Legacy of love, strength, confidence, courage, spirituality, integrity, and faith
His name will live on, because he was More Than just A Man

With Love,
Your Daughters

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Cecil & Effie Woodard
Cleo Blue

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May God bless you!
Donna, Sharron, Amber & Ryan

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Order of Service

Prelude…………………………………………..…………………………….…...Musician

Processional…………………………………………….………….….Clergy & Family

Family Visitation

The Masonic Rites

Song of Praise……..……..Cameron Grove Church Choir & Congregation

Words of Comfort

Old Testament............Presiding Elder Chalmers McDougald
Sanford District, AME Zion Church

Gloria Patri

New Testament…………………………...……Bishop Charles Mellette
Christian Provision Ministries

Prayer of Comfort……………………………………………….…Pastor Larry Ray
Body of Christ Outreach Ministries

Musical Selection………………………………...Cameron Grove Church Choir

Tributes……………………................................................................Rona Anderson
Ray Allen
Cleo Blue
Reginald Cox Sr.
Ciera Dixon

Special Presentation............Cameron Grove Church Board of Trustees

Acknowledgements & Memorial Reflections.........Sister Helen Tymes

Tribute.................................................................The Family

Musical Selection................................................Cameron Grove Church Choir

Eulogy ..............................................................Reverend Kenneth Swann

Song of Victory...……………………………………...….....Sister Nakia Benjamin

Parting View

Recessional...........................................................Morticians in Charge

COMMITTAL RITES & INTERMENT

Lee Memory Gardens
2600 Hawkins Avenue, Sanford NC

Obituary

Robert Covington was born on February 27, 1961 in Lee County, North Carolina to the late Roy Covington and Barbara Covington. He gained his heavenly wings on April 6, 2019. Robert graduated from Sanford Central High School in 1979. After graduation, Robert entered the workforce. He worked at Sanford Radiator Shop as a mechanic. Robert was also employed with Trion as a Master Scheduler for 35 years.

Robert was a loving son, father, brother and friend. He was always willing to help others. Family was very important to Robert and he was always there to help anytime he was needed. It was very common for Robert to say “if you ever need anything, let me know.” He loved to make and repair things with his hands whether it was around the house, for a family member or friend, or even the church. Robert also loved his cars; to name a few, he drove a Camaro, ’75 Monte Carlo, ’67 Chevy Chevelle, ’70 Chevy pick-up truck, but his favorite was his beloved Corvette.

Robert was a member of the Sanford Masonic Lodge #101 where he served as the Treasurer for several years. During his time as a Mason, he embodied the mission to serve the community in various capacities.

Proverbs 18:22 (NKJV) states, “He who finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor from the Lord”. Robert met the love of his life, Donna in 1985. They recently celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary.

Robert grew up attending St. Mark Holiness Church, Sanford NC and also attended Star of Hope Free Will Baptist Church, Sanford, NC. He later became an active disciple of Cameron Grove A.M.E. Zion Church where he served on several auxiliaries: Honorary Life Member of the Women’s Home and Overseas Missionary Society, member of the Connectional Lay Council, Church Executive Committee, Pastor’s Estimating Committee, Men of Zion Ministry, and the Rams Small Group Class Leaders Ministry. He was appointed a member of the Board of Trustees under the pastoral ministry of the former pastor, Reverend Chalmers McDougald. In 2015, he was elevated to the position of Chairman of the Trustee Board under the pastoral ministry of Reverend Kenneth Swann. As the Chairman, he oversaw the work of the following ministries: Transportation, Church Security, Parking Lot, and the Audio-Visual Ministry, to name a few. Robert was always finding ways to be a blessing to the church. He designed and erected the cross above the baptismal pool, installed the outside lamps, and installed the kitchen island in the church fellowship hall. In October of 2018, Robert received the Distinguished Service Award for going above and beyond the call of duty in service to the church and setting an example for others to follow from the Dunn Lillington District, Reverend Hanna Broome, Presiding Elder.

Robert was preceded in death by his father, Roy Covington.

Robert leaves to honor and cherish his memories: His loving wife, Donna; children, Dr. Sharron Renee of Sanford, NC and Amber Christina of Charlotte, NC; one grandson, Ryan Cameron Robert Clinton; his mother, Barbara Covington of Sanford, NC; siblings, Roy Covington (Regina) of Pooler, Georgia and Barbara Covington of Richmond, Virginia; mother-in-law, Evangelist Irene Campbell of Bunnlevel, NC; sister/brother in laws, Terry Campbell of Bunnlevel, NC, Richard Douglas (Jackie) of Bunnlevel, NC; one uncle, David Murchison of Sanford, NC; one aunt, Gertrude Snipes of Sanford, NC; two goddaughters, Delilah Kelly of Sanford, NC and Faith Woodard of Broadway, NC; godson, Jason Thompson of Sanford, NC; a spiritual son, Stephen Woodard (Jessica); spiritual daughters, Ciera Dixon, Dr. Jasmine Nixon and Shamira Sheaffers; one spiritual sister, Gena Kelly; two spiritual brothers, Sorrell Saunders (Selina) and Dwight Williams; six nieces; three nephews; and a host of other cousins, relatives and friends.