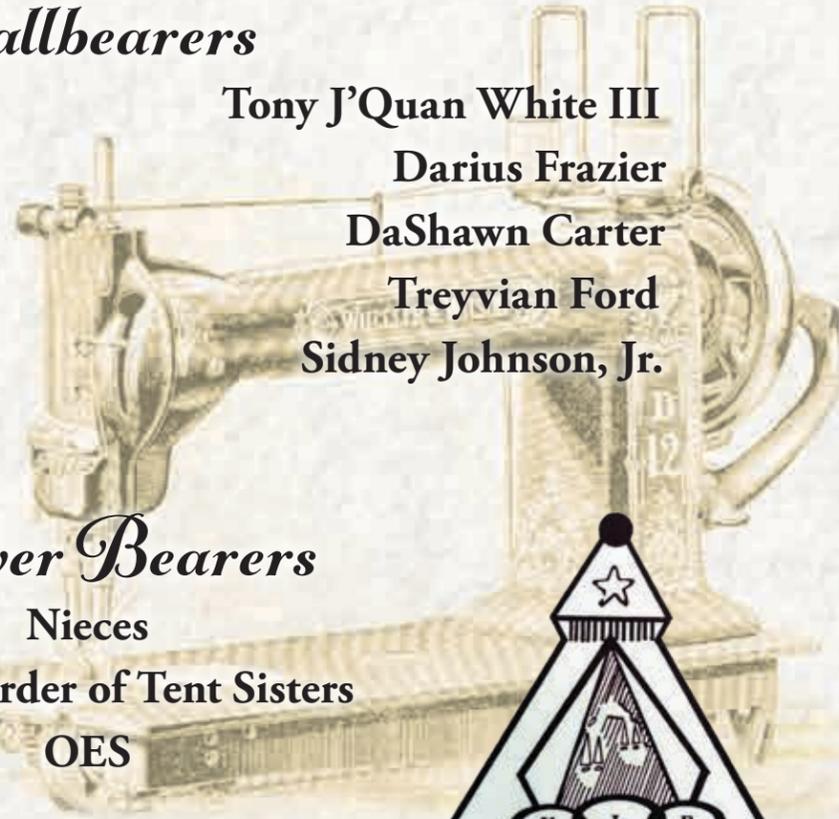


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Tysheem Francis
Jamine Mitchell
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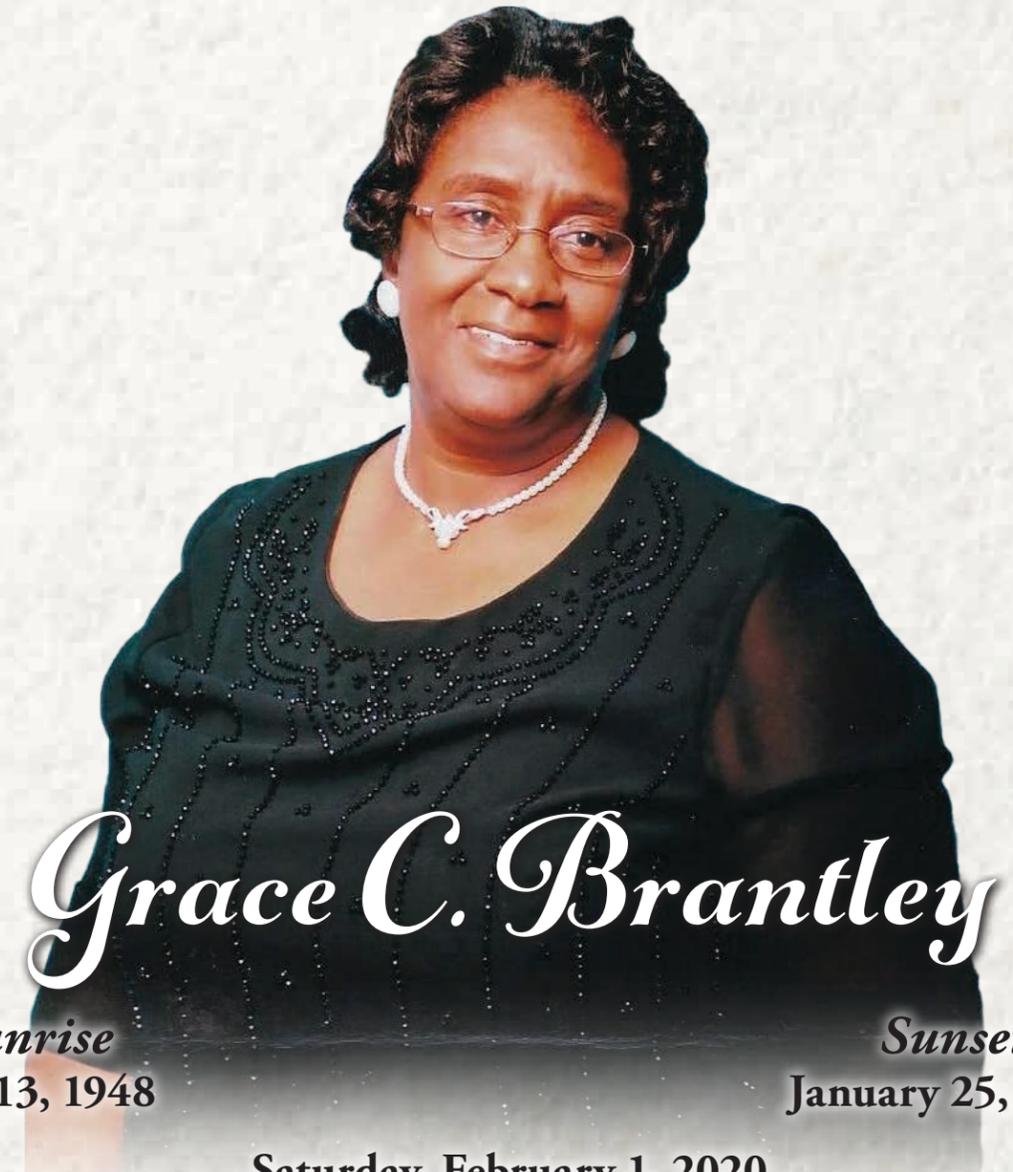
The Brantley family wishes to express their grateful appreciation on behalf of their beloved wife and mother for the many expressions of sympathy, love, and respect shown to them during their time of bereavement. May God bless each of you.

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Servant of God ... Well Done!
HOMEGOING CELEBRATION



Grace C. Brantley

Sunrise
July 13, 1948

Sunset
January 25, 2020

Saturday, February 1, 2020
11:00 AM

Mt. Carmel Baptist Center
3763 Bees Creek Road, Ridgeland, South Carolina 29936
Minister Jacqueline Tinling, Presiding
Pastor James L. Brantley, Jr., Eulogist

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day"
II Timothy 4:7-8

~ A Missionary ~

*“Give her of the fruit of her hands;
and let her own works praise her in the gates.”*

Proverbs 31:31

Grace C. Brantley dedicated her life to her missionary work. She was a loving and kind-hearted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, neighbor, and a friend who touched many lives. On Saturday evening, January 25, 2020, Missionary Brantley transitioned from labor to reward. We are comforted and at peace knowing that she has gone home to be with the one that she served and dedicated her life to. As she enters her new home, she will be greeted with love from her beloved parents, Elone and Irene Cuylear; siblings, Reid, Leon, Isaac, Robert, Leola, Harold, and Randolph Cuylear; and her granddaughter, Amee Brantley.

Grace was born in Ridgeland, SC, on July 13, 1948. She was the ninth of ten children born to the late Elone and Irene Cuylear. At an early age, she confessed Christ and joined Pine Savannah Baptist Church, where she served faithfully, until she married and moved her membership to Efferson Missionary Baptist Church. She was a very devoted member serving as Usher Board President, Deaconess, Overseer of the Missionary Board, Pastor Aide Club, Inspirational Choir Member, and Coordinator of the Church Food Bank Program. Grace was very outspoken and served her church faithfully until her health failed.

Grace was educated in the public schools of Jasper County. She attended Jasper County Training School and furthered her education at Beaufort Technical College, where she learned how to do short-hand and secretarial work. She completed Ekklesia Bible Institute and earned an Associate Degree in Theology. She loved to sew and worked in many sewing factories for over 15 years in the Hampton, Jasper, and Allendale communities. She was also very active in the Estill High School Marching Band Booster Club when her children participated in the band. Some of her favorite jobs were transporting patients to their medical appointments, working as a substitute teacher in the Allendale County School system, and working with senior citizens by placing them on jobs with the Experience Workers Program. She worked with J'Bees Transfer Trucking Company as a receptionist for over four years, until her health failed. Missionary Brantley was a leader among leaders who did it with godliness, care, and compassion. She was affiliated with many faith-based organizations. She served faithfully as a Past Matron of Thankful Chapter #103, served as RWNG Superintendent of the United Orders of Tents - Southern District #4, Educational Missionary with the Rockspring Sunday School Convention, and served as Assistant Secretary with the Gillison Branch Deacon Union. Missionary Brantley's dedication and commitment to these organizations and others vastly impacted the lives of many.

Grace married the love of her life, James Brantley, and to this union, five beautiful children she adored were born, Carolyn, James, Deborah, Corey and Sharonda. They were united in marriage for 51 years.

Grace leaves to cherish her fond memories: a loving and devoted husband of the home, James Brantley; two faithful sons, Pastor James (Teresa) Brantley of Gifford, SC, and Corey Brantley of Augusta, GA; three loving and supportive daughters, Carolyn (Victor) Simmons of Pineland, SC, Deborah (Tony Jr.) White of Hampton, SC, and Sharonda (Antonio) Brantley-Graves of Ridgeland, SC; two special daughters, Jacqueline (Maurice) Harley of Hillside, New Jersey, and Allanah Dobson of Hampton, SC; 15 grandchildren, including a granddaughter reared in the home, Treasa (Corey, Sr.) Sutton of Seattle Washington; 16 great-grand children; two devoted and loving caregivers, DaShawn Carter and Debra Ling; two sisters, Dr. Merdis Johnson of

As I Look Back

*Boo Boo, we have been married for 51 years...
As I look back over time, I find myself wondering...
Did I remember to thank you enough for all you have
done for us? For all the times you stood by my side,
heck you even convinced me we should have children
one day.*

*As I look back, I find myself wondering...
Did I remember to kiss you before I left?
But you always blew a kiss at me as I walked away.*

*As I look back, I find myself wondering...
Did I remember to put some snacks by your bed side?
Then I look, your favorite, a coke, is on the night stand.*

*As I look back, I find myself wondering...Did I remember to call your sisters to tell them
you came home? No need, you already did.*

*As I look back, I find myself wondering...Did I do enough? Was I a good husband, a good
fatherBut you reminded me every day, James, I need you to turn me, James did you
check on Merdis and Coolie today, James those kids coming over to take care of me today...
James...*

*As I look back, I find myself wondering.... How could God have given me something so
precious as you, then I look around, and I thought why not me.*

But yesterday, as I looked back, I found myself without you.

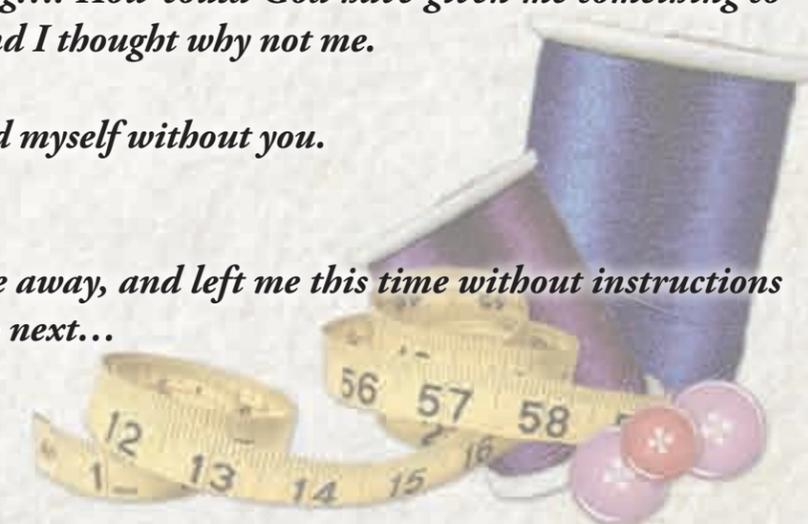
*Rest on, Grace...
You've fought a good fight...you've gone away, and left me this time without instructions
... I find myself wondering what I'll do next...*

Your Loving and Devoted Husband,

James



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Precious Memories



Pineland, SC, and Missionary Loretta Busby of Lena, SC; 11 sisters-in-law, Pearlie Brantley of Estill, SC, Elnora (John) Newton of Lena, SC, Jane Cuylear of Hampton, SC, Marie Coleman-Cuylear of Elizabeth, NJ, Edna Cuylear of Ridgeland, SC, Margaret Cuylear of Estill, SC, Gwendolyn Jones of Pineland, SC, and Evangelist Sharon Brantley of Texas; three brothers-in-law, Elder Coy (Earlena) Brantley of Furman, SC, Harrison (Naomi) Brantley of Maplewood, NJ, and Willingham (Jeanette) Brantley of Ridgeland, SC; one uncle, John Anderson of Ridgeland, SC; and a host of loving and devoted nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and other relatives.



Dear Grandma,

*Now that your gone, there is pain inside me
I was always your little shadow...
now you are my angel up above
your kisses made me smile, your hugs gave me cheers
but you leaving me was always my biggest fear
I love you with all my heart. I was lucky to have you in my life
but I'm proud to say you were the best blessing God has ever
giving me. I love you grandma*

-Your loving babygirl, SaNyahy-

Grandma Grace,

One quiet day an angel came and took you away. When we heard the news we wanted to fight. Don't go grandmother...we will miss you. Our parents tried their best to prepare us for this day...and we knew a day would come when coming to Rivers Hill won't be the same. Two things you taught us Grandma Grace, go to church and come see you. Well coming anymore now won't be easy..but if we trust in God you promise us Heaven will be our home. Please continue to watch over us like you always do and pray for us because granddad James can't do it alone.

-Your loving grandchildren-

Grace,

When mom died, daddy told us we had to take care of you, oh you were such a joy. As we saw you grow up through the years, you became such an inspiration. You raised beautiful children who took care of you like a queen. We were so blessed to have you in our lives to take road trips to New York, New Jersey and Texas when our husbands passed, you and James took us and didn't even whine. We can't thank you enough for all you have done, so it saddened us when we heard the news....we cried, fast and prayed to get you better...but you took the masters hand when you heard his call. Coolie and I will be standing alone waiting for James without you by his side. We're sisters for life, take your rest, tell daddy we did our best,

-Your loving Sisters, Dr. Merdis Johnson, & Sister Loretta Busby-

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Order of Service

Saturday, February 1, 2020 | 11:00 AM
Mt. Carmel Baptist Center
Ridgeland, South Carolina
Presiding, Minister Jacqueline Tinling

- Musical PreludeMusician
- Processional..... Clergy, Family, & Friends
- Opening SelectionRockspring Mass Choir
- Scriptural Readings:
 - Old Testament Pastor H.B Youmans
 - New TestamentElder Coy Brantley
 - Prayer of Comfort..... Pastor Henry L. Gordon
 - SelectionRockspring Mass Choir
- Reflections (Three Minutes, Please)
 - As a Friend/Classmate.....Minister Joyce Travis
 - As a Family Member Mr. Israel Cuylear
 - As a Deacon Deacon Kenny Gordon
 - As a Matron Thankful Chapter #103 Sis Lula Newton
- Family Tributes Children & Grands
- Solo..... Sis. Shelia Bovain
- Acknowledgements.....Martin Funeral Home Staff
- Musician Melodies..... Sis Pearlle Brantley and the RMC
- Words of Comfort..... Pastor James L. Brantley, Jr., Son
- Final ViewingMartin Funeral Home Staff
- Benediction
- Recessional

Service of Commendations

Committal-Prayer-Benediction
Smith (Efferson) Cemetery
Nixville Community of Estill, South Carolina

Repast

Rivers and Bolden Center, Rivers Hill Road
Pineland, South Carolina

Wake Up, Mom

“Her children arise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her” Proverbs 31:28

Wake Up, Mom.... it's me, Carol... I got you some medicine, No Mom, it's me, Jamie, you want me to read you a scripture... No..no, hey Mommie, it's me, Deborah, are you ready to go shopping,....hey Mom, this Corey, you got a few dollars, Mom, it's me, your baby girl, I got you a loan...wake up! Mom, growing up we all tried our best to be your favorite. Carol was always the mother and the doctor in the family, Jamie was your minister, Deb took you on outings and shopping until you dropped, Corey was your builder when you needed something fixed, and Ronda was your maid & organizer. We all had our special moments with you, and as we sit alone and think about everything, the good and some of your worst days in Intensive Care, we never heard a mumbling word! You showed us how to endure pain, how to love, how to pray, how to be good parents, and marriage partners. You were always a good mother and talked about your home going. The day before you passed, we kissed, and hugged up on you and prayed that you would've snapped back like you always done, and yelled out, “Bring me some Chinese food back.” But this time, you said good-bye, but we were not close enough to hear. With all you have been through, you made doctors out to be liars and made people from here to

New Jersey shake their heads... however, we knew this day would come,..So Wake Up, Mom...Your time is here..this time when you wake up, you'll be in paradise.

*We love you so much,
Your Loving and Devoted
Children,*

*Carolyn, Jamie, Deborah, Corey,
and Sharonda*



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