

**Interment  
Marley Family Cemetery**

**Repass  
St. Bethel Missionary Baptist Church**

**Floral Bearers  
Eastern Stars**

**Honorary Floral Bearers  
Brunswick Waccamaw Association Deaconess Ministry**

**Pall Bearers  
Ever Ready 765 Lodge**

**Honorary Pall Bearers  
Central High School  
Class of 1959**

**Acknowledgements**

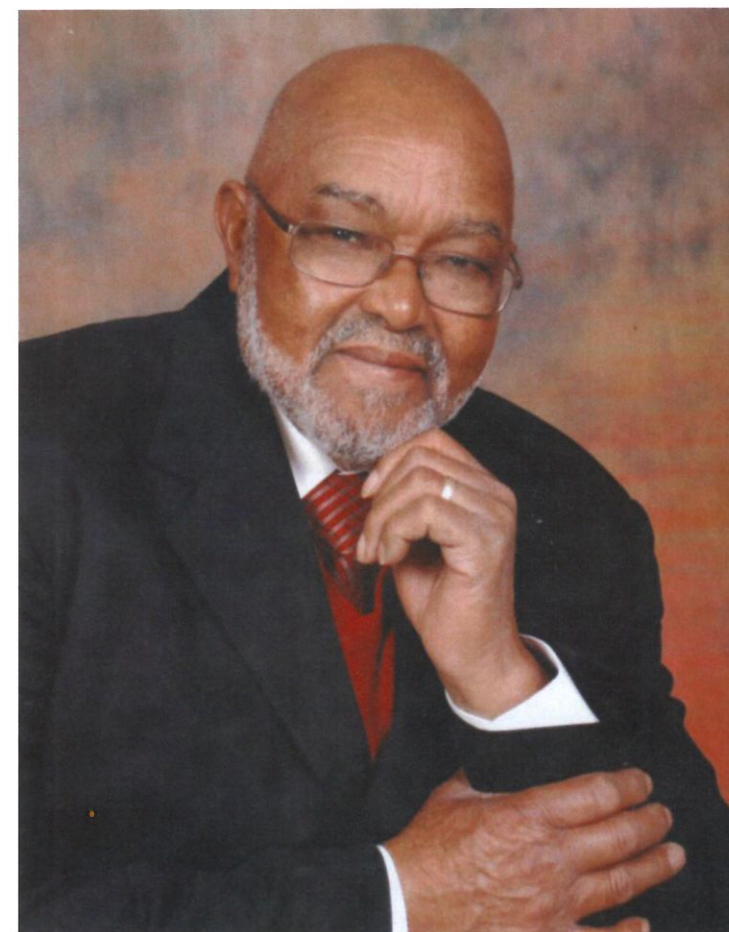
**The family would like to thank everyone for your prayers, tributes and well-wishes during this time of bereavement.**



**Celebrating the Homegoing  
of  
THOMAS LEWIS MARLEY**

**August 4, 1940 - January 21, 2019**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2019**



**Brunswick-Waccamaw Baptist Association Headquarters  
600 Pinelog Road  
Whiteville, NC 28472**

**Rev. Gregory Hewett, Pastor, Officiating**



## ~ OBITUARY ~

Thomas Lewis Marley (Tom), the son of Douglas Leo Marley, Sr. (deceased) and Jessie Louise Glover Marley (deceased) was born August 4, 1940 in Whiteville, North Carolina. He transitioned into the loving eternal arms of the Creator on Monday, January 21, 2019, at Columbus Regional Hospital, Whiteville, NC. He was a graduate of Central High School class of 1959, in Whiteville, NC. Upon graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army in which he engaged in active duty for 2 years and National Guard for 4 years. He also attended Southeastern Community College acquiring various certifications and skill sets in brick masonry, welding, and electrician. A hard worker and a "Jack of All Trades", Tom returned to Whiteville, NC in 1965 and began his professional employment with National Spinning Company where he worked as a receiving clerk and then warehouse supervisor for 50 years.

A "son" of St. Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Tom was the great grandson of the Reverend John Marley, Sr. (Elcy), founder of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church and the grandson of John Marley, Jr. (Henrietta) founder of St. Bethel Missionary Baptist Church. From an early age, he was introduced to Christ and was taught by his parents to love God and his neighbor above all else. A lover of the scriptures, Tom, was always very active in the church and was a tireless student of the Scriptures. Also, just as his parents taught him, he was a very patient and creative teacher of his children. Fond memories were created while exploring his thought-provoking questions during family time. Without question, he studied and modeled his faith in very meaningful ways at home with his family and in his community with his "neighbors".

One of his favorite scriptures and motto came from Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me". There was no one he would not try to help and inspire. He was inducted as Deacon of St. Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in 1975. He served the congregation faithfully until his death. Over the years, he served in many capacities: Usher, Sunday School Teacher, Member of St. Bethel Choirs, BTU Director, Trustee Ministry, and Deacon Ministry.

As a man, he didn't believe in idle conversations. His conversations were meaningful and thoughtful. He was truly a wonderful person. In many ways he was "everybody's somebody" and he also flourished in serving others. His life was one which was rooted in faith and prayer. He was committed to God, family, church and those in need. He served as a true role model of what men should aspire to be. Tom had many areas of interest. He was a Masonic member of the Ever Ready 765 Lodge and a former volunteer fireman at the North Raleigh Fire Department. He was an animal lover and an avid gardener, who did not mind sharing his harvest with family and friends. Finally, his personal indulgence was his love of neckties.

On May 10, 1969, Tom married the love of his life Dorothy Bellamy (Dot). Together they raised three daughters. As parents they always instilled the values to always place God first and to always do their very best. They both inspired their children and grandchildren to dream new possibilities for themselves and they faithfully supported them in every way. Their faith in God, love of family, hard work and teamwork resulted in ensuring that all three daughters thrived personally and professionally. Additionally, over the past twenty years, Tom and Dot served as foster parents to over 30 children in need of a safe, loving, and nurturing family. Tom prided himself as a husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend.

Tom is survived by his wife: Dorothy Bellamy Marley, Whiteville, NC; his children: Laketha Marley Miller (Frank), Clayton, NC; Reverend Tiffney L. Marley, Bethesda, MD; Tommeka Marley Durant (Dennis); and Darryl P. Bellamy Sr, Harrisburg, PA (nephew) and Nykie Marley, Arlington, TX (nephew). Grandchildren: William Frank Miller III, Gabrielle Miller, MacKenzie Simmons-Jones, Randi Marley-Jones, Jesse Marley-Jones, and Davin Durant; Brother: Harold Marley (Veronica), Greensboro, NC; Cousin, Best Friend and Loved Each Other as Brothers: George Marley; and a host of nieces, nephews and family.

*I saw the Lord, striking him gently, whispering come home, come home and rest your soul.*







## ~ ORDER OF SERVICE ~

Rev. Gregory Hewett, Pastor, St. Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Officiating

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

OPENING SONG

ST. BETHEL MISSIONARY  
BAPTIST CHURCH MIXED CHOIR

SCRIPTURE:

OLD TESTAMENT  
NEW TESTAMENT

REV. DAN GERALD  
REV. JAMES SMITH

PRAYER

REV. DR. CATHY GILLARD

SELECTION

DALE MORGAN

REFLECTIONS

REV. TIFFNEY MARLEY  
SELECTED FRIENDS & FAMILY

RESOLUTION

OBITUARY

(To be read in silence)

SELECTION

MARY MC GREGOR

EULOGY

REV. GREGORY HEWITT

SELECTION

ALICE BELLAMY JONES

CLOSING SONG

ST. BETHEL MISSIONARY  
BAPTIST CHURCH MIXED CHOIR

INSTRUMENTAL RECESSIONAL