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Morning Glory Chapter #538 Order of the Eastern Star and other Stars



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Dothan Masonic Lodge #200 and other Masons



Acknowledgement

The family of Milton Frink expresses our sincere gratitude to the many friends, relatives and supporters during the illness and passing of our dearly beloved. We especially appreciate the anecdotes that some of you have shared with us of experiences you had with Milton or things that he said to you. Your comforting expressions of love and sympathy have given us the strength to get through this most difficult time. We would like to acknowledge Dr. Umar Bowers of G&G Healthcare, Cerro Gordo, NC, the Oncology Department of UNC-Hospital, Chapel Hill, NC, Gibson Cancer Center and Dr. Vicente of Lumberton, NC, Lower Cape Fear Hospice and Dawn Priest of Whiteville, NC. We will be eternally grateful to Erica Williams for the love, care and compassion she gave to Milton during his illness. We pray God's continued blessings on each of you and we ask that you continue to keep us in your prayers.

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A Celebration of a Life Well Lived

For

Milton Frink

May 28, 1952 ~ March 21, 2019



Saturday, March 30, 2019

12:00 pm

Lawrence Bowers Cultural Arts Center

413 North Lee Street

Whiteville, North Carolina

Reverend Dr. J.R. Matthews, Officiant

Reverend Virgil H. Reaves, Eulogist

Order of Service

Reverend Dr. J.R. Matthews, Presiding

Pastor, Chesterfield Missionary Baptist Church, Longs, SC



- Prelude.....Musicians
- Processional..... Ministers and Family
- Hymn of Comfort....."Great is Thy Faithfulness".....Columbus County Area Singers
- Old Testament Scripture..... Isaiah 40:28-31.....Reverend Dr. Carol Lynn Brinkley
Associate Minister, First Baptist Church, Clinton, NC
- New Testament Scripture.....James 5:13-18.....Reverend Alan Gore
Associate Minister, Raleigh North Christian Center, Raleigh, NC
- Prayer of Comfort.....Elder Colene Kelly
Pastor, Life Church of Chadbourn, Chadbourn, NC
- Selection....."My Help".....Columbus County Area Singers

Reflections (Three Minutes Please)

- Whiteville City Schools.....Coleman D. Barbour
- Aynor Middle School..... Reverend Clara Curry
- First Missionary Baptist Church.....Deacon Rashad Roberts
- Friend/Musician..... Cornell Singletary
- Grist Community.....Mrs. Katrina Davis
- Family..... William M. Frink

Selection....."Great is the Lord".....Columbus County Area Singers

Acknowledgements.....Mrs. Sheila Powell

Selection....."God Is"..... JaShaun Peele

Eulogy..... Reverend Virgil Reaves
Pastor, First Missionary Baptist Church, Chadbourn, NC

~Morticians in Charge~

Recessional.....

~Service of Committal and Interment~

(With Masonic Rites)

Belvue Cemetery

1055 Clarendon/Chadbourn Road

Chadbourn, NC



Obituary

And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord God, thou knowest. Again he said unto me, Prophecy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. So, I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet..... Ezekiel 37:3-4, 10

Milton Frink, the son of the late John Burriss Frink, Jr. and the late Blanchie Lawrence Frink, was born on May 28, 1952 in Columbus County, North Carolina. On Thursday, March 21, 2019, he peacefully and victoriously entered into eternal rest at UNC Memorial Hospital, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Being reared in a very spiritual home, led by his mother, Milton confessed Christ as his personal savior at a very early age, and joined First Missionary Baptist Church, Chadbourn. As a lifelong member, he loved his church and church family, always working for its betterment. There he has served as an usher, member of the junior choir, trustee, and treasurer. Very dear to Milton's heart was serving as the church's dedicated Minister of Music and Musician (organist) for over 44 years, making a great impact on the music ministry of First Missionary Baptist Church, as well as the surrounding areas. He has also been director and musician for the Chadbourn Fellowship Alliance. He is the founder, leader, and was the primary musician for the Mary Lawrence Scholarship Choir. Under his leadership, the choir performed 30 years and from it the "New Generation Choir" was born and continues to thrive. Other churches Milton has served as musician are Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist, St. James Baptist, and Central Missionary Baptist. He has also been a part of the music ministry of the Columbus County Area Singers for several years. Milton started his music career in the humble beginnings of his home, but became a great and efficient musician in his own right, honing his skills at music conferences and workshops, most notably the Hampton Ministers' and Choir Guild Conference in which he enjoyed attending for many years until his health declined.

Milton received his elementary education at Westside High School, Chadbourn, NC, his secondary education at West Columbus High School, Cerro Gordo, NC and graduated in 1970. He matriculated to Fayetteville State University and graduated in 1974 with a B.S. Degree in Mathematics. In his desire to make his best better and mold the minds and lives of as many children as possible, Milton went on to receive a M.A. Degree and Licensure as a principal from North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC.

Before going away to college and beginning his career as the ultimate educator, Milton valued hard work. He performed manual labor on the farm and was employed with Davis' Cafe, some days working from sun up to sun down, all the while developing his work ethic which was carried over into his professional career. In 1973-1974, while completing his degree at Fayetteville State University, he was employed as a Substitute Teacher at Acme-Delco Junior/Senior High School, Delco, NC. In 1974, Milton embarked on a distinguished teaching career at Waccamaw Elementary School, Ash, NC. In 1975, he started the first of many assignments for Whiteville City Schools, Whiteville, NC, the most rewarding of which was the opportunity to serve as the illustrious Principal of Central Middle School from 1987 until 2003. Through his strong leadership, Central received Exemplary Growth and School of Distinction designations. In recognition of his being a consummate professional, Milton was awarded Whiteville City Schools' Wachovia Principal of the Year twice and Administrator of the Year Award four times. Because of the seeds he sowed and the teachers he trained under his leadership, Central Middle school continued to thrive and grow positively even after his retirement in June, 2003.

Upon his retirement from Whiteville City Schools, after 28 years, his love of education led him to seek a position in Horry County, SC. In the 2003-2004 school year, because of his Middle School expertise and success, Milton was selected as Assistant Principal of the brand new Aynor Middle School in Aynor, SC. In July, 2004, he became the principal of Aynor Middle with the overwhelming support and love of the Aynor

community. After eleven years, he ended his tenure in Horry County as an Assistant Principal at North Myrtle Beach Middle School in June of 2014.

As an educator for 41 years, Milton's ultimate goal was to help every student develop to the highest level of his or her ability. He was a dedicated and competent administrator who was cognizant of the fact that the student is the core of the curriculum around which everything else revolves. He felt that everything should be in the best interest of the students and all should be treated fairly.

Milton was active in many community organizations, and received honors and awards from many of them. He received The United Negro College Fund's Outstanding Citizen Award in 1994 and the Westside High School Alumni, D.C. Chapter Leadership and Community Service Award in 1991. He was a proud member of the National Westside Alumni Association and served as its Financial Secretary and was an active member of the Whiteville Civitans. Milton is a member and Past Worshipful Master of Dothan Lodge #200, a member and Past Worthy Patron of Morning Glory #538 Order of the Eastern Star, a member and Past District Grand Master of the 24th and 18th District Masons, a member of Allen Mingo Assembly Consistory #325, a member of Allen Mingo Commanders of Rite, and Past Grand Musician of Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

Fulfilling a dream of both his and his mothers, Milton graduated from Fayetteville Technical College with a Funeral Director's Diploma in May, 2017, in hopes of becoming a Funeral Director. He spent several months with People's Funeral Home of Whiteville, NC in preparation for this position and found it to be a very rewarding experience.

In all of his places of employment, church, and community involvement, Milton earned the love, respect, and admiration of his students, teachers, staff, fellow educators/administrators, parents, friends, and the community as a whole. In all walks of life, Milton Frink stood tall and was revered as "A Good Man," "A Model Man."

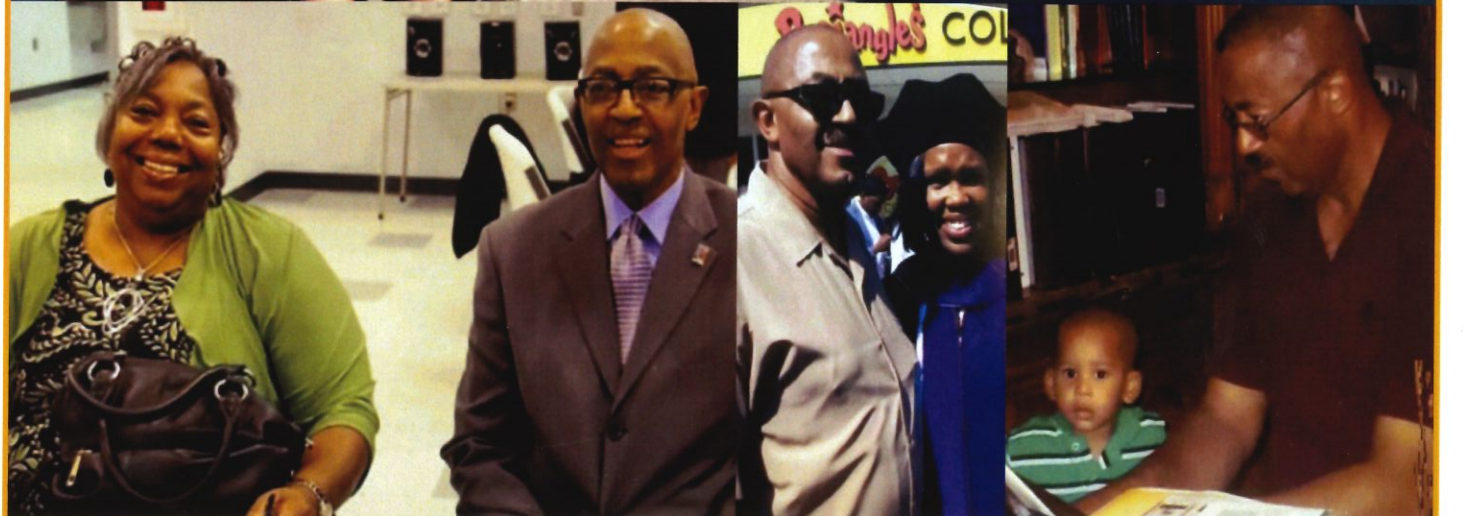
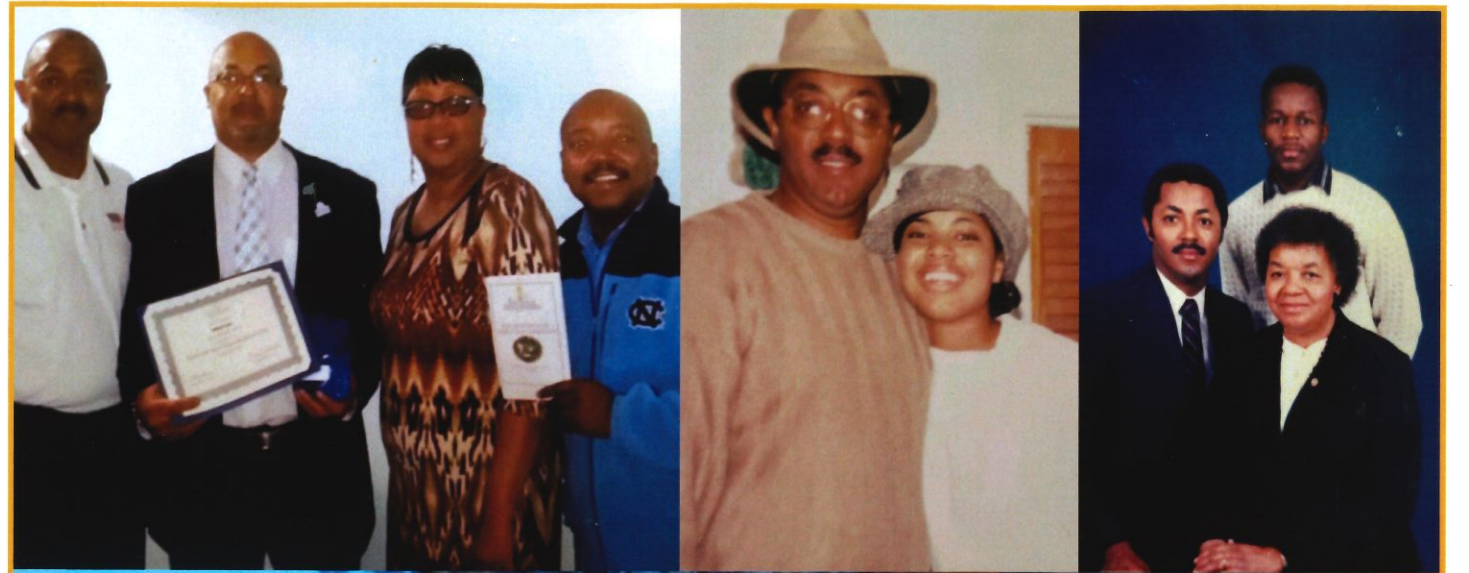
Second to his love of God, Milton loved his family and represented the epitome of strong leadership for his siblings, nieces, nephews, cousins and so many of his other family members as well as friends. He was a role model, friend and mentor who taught by being a living example of what faith, selflessness, love, prayer and perseverance looks like.

Milton leaves to cherish his memory two sisters: Mary F. Speight (Melvin), of Durham, NC, and Sharon F. Peele, of Garysburg, NC; two brothers: William M. Frink (Lanita) of the home and Larry Ward (Lavern), of Whiteville, NC; a sister/aunt, Clara Dunn (Wayne); a brother-in-law, Alexander Kelly, Jr.; thirteen nieces and nephews: Christopher Brown (Monica), Gavin Brown, Gary Brown, Dante Kelly (Katonja), Wytisha Carter (Lewis), Carlos Geathers, Colene Kelly, Erica Williams, Monique Jowers (Jason), Vontaria Jennings (Thomas), JaShaun Peele (Torian), Ashley Geathers, and Darius Frink; other grand nieces and nephews; Aunts and Uncles: Mary J. Flowers, Annie L. Lawrence, Roosevelt Lawrence, Walter Lawrence (Shirley), Evangeline McBride; one great-great-uncle: James Frink (Shirley); and many, many dear cousins and friends.

Milton was preceded in death by his parents, John B. Frink, Jr., Blanchie L. Frink and his sister, Phylisa F. Kelly.

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: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. 2nd Timothy 4: 7-8







♥♥ "Reflections of Our Uncle Milton" ♥♥

One of the many things that impressed me about my Uncle, is how he could tell you at least 2 different ways to get to any location. (Human Navigation System). He was more dependable than any GPS. ~ **Chris**

Uncle Milton's chocolate chip cake was the best!! Whenever he knew you were coming home, he would make sure that it was part of the menu. He always made you feel right at home and loved. ~ **Monica**

It was very nice seeing Uncle Milton explain the history behind certain items he owned, such as the small sofa that belonged to Grandma Mary Lawrence. I admired how much Milton loved his home and enjoyed sharing it with family and friends. ~ **Gary**

I just have to say that Uncle Milton was an inspiration to me because of the way he lived his life. He was an example of dignity and purpose. He did all that he aspired to do well and was admired and loved for it. I wish I could be like that. ~ **Gavin**

Uncle Milton I will surely miss "our ice cream sandwiches" and you putting away the cake because it was too "nasty" for others to eat...LOL. Love you forever. ~ **Dante**

Uncle Milton's selfless HOSPITALITY not only for others but for his FAMILY will be greatly missed. Love you. ~ **Katonia**

Uncle Milton stood in the gap for me during my childhood and was always there to support me. I truly appreciate how he took care of the family specifically my grandmother. The homeplace will not be the same without him. ~ **Wytisha**

Uncle Milton was a gentleman with true southern charm. He was always welcoming and hospitable. His door was always open, and you never felt like a stranger. He made you feel like family. I'll miss you sir. ~ **Lewis**

So many things I can say: During the last big ice/snow storm we had, Uncle Milton used a microwave and ran a generator to make sure we had 3 home made meals and all the laughs. Joys of him remodeling Mulls house so we all could be together!! Buying her that Ford Edge!! *I remember him saying: "If I die today, God did what He said!!!" ~ **Colene**

When I was working with Uncle Milton day by day, I got to experience the funny and joking side of him. I had only seen the professional side. I'm thankful that we found that bond. ~ **Erica**

Uncle Milton made the best chocolate chip cake and was the glue of the family. He had a great sense of humor and was a great story teller who could imitate anyone while recounting events. He will truly be missed. ~ **Monique**

Uncle Milton was one of the first people to make me feel welcome and a part of the family. I appreciate how we connected while discussing the education field. He will be missed. ~ **Jason**

When I think of Uncle Milton, what he represented and what I learned from him, two things come to mind: Family and Education. He embodied the African proverbs that said, "A family tie is like a tree, it can bend, but it cannot break" and Education is what you know, not what's in the book." The love he exemplified for his family is incomprehensible and he was the epitome of Education. ~ **Vontaria**

On Labor Day weekend when we had that storm, the power went out. He got the generator and made sure that we were comfortable. He always took care of things and made sure we had whatever we needed. ~ **Raquel**

Any time Uncle Milton stepped out the house he was the best dressed man I knew. Uncle Milton also showed me how to always remember that the giver of the gift is more important than the gift itself. ~ **JaShaun**

I learned to always have my business in order. He was a notable businessman/professional in my eyes. ~ **Torian**

As his niece, I was the only niece he was principal to. Uncle Milton was a man of order and was always sharp, even while exercising. I will always remember him for his saying "my sibling" while nodding his head towards the one he was referring to. ~ **Ashley**

I viewed Uncle Milton as a comical hard-working man with an impeccable work ethic and immeasurable love for his family and friends. I will always remember, even at his hard times with health issues, he was still able to keep up with whenever I posted about shows and baby Trevor and he let me know he supported me wholeheartedly. I will be sure that baby Trevor knows who he was. ~ **Courtney**

From his generosity (offering a pair of his dress shoes for me to borrow when I forgot to bring my own on multiple occasions, sticking out the most), to always being encouraging and supportive in not only his words but overall demeanor. He was unquestionably the heart of this family and an amazing soul. I'll miss him dearly. ~ **Cory**

Favorite thing about Uncle Milton was how he loved his family and didn't just talk about it but showed his love. He loved and treated everybody the same whether it was his nieces and nephews, or his Aunts and Uncles and he made the best chocolate chip cake ever. ~ **Darius**

Uncle Milton's advice: "Keep going, you got this. You're doing great. I'm proud of you girls!" ~ **Amber**

Uncle Milton's advice: "You ain't quit! You just switched lanes! Keep driving forward, do what's best for you." ~ **Ashawntia**

I always appreciated the happiness that showed on Uncle Milton's face when I told him how well I was doing in school. He is now one of my motivations to finish school. I will miss him dearly. ~ **Santaja**

Uncle Milton was a man of STRONG FAITH. No matter what he endured in life, he trusted God every step of the way, even up till the day he was called home. ~ **Tah'Nijah**

Uncle Milton can WE play the pino? (piano) I will miss you much. ~ **Zay**

Uncle Milton was kind and special. I like playing on his piano and wanted him to teach me how to play one day. ~ **Ava**



"The Measure of A Man"

The measure of a man is not determined,
By his show of outward strength,
Or the volume of his voice,
Or the thunder of his actions,
Or of his intellect or academic abilities.

It is seen rather in terms of the love that he has,
For his family and for everyone,
The strength of his commitments,
The genuineness of his friendships,
The sincerity of his purpose,
The quiet courage of his convictions.

The fun, laughter, joy and happiness
He gives to his family and to others;
His love of life, his patience and his honesty,
And his contentment with what he has.

This, our family and friends was our brother Milton.

With Love,

*Mary (Melvin), Sharon, Marshall (Lanita), Larry (Lavern),
Clara (Wayne), and Alexander.*