# 'Forever in our hearts'



# With special thanks from the TROY family

Thank you so much for all your love and support during such a difficult time. We will be forever grateful.

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# Celebrating



James "Jimmy" Troy
OCTOBER 19, 1937 – MAY 26, 2020

Public Viewing: May 30, 2020 at 11:00 am Peoples Funeral Home, Whiteville, NC 28472

Graveside Service: May 30, 2020 at 1:00 pm Welches Creek Cemetery

Pastor Elder Ronald Brown, Officiating

## ~Eulogy~

James Edward "Jimmy" Troy, was born October 19, 1937, in Columbus County, NC, to the late Thomas and Allene Troy. Jimmy departed this earthly life on May 26, 2020, at Lower Cape Fear LifeCare in Whiteville, NC.

Jimmy was united in holy matrimony to Lila Johnson, and they lived together in Durham, NC. Together they raised three children. Jimmy received his education from the Columbus County school system. At an early age, he accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior and was a devoted member of the Love Grove Freewill Baptist Church, where he sang with the Male Chorus and served in several capacities. Jimmy is a former member of the Baldwin Singers, his favorite song to sing in church was "Be with me Jesus". He truly loved the Lord, people, and singing.

Jimmy will forever be remembered for his sense of humor. He could always bring laughter to any situation and was loved for it. Most memorable were his jokes and close relationship with his late brother, Howard Troy. In his younger years, he enjoyed bowling and playing baseball. He was also a member of the Masonic Fraternity.

He leaves as his legacy four children: Gwen Troy McKinney (Andrew), Terry Troy (Natalie), Maurice Troy (Kelly), and Sylvia Richardson Johnson. He also leaves to cherish his memory, his siblings: Betty T. Baldwin, Gracie George, Gracie Cohen (Robert), James "Kenny" Troy, and David C. Graham (Lavern); his grandchildren: Le'Shawn Troy (Tyaisha), Sentil Troy, Shyree Troy Henry (Deandre), Terry Troy, Jr, and Maurice Troy, Jr.; eight greatgrandchildren, and several dozen of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and adopted children.

He was preceded in death by Beulah Troy (Aunt); Howard Troy, brother; Bobby Troy, brother; Edward Troy, brother; Haywood Troy, brother; Lace Troy, brother; Lela Jones, sister; Pernell Green, sister Mary Troy, sister; and Sally Troy, sister.

A man as humble and loving as Jimmy will always be remembered by those of us who knew him and loved him. Although we will miss him, his smile, his jokes, his love, we take consolation in the good feelings of our memories.

# Order of Service

#### WELCOME

#### **SCRIPTURE**

Read by Reverend Frederick Bryant (2 Corinthians 5:6-8)

#### **PRAYER**

Pastor Elder Ronald Brown

#### **EULOGY**

Read by Elder Cleveland Simmons (nephew)

#### SPECIAL SELECTION

Nieces/Nephews/Grandchildren

#### **POEM**

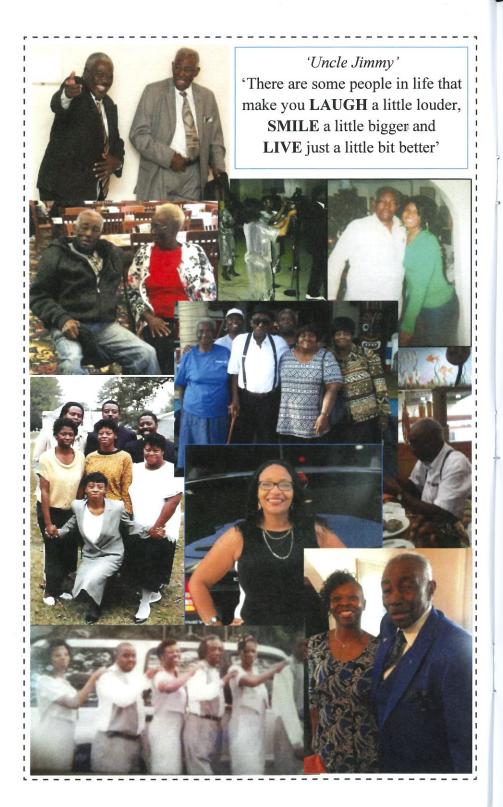
Read by Le'Shawn Troy (grandson)

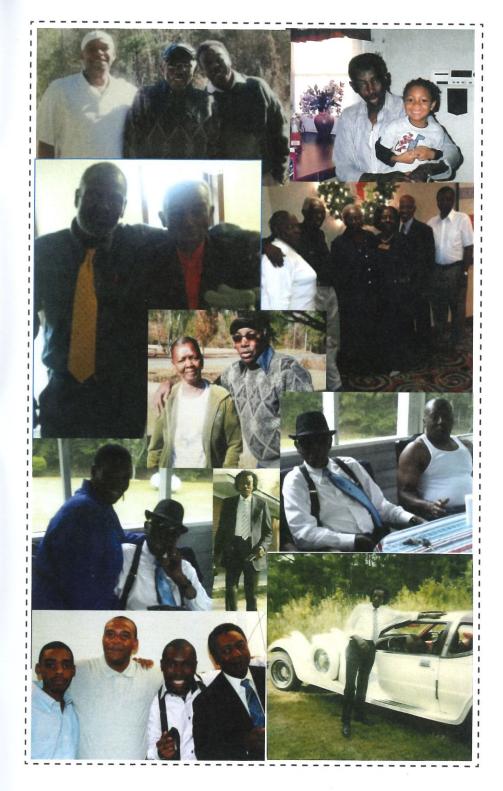
#### REMARKS

Open to Family and Friends (3 minutes each)

#### WORDS OF COMFORT & BLESSING

Pastor Elder Ronald Brown





#### **SCRIPTURE**

"So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.".

2 Corinthians 5:6-8



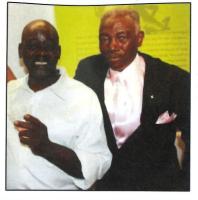
#### **POEM**

A life well lived is a precious gift, of hope and strength and grace, from someone who has made our world a brighter, better place.

It's filled with moments, sweet and sad with smiles and sometimes tears, with friendships formed and good times shared, And laughter through the years.

A life well lived is a legacy, of joy and pride and pleasure, a living, lasting memory our grateful hearts will treasure.

### **Tributes**



Rest in Peace, Dad. I Love you! Terry Troy (son)



My Main Man Grandad Mr. Original Cool. I'm gonna miss you so much...us singing Sam Cooke songs together and all of the other older hits. Gonna miss seeing what kind of suit and color combo you were gonna hit me with on any given day of the week. I believe that's why I dress up all the time too. But thank you for everything. You will be missed and never forgotten. Love you grandad R.I.P. Le'Shawn Troy (Grandson)



Dad, we have always been really close. I hate to see you go but now you're in no more pain. I love you and will truly miss you!

-You're baby, Gwen (Daughter)