





## Reflections of Life

*“The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord and he delighted in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down for the Lord upholdeth him with His hand”.* Psalm 37:23-24

Deacon-Treasurer James Bryant departed life at the St. Joseph’s Hospital, Paterson, NJ on Thursday, August 22, 2013, when an Angel sent by the Lord whispered to him “Well done, thy good and faithful servant, come with me”. He was born in Wallace, NC to his proud parents Jim and Mary (Dunn) Tilly Bryant who were faithful obedient servants of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. James attended the Adorm Baptist Church (Wallace, NC) and was baptized at an early age at the First Baptist Church (Rose Hill, NC). He served as the Superintendent of the Sunday School as a youth and was a member of the BYPU.

Deacon James Bryant’s journey from labor to reward continued as follows: he attended the public schools in NC, in his sophomore year he became the Bus Driver for the Rose Hill High School. James was active in many school activities, a member of the High School band where he played the trombone, a key member of the Varsity Basketball team, and was the President of the Student Council. James held numerous jobs while in High School including a long-distance Truck Driver in the summer. After graduation from High School, James joined the US Army and served in Fort Bragg, NC and after an honorable discharge he relocated to Paterson, NJ and within month he joined Calvary Baptist Church in 1954.

Deacon James Bryant was an active dedicated and faithful member of Calvary Baptist Church until his passing. Jim wore many hats both figuratively and stylishly during his fifty-nine years as a faithful, dedicated servant during his church membership as he served on the Trustee Board (1967), the Church Treasurer (1974), Deacon Board (2013) until his passing, a Senior Usher until January 2013 where he served as Chaplain for many years, an adult Sunday School student. Brother Jim Bryant has been a consistent supporter of the Pastor and all of Calvary’s Programs and Auxiliaries, Calvary’s Paterson Development Corp., Shepherding Tribe member and former Thurgood Marshall Tribe leader, past recipient of the

Calvary Man of Year Award, Roberta Johnson Honoree (2000), and before Calvary established a formal Bus Ministry, Jim would volunteer to drive the church bus to ball games, plays for fun and fund raising trips for many years, and on occasion for the CBC Pre-School program.

James was gainfully employed in Paterson, NJ for nearly thirty-four years as Textile Supervisor in a fabric weaving mill he was also in-charge of coordinating new patterns and color combinations. James attended William Paterson University (Paterson State College) after a long work day. Deacon Bryant also held a position in the Paterson Housing Authority as Youth Coordinator (nine years); he received much joy from organizing many activities for the youth, trips to professional basketball and baseball games, camping, and parties, in which he also attended as a Chaperone, also as a monitor to many educational off-site programs for the youth, until his retirement. James Bryant was a pass Worship Leader for the Integrity Lodge of F. & A.M. (Paterson, NJ).

Deacon-Treasurer James Bryant was a dedicated servant of our Lord and Savior, a true prayer warrior. He possessed a strong sense of faith. He was an inspiration to all who were blessed to have known him, he had an exceptional keen flair for style, a warm, kind and gentle welcoming smiling demeanor, while still a firm strong Godly man, with a heart of pure gold, if you ever need a helping hand he would lend you both of his hands.

Deacon James Bryant was predeceased both of his parents, also his aunts and uncles from both paternal and maternal sides of the family. He leaves to treasure his memory his loving, caring and devoted Fiancé Sandra L. Urquhart his loving devoted personally chosen adopted family; Emma, Annie (MD), James (III), and Kimberly Urquhart (Paterson, NJ). Cousins; Florence Brown (Somerset, NJ), Bettie Ann (Elon) and Tia Kenan (Union, NJ), Fitzuhua (wife) Newton (Boston, MA), and Rev. David (Evangelist Shirley) Graham (Piscataway, NJ), devoted friend Annabelle Whitaker and family, boyhood friend Howard Boney (Wallace, NC), special friends Deacon Arthur (E Clara) Holloway, Douglas (Yvette) Smith, and the entire Calvary Baptist Church which are too great in number to list everyone’s name here, as well as a host of other relatives, cousins, friends and loving church family.

Dear Love, *“May His peace, be with you, until we meet again”*

## Service of Triumph

*For I am ready to be offered, and  
The time of my departure is at hand;  
I have fought a good fight, I have  
Finished my course, I have kept the faith  
2 Timothy 4:6-7*

**ORGAN PRELUDE** .....Vincent McCray

**PROCESSIONAL** .....Scriptural Passages

**INVOCATION**

**AND THE LORDS’S PRAYER** .....Pastor Randall Lassiter

**HYMN OF COMFORT** .....“Blessed Assurance” 508

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON-** Psalm 23 .....Kimberly Urquhart

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** -Matthew 25:31-46 . Rev. Pamela Powell

**WORDS OF COMFORT AND TRIBUTES**.....(3 minutes limit, please)

Deacon Leroy Coleman, Chairman Deacon Board

Trustee Douglas Smith, Chairman Trustee Board

Deaconess Annabelle Jones, Chairwoman Deaconess Board

Linda Scott, President Usher Board

Deacon Arthur Holloway, Chairman Emeritus Trustee Board

**SELECTION** ..... Stand Mass Choir

**RESOLUTIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS** ....Blondell Burin

**REFLECTIONS OF LIFE**..... Yvette Smith

**SELECTION** .....“SINCE JESUS CAME INTO MY LIFE”  
MASS CHOIR

**EULOGY** .....“A PRINCE AND GOOD MAN”  
PASTOR ROWE

**CLOSING SELECTION**..... “When We All Get to Heaven” 594

**RECESSIONAL** .....Scriptural Passages

### Interment

George Washington Memorial Park  
Paramus, New Jersey