



Acknowledgements

The kindness of relatives and friends who shared our sorrow has comforted and sustained us in the loss of our dear loved one, Deacon James Merritt, Sr. We have sustained a great loss and though very difficult to bear, we want you to know that we are grateful and moved by your expressions of love. Our family extends special thanks for your many kind words of sympathy, words of comfort, prayers, acts of kindness, visits and calls during our time of sorrow. May God continue to bless each of you.

The Family



In Loving Memory Of



Deacon James Merritt, Sr.

Sunrise: April 24, 1944 ~ Sunset: November 17, 2020

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Graveside Service

Saturday, November 21, 2020

3:30 p.m.

Eastview Cemetery

Ashby Street ~ Americus, Georgia

Reverend Dr. H.C. Wilson, Officiating

Celebration of Life

On April 24, 1944, our beloved James McArthur Merritt was welcomed into this world. Born in Sumter County, Georgia, to the late Jimmie Sapp and Charlie Mae Merritt, he was educated in the Sumter County Public Schools. Deacon James McArthur Merritt met and married Eula Monts Merritt. He was a devoted member of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church where he served as a choir member and deacon. James was a passionate and loving father, grandfather and friend who loved to sing and dance. Whether it be the harmonica, piano or guitar, he could move a room. He was a comedian at heart, and always kept others laughing.

James worked for Wise Electric for thirty years until he retired. He kept his time occupied with numerous jobs from building, electrical work and sales in his community in which he had the opportunity to meet and befriend former President Jimmy Carter.

On Tuesday, November 17, 2020, he went home to be with his Lord. While he will be profoundly missed, we as a family rejoice in knowing that his life impacted so many people in a profound way. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Jessie Bell Williams and brother Johnny B. Sapp.

He leaves many wonderful memories to be cherished by his loving wife, Eula Merritt; his sons: Curtis Walton, Sr. (Beverly), James M. Merritt, Jr. (Tamara Methleus) and Christopher Mann (Rose); daughters: Catherine Roberson (Michael), Jacqueline Merritt, Kattina Sloan (Dexter) and Barbara Walton; devoted grandchildren: Latonya Walton-Harvey (Wayne), Sherita Walton, Blakely Merritt (Murray), Curtis Walton, Jr., Zynovia Merritt, Jacquetta Zanders, Kadero Austin, Jazzmine Austin, Lacrissa Mann, Jameka Merritt, James Merritt III, Jay Sloan and De'Zia Tookes; nine great-grandchildren; four sisters-in-law: Lois Brown, Laverne Williams (John), Janice Sapp and Martha King; devoted nephew, Kenny Sapp; devoted niece, Deborah Mason (Choo-Choo); devoted friends: Lawrence Johnson, S.T. Sampson and Lewis Stewart; devoted neighbors: Bobbie Jean Wise and Tameka Champion; a host of devoted nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Order of Service

Reverend Dr. H.C. Wilson, Officiating Pastor
Reverend Christopher O'Bryant, Pastor

Processional.....*King Jesus Is A Listening* by Slim & The Supreme Angels

Parting Glance

Hymn.....Reverend Christopher O'Bryant

Prayer.....Reverend Christopher O'Bryant

Scripture Readings

Old Testament.....Reverend Dr. H.C. Wilson

New Testament.....Minister

Solo

Eulogy.....Reverend Dr. H.C. Wilson

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Committal Service

Recessional

Final Thought

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.

2 Timothy 4:7-8

Safely Home

I am home in heaven, dear ones; oh, so happy and so bright.
There is a perfect joy and beauty in this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief is over, every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever, safely home in heaven at last.

Did you wonder why I so calmly trod the valley of the shade?
Oh, but Jesus' love illuminated every dark and fearful glade.

And He came Himself to meet me in the way so hard to tread;
And with Jesus' arm to lean on could I have one doubt or dread?

Then you must not grieve so sorely, for I love you dearly still.
Try to look beyond death's shadows; Pray to trust our Father's will.

There is work still waiting for you, so you must not idly stand.
Do it now, while life remaineth; you shall rest in Jesus' land.

When that work is all completed, he will gently call you home;
Oh, the rapture of that meeting; oh, the joy to see you come!

