### Pall Bearers

Karen Swanson Marqkya Penn Tyliyah Johnson Dayunna Penn Destiny Penn

Walter Holland

## Floral Bearers

Pete James

Desmond Penn

Brandon Witcher

Family

## In Appreciation

Special thanks to Tiffany Bell (Maricca's friend) for being a great support and extra caregiver to Bruce in his last days. The Family would like to acknowledge, with sincere appreciation, the many expressions of kindness shown during our time of bereavement.

The Family

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#### **OBITUARY**

On early Monday morning, October 14, 2024, Wilford Aubrey (Bruce) Belcher was called home to be with his Heavenly Father.

Bruce was born on July 2, 1961 in Rocky Mount, Va. to his parents the late Johnny W. Belcher and the late Yvonne W. Dennis. He was 1 of 18 children. At the age of 9 Bruce was baptized and was a member at Greater Mount Parish Baptist Church. Bruce attended Franklin County Public High School and later served his country by joining the United States Army in 1978 and served in California, Oklahoma, and Korea.

He was self-employed and very skilled in electrical, plumbing, and mechanical work. As a child he loved breaking things down and putting them back together to see how they worked.

And if you knew Bruce, if you needed a good laugh he definitely had a joke for you. He was always the same every time you saw him.

Bruce loved his children and his grandbabies. They gave him so much joy and happiness.

Bruce was preceded in death by his father, Johnny W. Belcher, his mother, Yvonne W. Dennis, and his son, Aubrey Lynell Belcher.

Those who will continue to hold special memories of Bruce are his loving daughter Maricca (Desmond) Penn of Roanoke, VA; daughter, Memoree Briana Scales of Martinsville VA; daughter, Tiffany Belcher (Vincent Rome), GA; son Timothy Belcher of GA; and son Farod (Janice) Miller of GA. His grandchildren: Destiny, Dayunna, Marqkya, Malonie, Ja'Laisa, Hilton, Princess, Na'Lig, Tyliyah, Jalissa, Aziz, and Alayah. His new great granddaughter: Zelana.

His siblings: Stephanie Harvey, Annette (Eugene) Townes, Sharon Tyree, Gwendolyn (William) Martin, Antonia Johnson, and Thomas Dennis of VA; Gloria (James) Whitfield of GA; Shawn (Victoria) Dennis of Texas. Renee (Louise) Lugo of FL; Theresa (Jason) Scott, Stephen (Donna) Scott, Darnel Scott, Sylvia Scott, Tisha Scott, Lisa Scott, of NJ; Eric (Felicia) Scott of NY; Clarence Zeigler of Ridgeway, VA;

A special friend: Deborah Hairston of Martinsville, VA. Last but not least his ride or die best friend Mark Stanfield of Rocky Mount, VA. As well as a host of other relatives and friends.

## Order of Service

## Pastor Wayman Tyree, Officiating

Processional Clergy & Family
Song Sister Bernadette Lark
Scriptures:
Old Testament Rev. Rodney Newbill
New Testament
Prayer of Comfort
Song Sister Sandra Preston
2 Minute Remarks Open to Family & Friends
Acknowledgements & Resolutions Sister Mary Craighead
Obituary Silent Reading
Song
Eulogy Bishop Avery Preston
Recessional

~ Service of Committal & Interment ~ Greater Mt. Parish Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery

# He Only Takes The Best

God saw that he was getting tired, a cure was not to be. So He put His arms around him and whispered, "Come with me." With tearful eyes we watched him suffer, and saw him fade away. Although we loved him dearly, we could not make him stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands to rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes "the best".