

Pall Bearers

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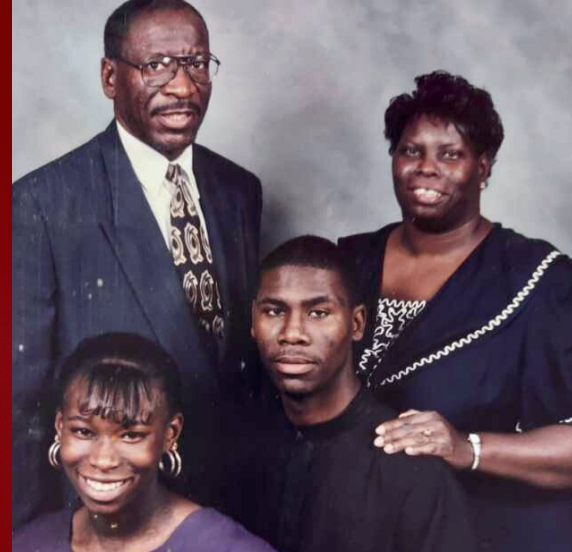
Flower Bearers

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Acknowledgments

Our family would like to take this opportunity to extend our sincere appreciation for the many kind expressions of sympathy, words of comfort, and prayers extended during our time of bereavement.

We would like to give special thanks to Vida Surles, Courtney Walden, Kasia Mitchell, Cheryl Gaddy and Gentiva Hospice Care Team for the excellent care they gave to our loved one. We are forever grateful.



Celebrating the Life of

January 16, 1952 — September 19, 2023

Deacon
Jackie
Ray
BRYANT



Friday, September 22, 2023, 3:00 pm

Viewing: 2:00 pm-3:00 pm

Shiloh Christian Church

211 Durham St, Smithfield, NC 27577

Pastor Pete Bryant-Officiant & Eulogist

Professional Services entrusted to



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Order of Service

Presiding – Apostle James Gathers

Processional	Clergy and Family
Opening Selection	Chapel Hill MBC
Scriptures	Rev Dr. Christopher Kornegay
Prayer of Comfort	Bishop Robert Strong, Sr.
Reflections	2 -3 minutes
Omar McKnight	
Geoff Maret	
Kevin Bailey	
Decaries Harvey	
Selection	Rouse Brothers
Heaven is a beautiful place	
Acknowledgments	Stephanie Mills
Words of Comfort	Apostle Arline Campbell
Selection	I Won't Complain
Eulogy	Pastor Pete Bryant
Mortician's Brief	
Recessional	



Jackie Ray Bryant's Life Story

Jackie Ray Bryant, age 71 of Newton Grove, NC passed away on September 19, 2023. He was born to the late James Louis and Mary Bryant on January 16, 1952, in Smithfield, NC. Jackie attended school at Johnston County Training School and Johnston Central High School. He graduated from Smithfield Selma Senior High in 1971. Jackie attended Johnston Technical Institute and received a certificate in Plumbing and Electricity. Jackie was employed with Smithfield Housing Authority for 15 years. He became disabled after being diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) in 1988. After he went into remission from MS, he joined the Smithfield Parks and Recreation staff as a supervisor where he worked until his final retirement.

Jackie received the Lord as his personal Savior in 1977. He joined Smithfield Church of God of Prophecy and was ordained Deacon at the 1979 General Assembly. He served as Deacon under the leadership of the following Pastors; Rev. Leroy Dixon, Bishop Robert Strong, Sr., Pastor Carlos Parker, Pastor Janice and Michael Roseboro, and Alfred Kornegay. He is a member of AGAPE Church of God of Prophecy under the leadership of his son, Pastor Pete Bryant. He also served as Choir Director, Building Fund Chairman, Children's Church teacher, and Care Band Leader.

Jackie loves cooking and started a catering business, he named after his first grandchild, "Alexis Catering." Jackie was an entrepreneur at heart. He loved building and construction work. He built barns, and decks, added rooms to homes, put down laminate flooring, painted, and much more. He was a mentor and teacher to many. He has given young people skills they will have forever.

Jackie loved all sports; however, he had a special love for basketball and contributed his success as a player and coach to his first basketball coach, the late Dr. Reginald Ennis. Jackie was a competitive basketball player. He started playing basketball in grade school tournaments at Johnston County Training School. Jackie made the Johnston Central High School Basketball team in the 9th grade. He loved the Hawks and the school colors (maroon and gold). During his adult years, he played basketball for the Salvation Army Basketball League, Church Basketball Leagues, and Smithfield Parks and Recreation Adult Basketball League. He joined the Triangle Thunder Wheelchair basketball team and enjoyed traveling with the team. He later became a referee for the North Carolina Wheelchair Basketball Association.

Jackie's career as a coach spanned over 30 years. He coached T-Ball, slow-pitch softball, soccer, and basketball for Smithfield Parks and Recreation. During his tenure as coach at Smithfield Parks and Recreation he was known for having the #1 Team in all sports. From 1990 to 1999 he coached a basketball team for the Smithfield Housing Authority where they were #1 in North Carolina for several years. Jackie coached the Girl's soccer team at South Johnston High School and Four Oaks Middle School. He assisted Coaches at Smithfield Middle School and Smithfield-Selma High School.

Jackie was well known for his community service. He was honored by the Johnston County Citizens Association for his Community Service. Jackie sponsored a Bike-a-thon for St. Jude Cancer Research. He sponsored Toys for Tots during the Christmas holidays for many years. He organized a non-profit youth group, "Youth of Promise", where he provided tutoring and apprenticeship and kept them involved in after-school activities. He was instrumental in starting a Back-to-School Giveaway at Smith Collins Park where he provided free school supplies and free food to all those in attendance. Jackie enjoyed serving the elderly and less fortunate by providing and delivering them food. He most recently helped the Johnston Central Alumni on first and 3rd Saturdays picking up food to distribute to those in need. Even though he couldn't walk he never stopped serving. He would always say, "I am not handicapped, I am challenged. Where there's a will, there's a way."

Jackie leaves to cherish his memories, wife of 48 years, Ruby Rouse Bryant; son, Decarius Pete (Tunisia) Bryant; daughters, Karlee King and Keita (Christopher) Kornegay. One sister, Evelyn Holt; brother-in-law's; Harold (Mary) Rouse and Charles (Tiffany) Rouse. One Uncle-in-love John Rouse. He has 10 grandchildren, Da'Quan, Ja'Nyee, Ja'Nyelle, Savannah, Da'Shawn (DJ), Makayla, Alexis (Sunny), Christiana, Christopher Earl, and Xavier. Six great-grandchildren, Kendall, Da'Quan Jr., Brayson, Kaiyan (KJ), Jeanese, and Novalie. His godchildren; Kevin (Lisa) Bryant, Celestine (Tony) Perry, Cargina Taylor, Eboni (Darian) Prather, Terrance (Kimberly) Sanders, Jocelyn Frazier, Serenity Cole, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Jackie was a special person in the eyes of many. Some of his affectionate names were; Po Boy, Coach, Papa Jack, Papa Jackie, Pa-Pa, Uncle Jackie, Deacon Jackie, Brother Jackie, Uncle Percy, Dooley, and Mr. B. He loved to sing and talk. He had a host of special friends that he could call anytime to talk with.