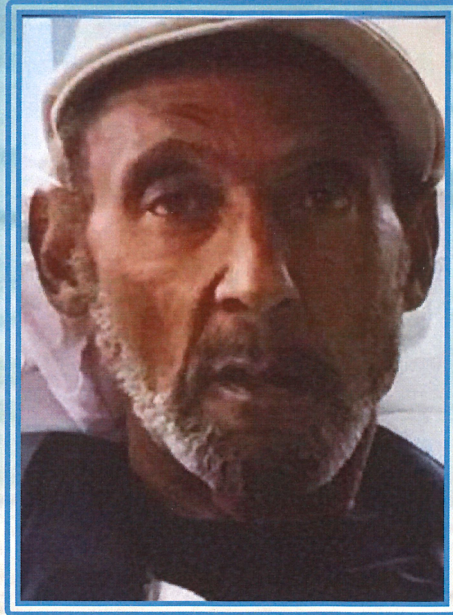


**In Loving Memory**  
Celebrating and Honoring the Life of  
**James Ervin Bryant Jr.**

Sunrise  
July 12, 1949



Sunset  
Aug. 15, 2024



**A Life Totally Surrendered**



*Saturday, August 24, 2024*  
*12:00 PM*  
*Purvis Chapel AME Zion Church*  
*Beaufort, NC*

*Reverend Thomas Fryar ..... Pastor/Officiating*



## Obituary

Mr. James Ervin Bryant Jr or 'Pookie Nanny' as many knew him, was a Carteret County native, he was born on July 12th, 1949, to the late James Irvine Bryant Sr, and Mrs. Magalene James Bryant. James transitioned peacefully into the arms of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, August 15th, 2024.

James grew up in the community of Beaufort NC and was educated in the Carteret County School system attending Queen St. high school, and East Carteret high school he was known by his peers and classmates of the class of 1967 as (Lion and Lamb) quiet and reserved. It was your decision, which side you got they would say. He did not bother anyone, but if you bothered him or his family you would get the Lion. James worked various jobs during his lifetime: the Atlantic veneer, odd jobs with the county, and different fish houses, receiving his retirement credits from Homers fisheries. James favorite work memory was the opportunity he experienced collaborating with his father years ago at the Pepsi cola company.

Throughout the town of Beaufort James Jr was known as a realist and a man who said what he meant and meant what he said (communicating with transparency and authenticity, rather than concealing or misleading saying what was on his mind without pretense). The senior citizens throughout our neighborhood and his friends who have known him all his life, shared their personal stories and all will remember James Jr for his kindness and willingness to help them.

James always said he loved God and wears a tattoo on his arm that read (IN GOD I LIVE) Romans 14:8. James loved cooking, gardening, (growing vegetables and flowers) for his mother and was a very good artist. He was a member of PURVIS CHAPEL AME ZION CHURCH BEAUFORT N.C. where he remained a member until his death. James was a certified Bible study teacher for the state of North Carolina for many years and would say I know the truth so not just anyone can tell me about the Bible. He was taught by many leaders. James got to know and like his Pastor, Reverend Thomas Fryar who he revered as a good man, strong with the word of God and its truth; many times, James would say, I like the way he treats my mother (Pastoral care). THANK YOU, PASTOR THOMAS FRYAR.

James leaves to cherish his memories, his mother Mrs. Magalene Bryant of the home. James is survived by his oldest daughter Ms. Aretha Turlington, Dalton GA. (who he called his princess), his oldest son Mr. Lorne Quinn Knight, (Alethea) Washington D.C., his baby boy, Mr. Jason Bryant, Atlanta GA., his daughter and son through love Mrs. Michelle Brown Jackson (Marshall) and Mr. James Brown both of Jacksonville, FL. Fifteen grandchildren, and twenty-three great grandchildren. Sisters: Ms. Christine Bryant Beaufort, Mrs. Maggie Bryant Mathewson (Oscar Sr.) Fayetteville, N.C. Ms. Magalene Bryant Beaufort, N.C, Terry Bryant Manuel (Bishop Raynard Manuel Jr) Morehead City N.C. Mrs. Debbie Bryant Hunt (Phillip Sr.) Havelock N.C. forty-eight nieces, and nephews, special cousin Jeannie Sharon Ellison, Beaufort N.C. Proceeded in death by his daughter Melissa Edwards, father James E. Bryant Sr., sister Anne Bryant Anderson, brothers, David and Joseph Bryant, nephew Angus Bryant Sr.

In James final days as his soul laid before our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and God beckoned him come, James's response was "I Surrender All." We thank God for the seventy-five years he had with us, James was beloved by his mother and will be greatly missed by his family.



## ~Order Of Service~

The Reverend Thomas Fryar, Officiant

Prelude ..... Musician  
Processional ..... Clergy and family  
Song..... Purvis Chapel Choir  
*“I Surrender All”*

Reading of Holy Scripture  
Reverend Vera P. Price, Presiding

Old Testament ..... Bishop Raynard Manuel Jr.  
Redemption Family Life Ministries

New Testament ..... Reverend Annie Henry  
Deeper Life Missionary Baptist Church

Words and Prayers of Comfort ..... Reverend Lynn S. Godette  
Alliance Chapel AME Zion Church

Song.....“I Won’t Complain” ..... Reverend Gerald Godette  
Reels Chapel AME Zion Church

Acknowledgements ..... Mrs. Linda Ellis  
Tribute (two minutes) ..... Phillip Hunt Jr.- Family  
Elder James Whitfied - Friends

.....Silently Reading of the Obituary.....  
*Dear Younger Me (MercyMe)*

Eulogy ..... Reverend Thomas Fryar

.....Family Remarks.....

Mortician’s Brief ..... Noe Funeral Home  
Recessional..... Clergy and Family  
*“At Midnight”*

*If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord.  
So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.*

Romans 14:8



# The Cross

By: James E. Bryant Jr.



A symbol of my faith that strengthens me each day.

As I, by God's grace, walk the narrow way.

You see God's own Son; He gave His life for me and took my debt of sin to  
a place called Calvary.

I owe Him my life and all I'll ever be.

All he asks is that I'll let Him live, through me.

So, I run the race, empowered by His grace.

And give Him all the glory, as I look into His face.

Jesus is Lord.

*AMEN*

## *APPRECIATION*

James' family would like to extend a special thank you to each of you for your thoughts and prayers throughout this difficult time. Your kindness will always be cherished. Thank you for sharing in the service today and please continue to remember our family in your prayers.

### **Pallbearers**

Family and Friends

### **Ushers**

Purvis Chapel AME Zion Church

### **Floral Attendance**

Purvis Chapel AME Zion Church

### **Interment**

Ocean View Cemetery, Beaufort NC