

*Homegoing Service*

*Reverend Anthony Lamar Morris*

**Saturday, October 3, 2020**

**12:00 Noon | Woodville Cemetery | Savannah, GA**

**Pastor Anthony Maxwell, Eulogist**



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## *Reverend Anthony Lamar Morris*

Anthony was born August 16, 1965 to Cora Mae Morris and Samuel Gordon, Jr. He is the grandson of the late Willie Joe & Eassie Reynolds Morris and Samuel Gordon Sr. & Margaret Baxley Gordon. He was also the son-in-law to the late Civil Rights Activist Frances Bright Johnson which all preceded him in death except his father.

Anthony was educated in the Chatham County Public School System. At an early age Anthony began working at Critz Buick, under coating and rust proofing cars. Then he began detailing cars for Tommie Allen and this is how he became to be called "Pop-Smurff", because of his beard and short stature. After a year Anthony began to work for Ms. Gail Jackson for 3 years washing and detailing cars. Which was something he loved to do. In March of 1983 he met the love of his life and started dating Catherine, who is now his wife. In 1984 they welcome a son, Darwin, into the world, then in December of 1985 they welcome a baby girl, Tina.

In January of 1987 Anthony was joined in marriage to his wife of 38 years, Catherine Bright Morris this union was blessed with two children.

In 1999 Anthony had a major career change, he began to work at the Savannah Sugar Refinery known now as Imperial Sugar. He was a floor man for 9 years.

In 1999 Anthony went back to school at former Savannah Technical School. After graduation he went into the trucking industry where he worked for several companies, Swift Transportation, Buring Motor Carriers, and Bulldog just to name a few. Anthony loved driving trucks and did for the past 21 years.

Anthony leaves to cherish his memories, his loving wife of 38 years, Catherine Bright Morris; one daughter, Tina Morris; 2 sons, Darwin Morris, Andre Bright; his father, Samuel Gordon, Jr. (Claradean); 3 brothers, Reginald Speaks, Ashanti (Jasmine) all of Savannah, and Michael A. Speaks, Sr. (Penny); 5 sisters, Pamela Speaks (Columbia, SC), Constance Williams (Robert), Jacqueline Speaks, Lisa Speaks Scott (Lance) of Savannah, and ShaVona Gordon; 1 auntie, Cecelia Jones of Charlotte, NC; 2 grand aunts, Carrie Reynolds and Sara Jenkins of Savannah, GA; one uncle, John Gordon (Zelmar) of Washington, DC.; two god-daughters, Andriss Green of Atlanta, GA and Octavia Lee of Savannah, GA; 11 grandchildren, Jerti Wright, Andre'a, Birmingham AL, Andre'sha Bright, Atlanta, GA, Akira Bright, Juwan Harvey, Amya Bright, Demtrie Alfred, Chance Hamilton of Atlanta, GA, Jo'ella Roberson, and Josh'Sheena Roberson; 3 sisters-in-law, Norma N. Grayson (Timothy), Effalena B. Jones (Lorenzo) of Atlanta, GA., and Cheryl Johnson of Savannah, GA; one brother-in-law, Minister Rufus Bright, Jr, Savannah, GA; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other family members and friends.

# *Order of Celebration*

## *Prelude*

***Processional (Final Glance)***

***Pastor Anthony Maxwell***  
*Pastor, Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church*

***Selection***

***Prayer***

***Pastor Franklin D. Fletcher***  
*Pastor, Canaan Community United Methodist Church*

***Scripture:***

***Old Testament, Isaiah 41:10-11 -- Thessalonians 4:13-14***

***Missionary Lisa Speaks – Scott (Sister)***  
*Assistant Pastor Prayer Deliverance Temple*

***New Testament, Matthew 11:28-30–John 10:27-29***

***Minister Rufus W. Bright, Jr.***  
*Pastor, Hardeeville Church of Christ*

***Reflections ( 3- Minutes Please)***

*As a Neighbor & Friend*  
*As a Brother*  
*As a Uncle*  
*As a Church Member*

***Mr. Ronald Fair***

***Selection***

***Poem “I’m Free”***

***Ms. Nina Thompson (Niece)***

***Acknowledgements***

***Sister Carol D. Hunt***  
*Canaan Community United Methodist Church*

***Obituary***

***(Please Read Silently)***

***Words of Comfort***

***Pastor Anthony Maxwell***  
*Pastor, Zion Hill Missionary Church*

***Benediction***

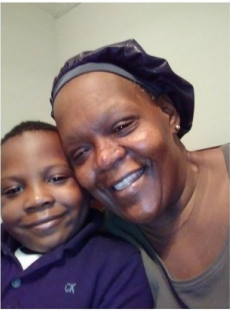
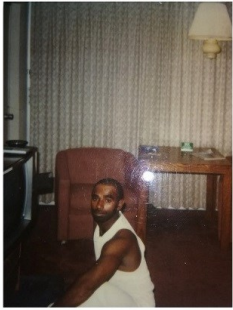
***Pastor Franklin D. Fletcher***  
*Canaan Community United Methodist Church*

***Recessional***

***Please Join The Family For Repast at: 13 Old Mill Road, Port Wentworth, Georgia 31407***



# Precious Memories





# *To my Husband*

**“He’s Only Gone Ahead “**

**You’re only gone ahead of me. Not just left me behind.  
Although I can’t be with you right now,  
You live in my heart and my mind.**

**The day will come when we’ll meet again.  
On Heaven’s distant shore  
And the both of us will walk hand in hand  
Together, forevermore.**

**Your Loving Wife Catherine**

*Dear Grand- daddy,*

**We all miss you so much, the twins keep crying every night since you left. I think they know that you are gone!!!. Everybody wanna try to get close and feel the need to get closer only for one day!!!**

**It is what it is. Even most of your family is not your family is very sad.**

**I am sorry for the way I acted !!!. I just didn’t want to lose my only Grand-daddy. That truly, totally and actually loves me for me!!!.**

**Every since I was a baby you carried me around and would not put me down for nothing.**

**I remember when you made that noise with my mouth when I beg for food. I remember my late night McChickens that you got just right. I LOVE YOU.**

**Fly High Grand Pa, Long Live Grand Pa**

**Love Always,  
Jerti J. Wright**

# *To My Dad*

**“The Gift God Gave Me Was You”**

**I will never say goodbye to you, my father, because  
I know this is not the end for us to see each other.  
You will only be going to a place where there's no pain, no suffering.  
I am happy for you, for you will be with God.  
For now we need to go in separate ways.**

**I remember how your arms hold me and give me strength.  
You were always there to listen, love, and defend me in everything.  
You were my best friend. In my triumphs you were always proud.  
I'm very grateful and proud to call you my dad.**

**Here, deep inside my heart you'll always be. I would give up everything  
Just to hug you one more time.**

**I remember the last time I held your hand and how you looked at  
me in my eyes. If only I could turn back the time I would have never  
let you go. I felt the world stop and my heart stop beating when they told me  
you were gone.**

**How I wish I were only dreaming. Just like the rain, tears fell down from  
my eyes: I couldn't speak for awhile.**

**Thank you, Dad ,  
For always understanding, listening, caring, and loving me your  
whole life. The greatest gift God gave me was YOU... my dad  
It's difficult to let you go, but I must.  
I must return the gift God gave me.**

**Love Tina**

## Honorary Pallbearers

Darvin P. Morris  
Andre A. Bright  
Lance Scott

Reginald Speaks  
Michael Speaks, Sr.  
Samuel Gordon, Jr.

Robert Williams

## Active Pallbearers

Thomas Reynolds  
Robert Mayes, Jr.  
Charles West

Michael Speaks, Jr.  
Jesse Holt  
Robert Smith

## If You Knew

If you knew where I am standing.  
If you could see the sights I see.  
If you could hear the Angels singing  
The songs they sing eternally.

If you knew the one I am holding, could see the smile He smile at me  
If you knew where I am resting you would not cry for me.

I am resting in the arms of Jesus: No other place would I rather be.  
So if you shed a tear for me,

Please don't shed it for me, for if you knew where I am resting  
You would not cry for me.

## Expressions of Gratitude

The Family of the Rev. Anthony Lamar Morris wishes to express sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks for all the acts of kindness shown in our time of bereavement. Your words of encouragement and comfort help to sustain us during our loss at this time. Our prayer is that God will continue to keep you in His care. We also like to thank the ER doctors, nurses, Chaplin and other support staff member for their services.



Final arrangements for our loved one entrusted to:

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