



Deacon Jessie James Butler

May 30, 1941 - April 17, 2018

Deacon Jessie James Butler, the eighteenth child of the late Havon and Della Butler, was born on May 30, 1941. On April 17, 2018 at approximately 1:50 AM at St. Dominic Hospital in Jackson, Mississippi, he transitioned from his earthly tabernacle to glory land. He grew up in Prentiss, Mississippi but later migrated to Jackson, Mississippi where he attended Jim Hill High School within the Jackson Public School District. Too, he attended Cambell College in Jackson, Mississippi. In the prime of his youth, he united with Sweet Beulah Church of God in Christ in Prentiss, Mississippi. After assuming residence in Jackson, Mississippi, he joined Oakley Street Church of God in Christ (currently Liberal Trinity Church of God in Christ) under the leadership of Elder David R. Curry, Sr. Superintendent Marcus L. Butler, the elder brother of Jessie, later became Pastor of Amazing Institutional Church of God in Christ and Jessie joined under his tutelage and served the deacon ministry. When called his son-in-law. Dr. Ava S. Harvey, Sr. to serve as pastor in Rankin County, he worshipped frequently and was crowned as an Honorary Deacon at Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church of Brandon, Mississippi.

Life's journey led him down a path and he found Ms. Dorothy Jean Rush from Philadelphia, Mississippi. The two were joined in Holy Matrimony and to this beautiful union, four adorable girls, Tracye Regina. Donna De'she, Leslee Rhanalle and Rosalyn Latisha, were introduced to the nation and are still called blessed.

Known for his natural born leadership ability and thriving countenance, he was able to make many footprints in the sand. One of the bright stars to hang his hat on was his service to the United States Army for over six years. He eventually became gainfully employed for numerous years at General Motors (Packard Electric) in Clinton, Mississippi and served in many capacities until retirement.

Among his favorite past times was singing gospel music and hymnals. He sang tenor for many years with the Tempo Singers of Jackson, Mississippi and the Amazing Institutional Church of God in Christ choir where he also led songs. He eventually recorded a song entitled "He'll Do What We Promised." Butler also has toured with the choir to Romania (behind the iron curtain). Other enjoyments were eating watermelon and farm fresh foods, gardening and fishing. Jessie was a peculiar individual that loved a good quality of life. He was an excellent provider, yet frugal and understood the value of having the finer things in life. One of his favorite hobbies was collecting antiques. He was preceded in death by his parents and eighteen siblings, nevertheless, he leaves a wealth of fond and everlasting memories to his loving and devoted wife of fifty years, Dorothy Jean Butler of Brandon, Mississippi; four (4) daughters Tracye (Rickey Bussell of Newport News, Virginia, Donna (Craig) Wright of Barlett, Tennessee, Leslee (Ava. Sr.) Harvey of Brandon, Mississippi and Rozalyn (George) Jones of Pearl, Mississippi; five (5) granddaughters, three (3) grandsons, one (1) great grandson, three (3) brothers: Superintendent Elder Marcus I. Butler, Levi (Bonie) Butler and David (Stella) Butler, all of Jackson, Mississippi; one (1) sister, Sarah Nell Molcod of Walnut Creek, California and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Lakeland Place Garden Park Cemetery

6004 Hwy 25
Flowood, MS

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **21**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

"Lovie" Dean Memorial Chapel
745 Hwy 468
Brandon, MS 39042

Tribute Wall



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Deacon Jessie James Butler.* ”



April 20, 2018 at 11:44 PM