

A Life Well Lived! Deacon James Nathaniel Duff

James Nathaniel Duff, 94, was born on July 14, 1931 to the late Nathaniel and Angelene Duff in Gaston County, North Carolina. Mr. Duff transitioned peacefully at his resident January 29, 2026.

Mr. Duff was educated in the Gaston County Schools where he attended Reid High School in Belmont, NC. He graduated from Highland School in Gastonia, NC. He majored in Business at Carver College of Charlotte graduating with an Associated Arts Degree in Business Administration. Later, Mr. Duff attended Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, NC majoring in Economics.

Mr. Duff entered the United States Army in 1953. He received is Basic Training at Fort Jackson, SC and was stationed at Fort Dix, New Jersey for 19 months.

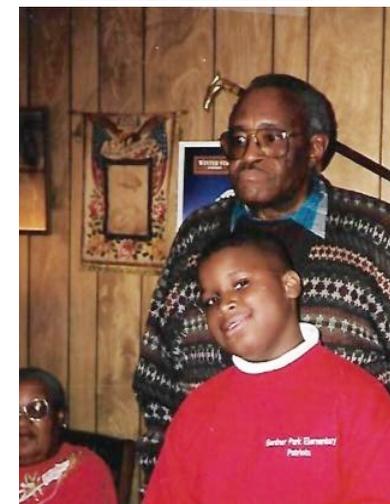
He served the Bradford Heights Community faithfully. Unanimously selected as President of the PTA for the Hoffman Road Elementary School. He was actively engaged in many Civic and Sound Projects.

Mr. Duff was an active member of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church for more than 83 years. He served in many areas, Secretary of the Deacon Board, President of Sunday School Class #5, member of the Brotherhood Organization, former head usher of the Men's Usher Board and Steward of D.L. Epting Circle of young adults.

Mr. Duff highly represented the North Carolina Insurance Company and Excelsior Credit with distinction; he was employed at Burlington Industries and for many years he was employed by Yellow Freight traveling over the United States.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Wilson Duff; son, Barron Nadean Duff; parents, Nathaniel and Angelene Duff; three sisters, Elizabeth Thompson, Teretha Arrington, and Willa Barnes.

Left to cherish his memories: a sister, Lois Evelyn Duff Moore of Charlotte, NC; a grandson, Cory Hill of Kings Mountain, NC; a foster son, Rohdri Ross of Tillery, NC; a foster grandson, Elijah Ross of Gastonia, NC; a foster granddaughter of Dallas, NC; seven great-grandchildren; seven great-great grandchildren; special niece, Palydia Fluid and nephews Nathan Wilson and James Neely a host of other nieces, nephews relatives and friends.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude
Processional
Family Visitation.....11:00 am - 12:00 Noon
Hymn.....Mt Pleasant Choir

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament.....Psalms 23
Evangelist Hermeta Watson

New Testament2 Corinthians 5:1-4, 2 Timothy 4:6-8
Rev. Dr. Pierre Crawford
Center Baptist Church, Gastonia, NC

PRAYER OF COMFORTBishop John Walker
Macedonia of Charlotte

SELECTION.....Mt. Pleasant Choir

READING OF OBITUARY.....Silently

TRIBUTES (3 minutes)

Rev. Ronnie Neely
New Birth Christian Center

Rev. Theodore Armstrong
Springfield Baptist Church, Stanley, NC

Mr. James Hicks
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church

SOLO.....Evangelist Hermeta Watson

EULOGY.....Rev. Michael Glenn, Pastor
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Belmont, NC

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

INTERMENT

Gaston Memorial Park
Gastonia, North Carolina

~ My New Address ~

When I've changed my address to heaven,
And I've bid the world goodbye,
I shall live forever with Jesus
In my home beyond the sky:
I shall have no burdens or heartaches,
And from tears I shall be free;
When I've changed my address to heaven,
That's the place where you'll find me.

When I've changed my address to heaven,
I'll be safe forevermore,
For the Lord is building a mansion,
May my name be on the door;
You will find us walking together,
Where He is I'll always be,
When I've changed my address to heaven,
That's the place where you'll find me,
-Author Unknown-

FLORAL BEARERS

Great Nieces and Friends

PALL BEARERS

Great Nephews and Friends

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of Mr. James Nathaniel Duff wishes to express our sincere gratitude and love for the many acts of kindness shown during our bereavement. We thank you.

Special thanks to CaroMont Health Belmont ER and hospital staff for the care given to Mr. James N. Duff.



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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Deacon

James Nathaniel Duff



SUNRISE
JULY 14, 1931



SUNSET
JANUARY 29, 2026

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

Saturday, February 7, 2026
12:00 pm

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church
201 Wells Spring Road
Belmont, North Carolina

Rev. Michael Glenn, Pastor