

# A Celebration of Life

Sunrise  
November 24,  
1943



Sunset  
March 25,  
2025

## JESSE WILLIAM COVINGTON

Homegoing Service

Cedar Hill AME Zion Church

Ansonville, NC 28007

Saturday, April 5, 2025 | Viewing from 1:30 - 2pm

Funeral Service 2:00pm

Interment: Cedar Hill AME Zion Cemetery

Officiant: Rev. Charles Moss

# Order of Service

Family Processional .....	Musical Selection
Presiding .....	Rev. Charles Moss Cedar Hill AME Zion Church
Invocation .....	Rev. Charles Moss
Selection .....	Rev. Anthony Ledbetter
Prayer of Comfort .....	Mr. Derek Cradle
Scripture Reading:	
OLD TESTAMENT.....	The 23rd Psalm - Rev. Marcus Fairley
NEW TESTAMENT.....	Matthew 11:28-30 - Rev. Marcus Fairley
.	Zion Baptist Church, Sr. Pastor
Poem.....	Mrs. VaLisa Palmer
Tribute / Remarks	
Children	
Grandchildren	
Family and Friends - Please limit to 2 minutes	
Acknowledgements .....	Smith Funeral Home
Solo Selection .....	Rev. Anthony Ledbetter
Eulogy .....	Pastor Wiley Cash Orchard of God Fellowship
Final Viewing	
Benediction	
Recessional	
Committal	

Internment immediately following the service  
Cedar Hill AME Zion Church Cemetery  
Repast: Cedar Hill AME Zion Church Hall  
691 Springer Road, Ansonville, NC 28007

# Obituary

Gone from our sight but never from our memories. Gone from our touch, but never from our hearts. Mr. Jesse William Covington transitioned to eternal rest on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at Bethany Woods Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Albemarle, NC.

Jesse was born on November 24, 1943, in Anson County, North Carolina to the late Ray Covington and Bessie Medley Covington. He attended the public schools of Anson County. At an early age he joined Cedar Hill AME Zion Church, Ansonville, NC. He remained a faithful member until he moved to Albemarle, NC. After moving, he attended Saint Delight Holiness Church.

Jesse was a self-employed entrepreneur and a jack of all trades. He loved attending drag racing events with his son "Tony" and was his biggest fan. Jesse was a flashy dresser and always adorned a hat with his ensemble. He loved big Cadillac's with white wall tires and gold spoke rims. He epitomized the 70's.

He leaves to cherish his memories eight (8) children: Anthony (Tony) Covington, Fort Washington, MD, a devoted daughter Trenna Covington, Clinton, MD, Monica (Derek) Cradle, Brooklyn, NY, Erica (Rene') Farrow, New York, NY, Avis (Ricky) Freeman, Bunker Hill, WV, Carolyn Griffin, Burnsville, NC, Keisha and Jesse (Charlotte. NC). Eleven (11) grandchildren: Tremayne and Trevor Foskey, Anthony Jr (TJ) and Ray Covington, Sydney and Logan Cradle, Ryan and Gavin Farrow, Anthony, Tenisha and Jermaine Griffin. Also he was blessed with twenty-eight (28) great-grandchildren, eight (8) great-great grandchildren and a host of cousins, relatives and friends.

Jesse was preceded in death by one (1) son, Jesse B. Covington and his dearly beloved parents Ray Covington and Bessie Medley Covington.

A special thanks to the staff of Bethany Woods Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Atrium Vascular Vein Center and Atrium Hospital of Cabarrus, Concord, NC.

We would like to thank Pastor Wiley and Cynthia Cash for their visits, outings and ministry. Brian and Linda Alexander for all their support during our Father's 11 year journey.

Jesse will be as deeply missed, as he is deeply loved. He will be remembered by all who had the privilege and honor of knowing him.

# "PHOTO MEMORIES FROM THE FAMILY ~ LOVE YOUR CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT GRANDS



*Always in our hearts*

*I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free. I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard him call. I turned my back and left it all*

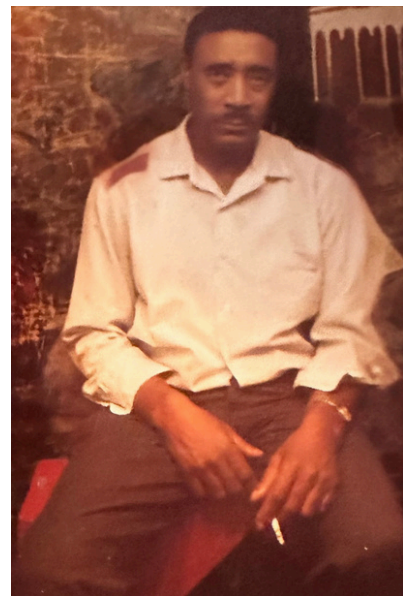
*I could not stay another day. To laugh, to love, to work or play  
Tasks left undone must stay that way. I found that place at the close of day.*

*If my passing has left a void. Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss. Ah yes, these things, I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow. I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow  
My life's been full, I savored much. Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief; Don't lengthen it now with undue grief  
Lift up your heart and share with me. God wanted me now:*

*He set me free.*



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## *A Journey Home*

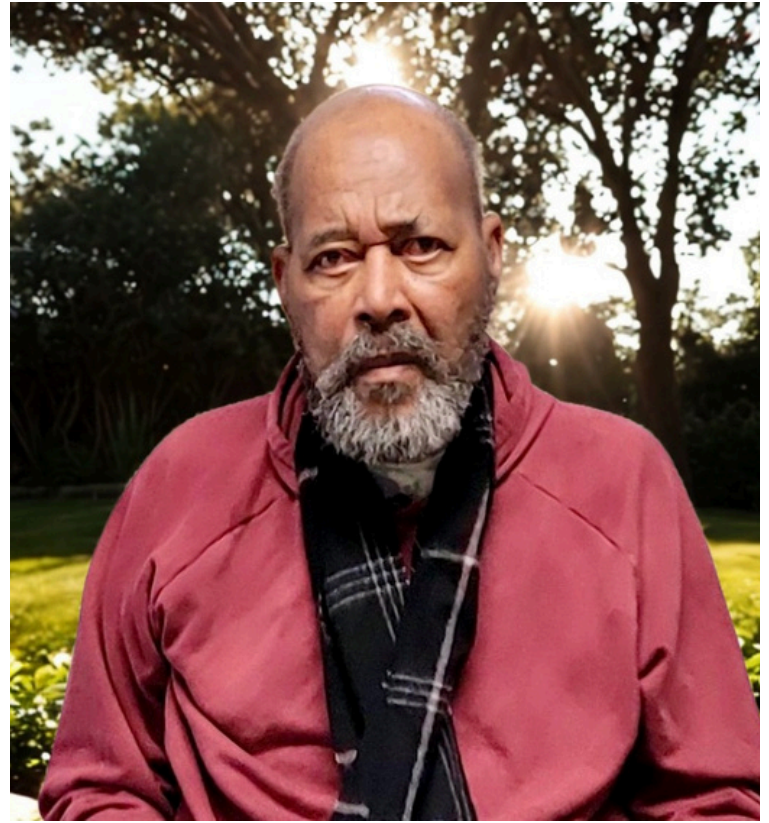
*God saw your steps grow weary, the path too steep to bear.  
With gentle hands, He touched your brow and took you in His care.  
He whispered soft, "Rest now, my child, your work on Earth is through,"  
And in His arms, He carried you to skies forever blue.*

*A heart so kind, so full of love, now beats in Heaven's light,  
Your laughter, wisdom, and embrace still warm the hearts you brightened.  
To some, you may be memories, a story from the past,  
But to us, your love remains—a bond that will ever last.*

*Though tears may fall and hearts may ache, we trust in God's own way,  
For He takes the best among us to shine in brighter days.*



# *Back Together Again*



## **Expressions of Gratitude**

Perhaps you sent a flower, if so we saw it there,  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as a friend could say:  
Perhaps you were not there at all, Just thought of us today.

Whatever you did to console our hearts,  
**WE THANK YOU SO MUCH**, whatever the part.

*"The Covington Family"*



Floral Bearers

Granddaughters / Cousins / Friends

Pallbearers

Grandsons / Cousins / Friends

*Funeral Arrangements Entrusted to*

Smith Funeral Home

604 Salisbury St., Wadesboro, NC 28170

Phone: 704-694-4121

*"Small enough to know you – Large enough to serve you"*