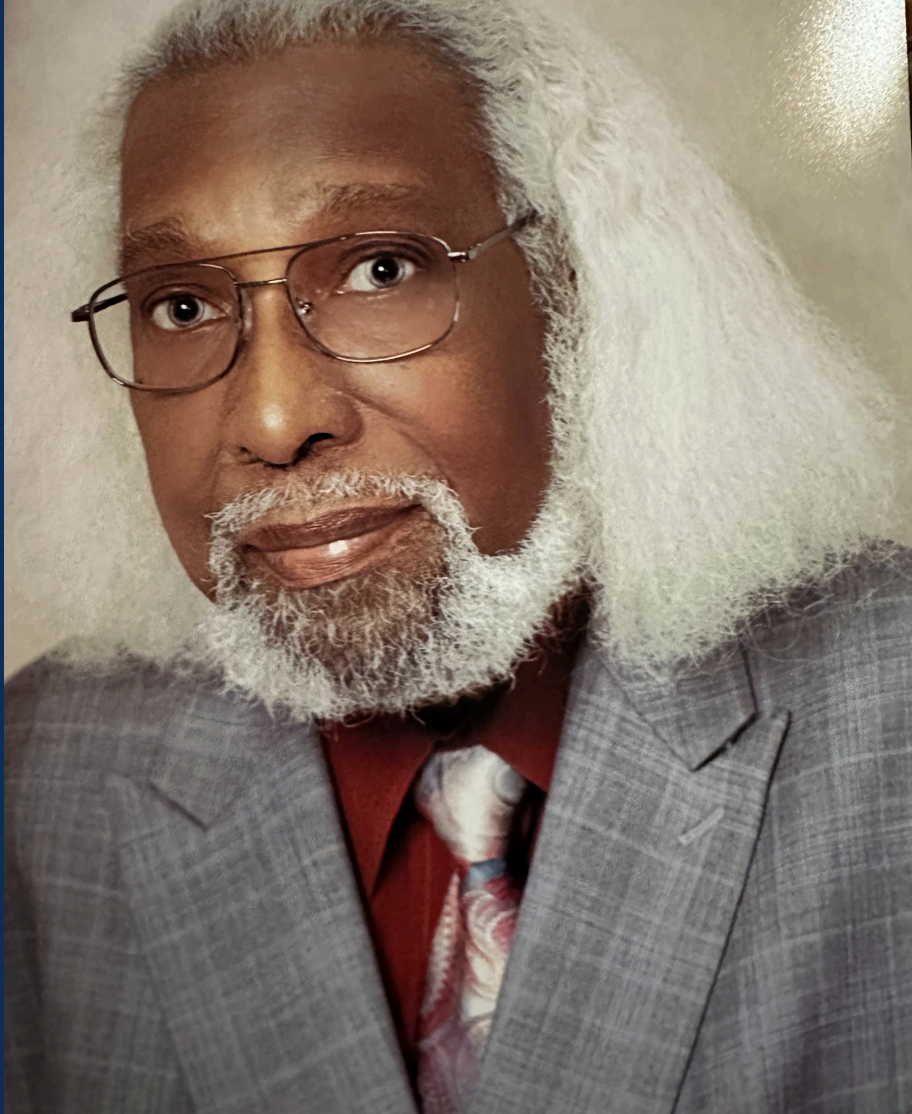


# *Celebrating*

## THE LIFE OF



*Curtis Alphonso Martin*

*Saturday, November 1, 2025*

*Family Visitation: 12:30 PM*

*Service: 1:00 PM*

*Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church*

*1711 Claremont Avenue, NE  
Winston Salem, North Carolina*

*Minister Harold Blakely, Officiating  
Minister Julius Greene, Eulogist*





~INTERMENT~

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2025

12:30 PM

# SALISBURY NATIONAL CEMETERY

## SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA



# The Obituary

On Sunday morning, October 26, 2025, at 5:05 a.m., God saw that the road for Curtis was getting rough and the hills were hard to climb. He tenderly closed Curtis's weary eyes and whispered, "Peace be thine."

Curtis Alphonso Martin was born on July 20, 1948 in Forsyth County to the late Basil Aubrey Martin and Mary Smith Martin.

Curtis attended the public schools in Forsyth County and graduated from Paisley High School, Class of 1968. After graduation, he answered the call to serve his country with unwavering courage and dedication. He was inducted into the United States Army on February 3, 1969, and bravely fought in the Vietnam War, demonstrating remarkable valor in the face of adversity.

During his service, Curtis was awarded several distinguished honors, including the National Defense Medal, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, and the Vietnam Service Medal with two bronze service stars, recognizing his exceptional contributions and sacrifices. He also received the Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Air Medal, reflecting his commitment to duty and the high regard in which he was held by his fellow soldiers. After a commendable service to his nation, Curtis was honorably discharged on February 2, 1971. His legacy of bravery and dedication to freedom will forever be remembered by those who had the privilege of knowing him.

Upon his return to Winston-Salem, Curtis obtained a rewarding position at Salem Steel Company. Throughout his lifetime, he also worked for several other companies, including Bahnson Company, David Summers Construction Company, Elledge Sewer Treatment, R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, Gardner Asphalt, AMP Incorporated, Carolina Steel, Reynolds Health Center, and Carolina Freight. He retired from the City of Winston-Salem.

Curtis was a devoted and joyful member of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, where he actively participated in various church activities and community outreach programs until his health began to decline. Despite his health challenges, Curtis remained connected to the church, reflecting his unwavering love and dedication.

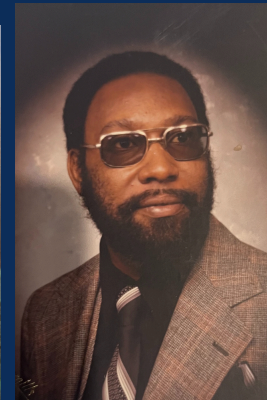
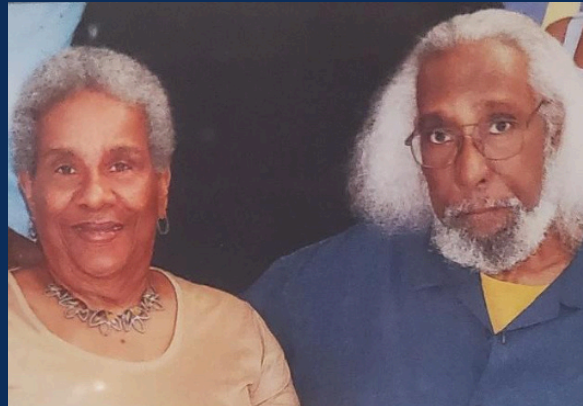
Curtis cherished every moment spent with his family and friends. He had a passion for old cars and antiques. He was very handy with his hands and could fix mostly anything.

In a beautiful celebration of love, Curtis was united in Holy Matrimony to Patricia Rowe on April 6, 2006. Together, they formed a vibrant partnership, often delighting family and friends by dressing in matching colors, embodying their shared joy and deep bond.

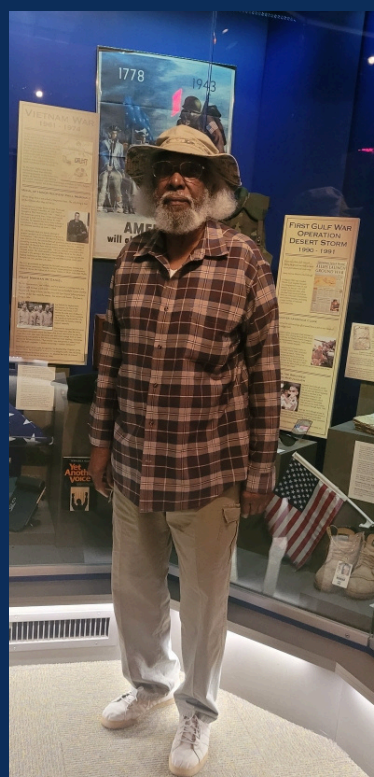
Curtis was preceded in death by his parents, Aubrey and Mary Martin; his cherished grandmother, Cora Smith McArthur; his sister, Mary Lee Martin; his brothers, Larry D. Martin and Melvin L. Martin; his nephew, Carlos Morris; and a host of aunts and uncles.

He leaves to cherish dear memories to his loving and devoted wife, Patricia Martin; daughter, Erica Bryant (Ajehwai); a special granddaughter he raised as his own, Kaleyce Gulley; special nieces whom he helped raise and served as his caregivers, Qianna Martin and Regina Martin; his step-children, Terry Rowe (Sidra), Belinda Rowe and Melissa Rowe; granddaughter, Anika Rowe; sister, Charlotte Turner; brother, Aubrey Bernard Martin (Yvonnia); uncle, Harold C. Smith; 3 aunts, Patricia Martin, Loretta Smith and Pat Martin; his Church Godmother, Minister Mattie Young; 3 sisters-in-law, Rosa Martin, Susie Drake and Lena Calloway (Derrell); 5 brothers-in-law, Jimmie Jackson, Arthur Jackson, Joe Jowers, Terry Drake and Tommy Drake; nieces, Keva (Lisa), Jacqueline (Carlos), Shelia (Belinda), Shevonne, and Tiffany; nephews, Michael, Bracey, Anthony, Antoine, and Aubrey and a host of great nieces and nephews, cousins and friends who will miss him dearly.



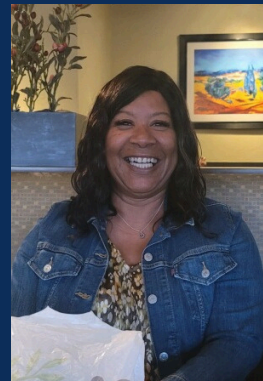
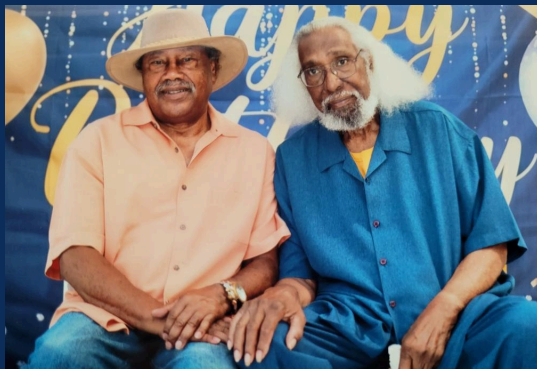
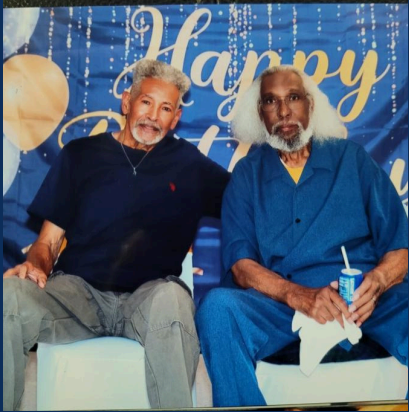




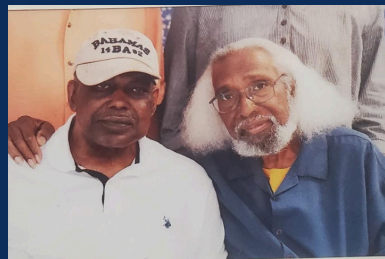
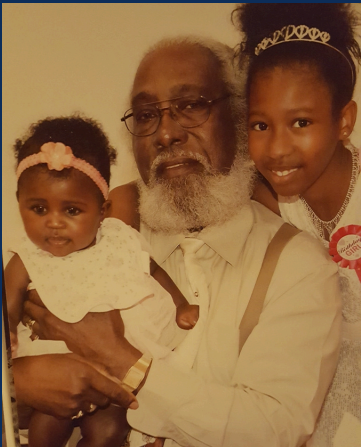


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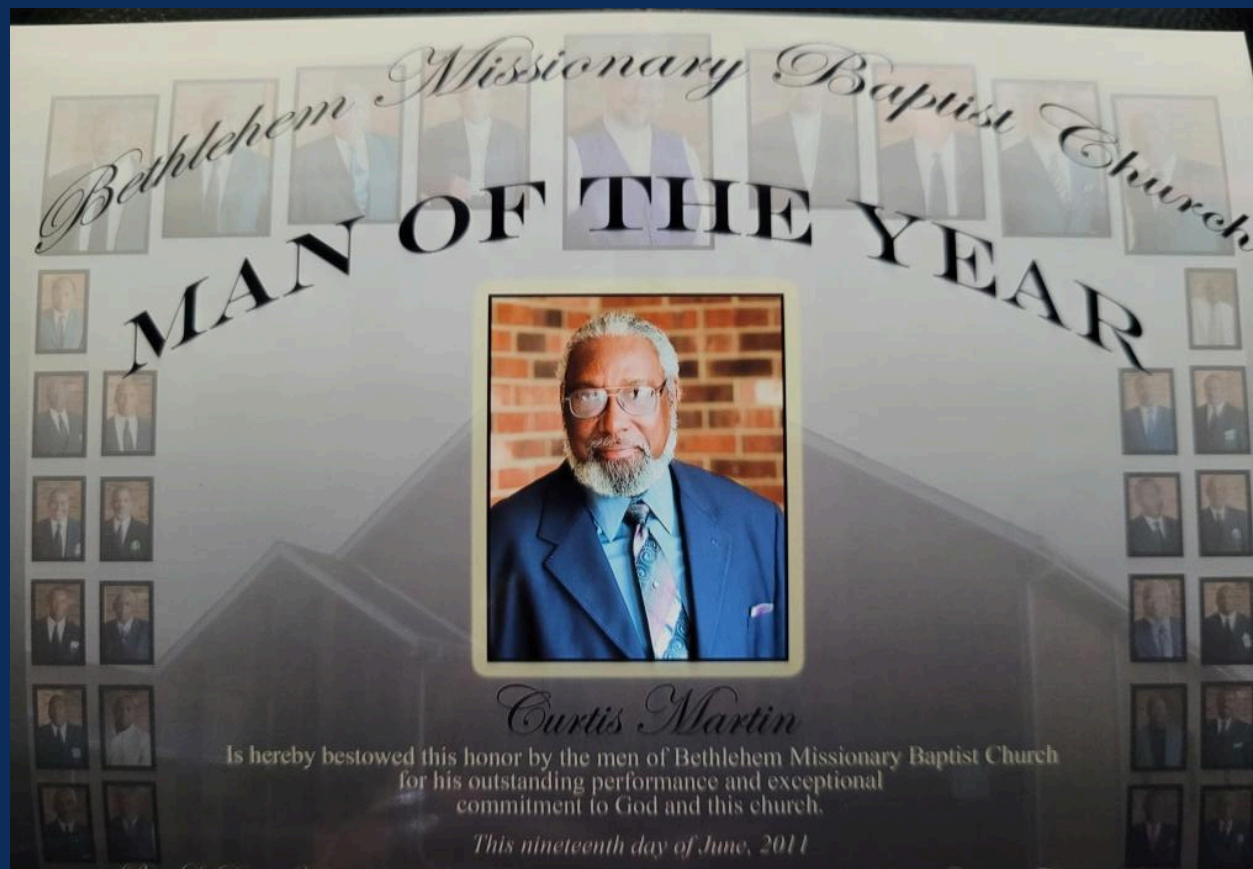












## *Words To Remember Me By*

*Please don't mourn my absence, but celebrate the life we shared. Remember the laughter, the love, and the joy we found in simple moments. Though I may be gone from your sight, know that my spirit rests peacefully, and I will live on in the warmth of your memories and the kindness you extend to others.*

*Floral Bearers  
Family & Friends*



*Pallbearers  
Family & Friends*

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