

Acknowledgement

Our hearts are heavy with many emotions...sorrow in missing him, gratitude for the time we were blessed to have him in our lives and hope in knowing we will one day see him again. We will miss all the special moments spent with him. To all our family and friends, we love you dearly and appreciate you for all your love, support, heartfelt expressions and prayers and for the comfort they bring. .

~The Family of Mr. John Pressley~

Pall Bearers

Family and Friends

Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

A Few Requests

I went to be with the Lord, and Heaven is like nothing I've ever seen.
It is something beyond explaining; you can't begin to imagine, think or dream.
The Lord and I talked for a while, and we went over my life story,
How all the pieces fit together and I marveled in the glory.

Everything made sense, and I now understand His perfect plan,
"But I have a few requests Lord, if I possibly can,
Pour your love and mercy on my family Father; for I know they are hurting so,
They are filled with so much grief; it's so hard to see me go.

Wrap your loving arms around them and fill them with your peace,
Let them know I am always with them and never let it cease.
Talk with them about their lives and to live each day as it is their last,
And to take any anger, resentment, or unforgiveness and leave it in the past.

Tell them to love one another and to treasure the simple things in life,
Like taking a walk, watching the sun come up, or go down at night.
Tell them when they do these things to think of me and
How proud I am as I watch from above,

At how the world is a better place now because of their love.
Tell them to keep all of our memories tucked away deep inside,
And one day I will be here waiting, with my arms open wide"



In loving memory of John Pressley

April 21, 1939—April 17, 2023

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CELEBRATING

The Life Of

**Mr. John
Pressley**

Alpha

April 21, 1932

Omega

April 17, 2023

ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

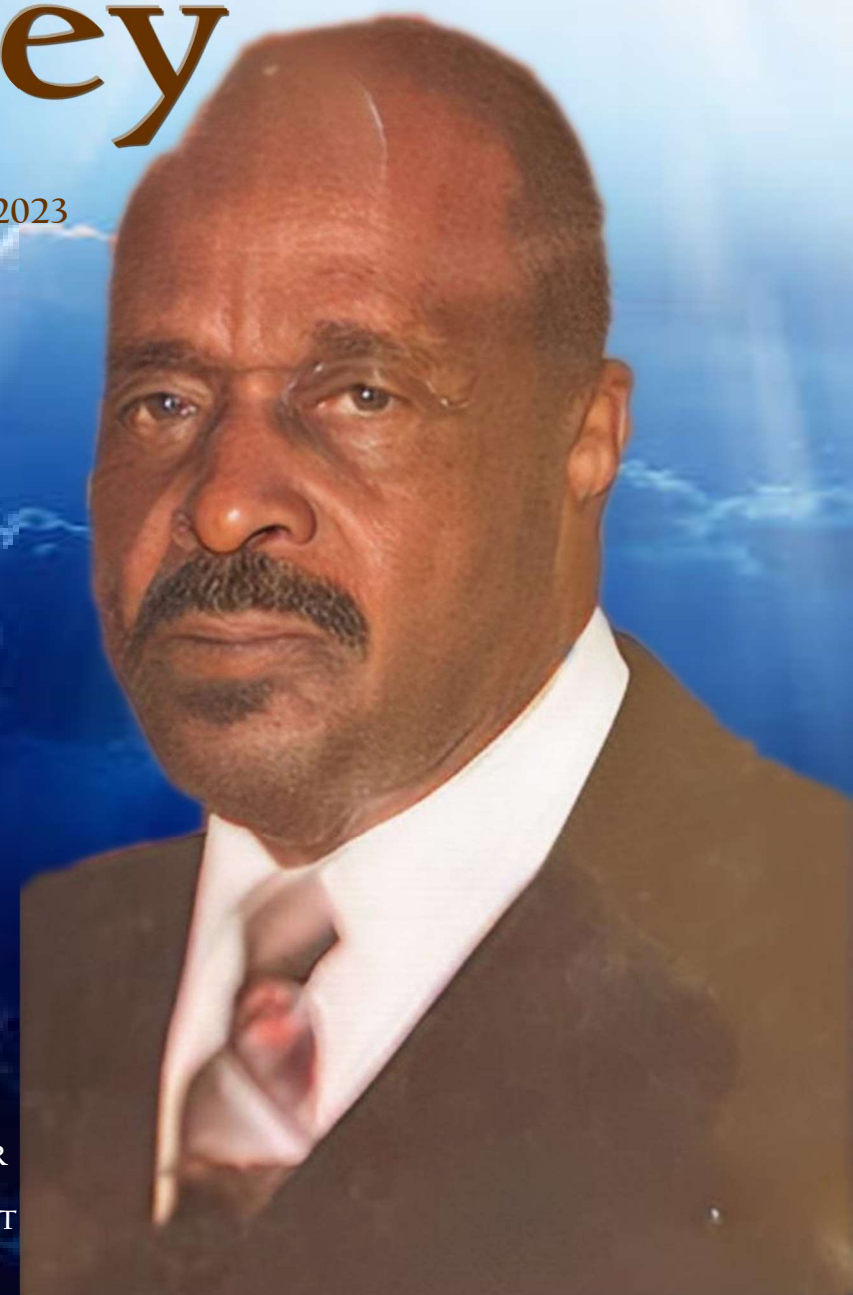
10922 Highway 39
Cross Hill, SC 29332

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023

12:00 PM

REVEREND DAVID A. SULLIVAN, PASTOR

REVEREND TONY CUNNINGHAM, OFFICIANT



A Message to John from his Wife

John, this is my love letter to you:

I can hardly remember a time when you were not in my life. We were children playing together in school and church. Just out of school, we were married.

We learned early in our relationship that it would not always be "peaches and cream"; but with God's help when we came to a mountain, we learned to climb it; and when we came to that bump in the road, we learned to get around it.

You were always a hard worker, making sure we had everything we needed. You never said no to the anything I wanted or asked for; and even if you said no, it never bothered me. I always knew you would give it to me eventually.

I don't know what to do without you. I also know that it is selfish of me to see you suffer and still want you to stay. So until God brings all of His children home in that "new Heaven and new Earth". Then we will be together again forever with Him.

Love you always and forever,
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ORDER OF CELEBRATION
Reverend Tony Cunningham, Presiding

PROCESSIONAL
Clergy and Family

FINAL VIEWING
Family and Friends

MUSICAL SELECTION

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE
Minister

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE
Minister

PRAYER OF COMFORT
Minister

MUSICAL SELECTION

REFLECTIONS
Family and Friends
Please limit reflections to 2 minutes

OBITUARY READING
Antonio Pressley, Sr., son

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
Childs Funeral Home Staff

MUSICAL SELECTION
Ms. Kendra James

WORDS OF COMFORT
Reverend David A. Sullivan

PRAYER OF STRENGTH
Minister

INTERMENT
Zion Hill Baptist Church Cemetery
Cross Hill, SC

COMMITTAL RITES, CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

Celebrating the Life of
Mr. John Pressley

Let your tears fall for the happiness and joy we knew,
and for the special love we shared
for love can never die.

To every follower of the Lord there comes a time when they'll hear God say, "Welcome Home". Those two words at journey's end mean you are in a place where you are fully embraced, appreciated and enjoyed. On Monday, April 17, 2023, Mr. John Pressley went home to rest in the arms of his waiting Savior four days shy of ninety-one, at the age of ninety. He fought a good fight; he finished his course and answered the call to lay down his earthly tabernacle and enter eternal rest.

Born in Laurens County, SC on April 21, 1932 John Pressley was welcomed into the family by his parents, Mr. John Belton Pressley and Ms. Inez Byrd. He was raised in the home of his maternal grandparents, Barthia and Dora Byrd in Cross Hill, SC. He was educated in the public schools of Laurens County, SC. John learned early in life to Serve, Love and Trust God. Under the guidance of his grandparents and the Zion Hill Baptist Church family he received his spiritual foundation that followed him into adulthood. He was a lifelong member of Zion Hill. After relocating to Washington, DC, John continued his walk with God attending Bible Way Temple until the birth and baptism of his son, Antonio Pressley, Sr. He later attended Second New St. Paul Baptist Church where he remained.

John's love of the Lord led him to a career similar to that of his Creator; he chose to make his career in construction (masonry, carpentry and operation of heavy machinery). His greatest passion was being a husband, father and friend. Second to that was his passion for motorcycles and The Royal Knights Motorcycle Club (est. 1964). John became an honored member of the club in 1966 and became its president in 1969. John served as the club president until 2018 when the club disbanded. His bike of choice was the Harley Davidson.

We take solace in knowing "that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord". John was predeceased by his parents and grandparents; three sisters: Teresa and Savannah (Banna) Pressley and Inez Griffin-Peden; four brothers: Clyde and Charles Pressley and Melvin and Odell Griffin.

It's hard to forget someone who gave us so much to remember. Although Mr. Pressley no longer walks beside us, he lives within us and is a part of us. John Pressley leaves beautiful memories and eternal love to guide and comfort: his best friend and loving wife, Mrs. Corine Pressley; his son, Mr. Antonio Pressley, Sr.; five grandchildren: Mr. Antonio Pressley, Jr., Ms. Trinity Pressley, Ms. Tiamani Pressley, Mr. Tyriq Pressley and Ms. Tristan Pressley (Angel), ; two great grandchildren, Ms. Noelle Pressley and Mr. Tayon Pressley all of various parts of the Maryland area respectively; his daughter-in-law, Ms. Eldoris Pressley (Cricket) of Fort Washington, MD; a goddaughter, Ms. Diana Lyons of Washington, DC; his three special girls: Carolina, Barbara and Shaundra and many other close relatives and friends. Today we celebrate the life of Mr. John Pressley who has gone before us. He has won his race; his journey has now ended; his spirit has ascended claiming the great reward with Jesus, our Lord.

