

# A Journey of Remembrance

BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
Friday, June 2, 2023  
2:00 PM

Bishop Emanuel Spearman, Pastor  
Reverend Gene Talley, Officiant

*Mr. Willie James Grant*

ALPHA April 14, 1947 OMEGA May 27, 2023

## Remember Me

To the living, I am gone  
To the sorrowful, I will never return.  
To the angry, I was cheated.  
But to the happy, I am at peace.  
And to the faithful, I have never left.  
I cannot be seen, but I can be heard.  
So as you stand upon a shore, gazing at  
a beautiful sea,  
As you look upon a flower and admire  
its simplicity  
Remember me.  
Remember me in your heart;  
Your thoughts, and your memories  
of the times we loved,  
The times we cried,  
The times we fought,  
The times we laughed.  
For if you always think of me,  
I will never be gone.



The Family of

*Willie James Grant*

is grateful for your expressions of love and  
kindness. We thank you for your prayers  
that continue to guide and support us at this  
time. May God richly bless you.

HEAVEN  
Needed A  
HERO  
God Picked  
MY DAD

*Flower Bearers*  
Family and Friends  
*Pall Bearers*  
Family and Friends

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## Order of Service

Pastor Gene Talley, Presiding

**Musical Prelude**

**Processional**  
Clergy and Family

**Final Viewing**  
Family and Friends

**Musical Selection**  
Pastor Nicholas Spearman

**Old Testament**  
Pastor Tony Cunningham

**New Testament**  
Minister

**Prayer**  
Pastor Nicholas Spearman

**Remarks**  
Family and Friends

**Musical Selection**  
Bishop Emanuel Spearman

**The Preached Word**  
Bishop Emanuel Spearman

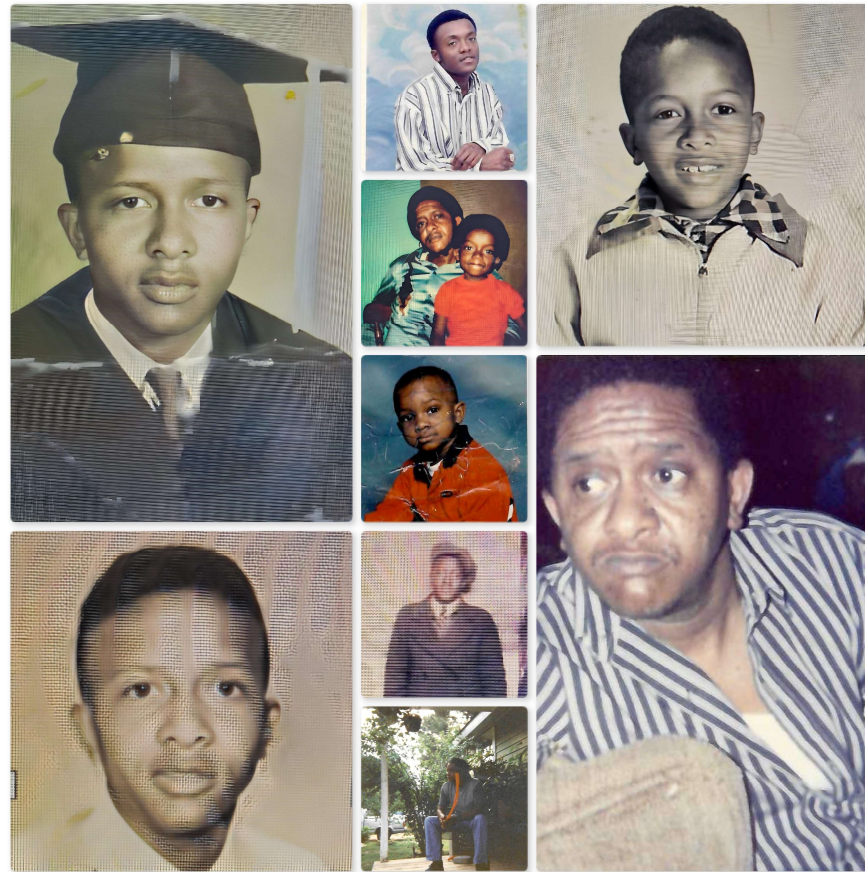
**Prayer of Strength**  
Minister

**Recessional**

**Interment**

Bethel Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery

**Committal Rites, Closing Prayer, Benediction**



*The man is a success—  
who leaves the world better than he found it;  
who has never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty  
or failed to express it;  
who looked for the best in others and gave the best he had*

## Remembering Mr. Willie James Grant

Today we pause to pay tribute to Mr. Willie James Grant; to recall our treasured moments and life's memories and to say thank you for all he has been to us. His earthly journey began on April 14, 1947 in Laurens, SC. He was welcomed into the Grant family by his parents, Mr. John Henry and Mrs. Margaret Grant. He spent his childhood in Cross Hill, SC where he attended Midway Elementary School and graduated from Bell Street High School in Clinton, SC. He joined Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Cross Hill, SC at an early age where he received his spiritual foundation. In his adult life, he was employed by Southern Brick Company in Ninety Six, SC.

Mr. Grant was loved by family and friends. He was a loving father, grandfather, brother and uncle. We were blessed to learn many valuable life lessons from Willie James during his seventy six years.

On Saturday, May 27, 2023, his precious spirit passed from earth to eternity. God welcomed Mr. Willie James Grant into his Heavenly home. He was predeceased by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Grant and his brother, John Henry Grant, Jr.

The legacy of Mr. Grant will be cherished by his devoted son, James L. Grant (Christine). Sweet memories of Willie will be cherished by his grandsons: Akeem, Scott (Kadie), Rodney and Christian; granddaughter, Semaja; great grandson, SJ; three brothers: Robert E. Grant (Ernestine), Melvin Grant (Gabby), and Milton Grant; three sisters: Virginia Grant Kinard, Carolyn Grant Jackson, and Emma Jean Grant; one aunt, Bessie Jackson and many loving nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends to mourn his passing. The love and memory of Mr. Willie Grant will remain in our hearts and spirits forever.

