

## Our Father Kept A Garden

Our Father kept a garden.  
A garden of the heart;  
He planted all the good things,  
That gave our lives their start.  
He turned us to the sunshine,  
And encouraged us to dream:  
Fostering and nurturing  
The seeds of self-esteem.  
And when the winds and rain came,  
He protected us enough;  
But not too much because he knew  
We would stand up strong and tough.  
His constant good example,  
Always taught us right from wrong;  
Markers for our pathway that will last  
a lifetime long.  
We are our Fathers garden,  
We are his legacy.

Thank you Dad we love you.

*Palbearers*  
Deacons of  
Greater Peace Missionary Baptist Church

*Flower Bearers*  
Deacons' Wives/Adult 4 Sunday School Class  
Alabama A&M University Alumni Association  
Lafayette High School Class of 1973

*Interment*  
Evergreen Cemetery

*Acknowledgment*  
The family of Melvin Frazier expresses our deepest gratitude and appreciation to the countless friends who have supported us during this time. Your telephone calls, cards, gifts of kindness, and other expressions of sympathy have sustained us. We pray God's continued blessings on each of you.

*Repast*  
Greater Peace Missionary Baptist Church  
Family Life Center

IN MEMORIAM  
May we take this opportunity to express sincere and deep appreciation for allowing us to serve you during this most difficult period. It is our constant aim to afford to the people of this community a service completed in all details and faultlessly executed with sympathy and understanding.



Final Arrangements Entrusted to:

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF



*Melvin*  
BRYON FRAZIER

*A Life Well Lived*

FROM GRACE: SEPTEMBER 26, 1952 TO GLORY: MAY 27, 2025

FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2025 • 1:00 P.M.

GREATER PEACE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
650 Jeter Avenue • Opelika, AL 36801

REVEREND CLIFFORD E. JONES, PASTOR AND OFFICIATING



# Obituary

*To Everything, There Is A Season...*

## A TIME TO BE BORN

Melvin B. Frazier was born on September 26, 1952, in LaGrange, Georgia, to the union of James and Inez Avery Frazier. Following the untimely death of his mother, he was welcomed into the God-fearing home of Cora Lee Smith, where he was nurtured in the fear and admonition of the Lord and began a life-shaping relationship with Jesus Christ. He was baptized at an early age at Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Lafayette, Alabama, under the tutelage of Rev. Roy L. Thompson.

## A TIME TO LEARN

Melvin received his formal education in the Chambers County School System, graduating from LaFayette High School in 1973. There was a profound desire to continue his education, which had been ingrained within him, so he matriculated and graduated from Alabama A&M University in Normal, Alabama.

## A TIME TO LOVE

Melvin knew that life was not to be lived in isolation and, through the providential grace of God, met and love blossomed between him and Sherridian Ann Bell. They were married on May 24, 1980, and to this union two sons were born: Christopher and Michael Frazier. He was immensely proud of his two sons.

## A TIME TO SERVE

Recognizing his calling to serve humanity, Melvin was employed at East Alabama Mental Health and the East Alabama Medical Center Psychiatric Unit. There, he provided professional and compassionate services as needed. Melvin also had an entrepreneurial spirit and was the owner of Frazier Painting.

Knowing that faithfulness is demanded of a servant leader and that only what you do for Christ will last, Melvin became a member of the Greater Peace Baptist Church, where he served with distinction and devotion as a Deacon, Sunday School teacher, as a member of the Mass Choir and Male Choir, and wherever his gifts and talents were needed. Melvin was a dedicated servant of the Lord and a conscientious friend to mankind. Whatever he could do to assist others, he would willingly do.

## A TIME TO DIE

On Tuesday morning, May 27, 2025, Melvin finished his assignment and was called from this mortal life to eternal life. He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Inez Avery Frazier; two brothers, Walter D. and James Frazier, Jr.; and a sister, Evonne Frazier.

## A TIME TO REMEMBER

Melvin leaves to cherish his memories, a devoted wife of forty-five years, Sherridian Ann Frazier; two sons, Christopher (Malissa) Frazier of Helena and Michael Frazier of Opelika; grandsons, Christopher and Noah Frazier of Helena; one sister, Janice Frazier of Columbus, GA; brothers, two brothers; Rev. Donnie Frazier of Anniston and Richard Frazier of New York; four sisters-in-law, Deborah (Rev. Melvin) Owens of Opelika; Janice (Whit) Allen of Opelika; Chandra (Rodney) Darden of Opelika; two brothers-in-law, Felix (Robin) Bell of Roanoke and Ritchie (Delsey) Bell of Lanett, three aunts, Ruby Morgan, Opelika; Betty (John) Perry of Salem; Shirley Anderson of Detroit, MI; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

There is a time for everything. A time for hellos and a time for goodbyes, a time to be born and a time to die. And there's a time to go home to heaven with Jesus. That's what we're all longing for. That's why Melvin's not here today. It was time for him to have the one thing he couldn't have on earth: Heaven.

*There is a time for everything.*

# Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional.....Clergy, Family, and Friends

Musical Selection .....Greater Peace Combined Choirs

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament.....Reverend JArthur Grubbs

New Testament ..... Reverend Jarel Fryer

Prayer of Comfort ..... Reverend Melvin Owens

Expressions:

As A Deacon..... Deacon Michael Willis

As A Co-Worker ..... Sister Julia Finley

As A Sunday School Teacher ....Deacon Ronald Rollins

Musical Selection .....Greater Peace Combined Choirs

Eulogy..... Pastor Clifford E. Jones

Recessional