



## Flower Bearers

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Piney Grove & Oxford Construction Company

## Acknowledgments

The Family thanks each of you for your love, prayers, support, visits, calls, texts, hugs, food, and all acts of kindness shown to us during this most difficult time. For whatever part you played to console our hearts, we are grateful and pray God's blessings on all of you.



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*Deacon Francis Britt*  
**CRAWFORD**

October 27, 1937 - May 18, 2025

**SATURDAY, MAY 24, 2025**  
**12:00 P.M.**

**COOPER CARVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
**455 GREENWAVE BLVD.**  
**DAWSON, GA**

**BISHOP DR. HENRY MOORE, PASTOR**  
**OFFICIATING**



# Reflections of Life

DEACON FRANCIS BRITT CRAWFORD was born on October 27, 1937, in Bronwood, Terrell County, Georgia, to the late Annie and Paul Crawford. The youngest of two children, he was deeply bonded to his sister, Annie Laura, who fondly recalled how he clung to her with love, not wanting her to leave him behind. Even as a young boy, his loyalty and quiet strength were already apparent. He joined the Piney Grove Baptist Church, the church of his mother, in the 1940's and loyal to it till his death.

He attended school in rural Terrell County through the 8th grade, then made the selfless decision to leave and support his aging parents by becoming a sharecropper and doing other odd jobs till he became an employee of Oxford Construction. Though his formal education ended early, his thirst for knowledge never did. He taught himself to read with fluency and mastered practical math, clear signs of a mind that was both sharp and determined. To those who knew him, he was a man of few words but great wisdom, a quiet soul with a brilliant light.

September 20, 1958, he married Marjorie Ford, and together they built a life rooted in love and faith. Their union was blessed with six children, and he embraced his role as stepfather to Kaye Lyn Ford.

Deacon Crawford dedicated 45 years of his life to Oxford Construction. After retirement, he didn't slow down. He turned his hands and heart to repairing engines, earning a reputation for bringing even the most hopeless machines back to life. He also ran a small lawn service, never one to rest while there was work to be done.

But his truest passion was teaching God's word. At I Hope Baptist Church, he joyfully taught Sunday School; and led a weekly Bible study. His daughter Betty remembers how he could teach on a moments notice, and how he left a lasting impression on the men's Bible study at True Vine Baptist Church in Los Angeles, California, with the depth of his scriptural understanding. His faith wasn't just spoken, it was lived.

Carrying on the legacy of his uncle and others, he devoted himself to preserving the history and mission of the Springfield Lodge, quietly ensuring that the values of leadership, community, and service endured.

Deacon Crawford was a man of integrity, humility and unwavering faith. He lived simply, but with great purpose. His hands were strong, his mind was sharp, and his heart was kind. He led not with volume, but with example. In every role, husband, father, grandfather, teacher, servant, he gave his best.

## Obsequies of Deacon Francis Britt Crawford The Senior Deacon of Piney Grove Baptist Church Dawson, GA

He leaves behind a legacy of love, faith, and service that will forever live in the hearts of those who were fortunate to know him. Cherished memories remain with his children: Betty Jean Thomas (Rick, deceased), Frances Heyward (Martha), Marvin Luther Crawford, M.D. (Sherell, M.D.), Winfred Bernard Crawford, Regina Renay Boston (John), Pamela Denise Johnson(Darren), and Derrick Harris(Angela).He is also remembered by his grandchildren: Iman Boston, M.D., Claire Crawford, Ph.D.,Marvin Crawford, Jr., Darren Johnson, Jr., Winfred Crawford Jr., and Paris Johnson. His legacy continues through his brothers Joe Louis (Ann) Jones and Garry Holman, his sisters Victoria Holman and Gloria Clark; childhood friend of 76 years, Willie C. Weston and a wide circle of nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

Though we grieve, we also give thanks, for a life well lived, a soul well loved, and a man who walked humbly with his God. May we honor his memory not just with words, but by living as he did, with quiet strength, enduring faith, and a heart full of love.



## ~Together Again~

## ~Order of Celebration~

Processional.....Led by Bishop Dr. Henry Moore

Opening Song.....Piney Grove Baptist Church Choir

Prayer.....Rev. Dr. Willie Pearman, Jr.  
*Pastor, Liberty Hill Baptist Church*

Scriptures  
Old Testament..... Rev. Dr. James Letroy Lewis  
*Psalms 34::1-8*

The Epistle.....Rev. Dr. Robert Spicer  
*2 Timothy 4:6-8*

The Gospel .....Rev. Velma Grant  
*St. John 14:1-6*

Song.....Dea. Johnnie Lee Dennard

### REFLECTIONS: *(Limited to 2 Mins. Please)*

As a Coworker.....Oxford Construction Company

As Springfield Lodge President.....Dea. Curtis Walker  
& Ethel Willams

As Community Member.....Rev. Ezekiel Holley

Hymn ..... “Servant of God Well Done”.....Rev. Joseph Moreland

### REFLECTIONS: *(Limited to 2 Mins. Please)*

As an Uncle..... Katherine Bowens, and other Nieces and Nephews

As a Friend and Church Worker.....Dea. Frank Mitchell

As a Deacon.....Deacon Vonne Clay

Musical Tribute.....Winfred Crawford, Son

Resolutions.....First St. Paul AME & Piney Grove

Musical Selection..... Piney Grove Baptist Church

Eulogy..... Bishop Dr. Henry Moore  
*Pastor Piney Grove Baptist Church*

Acknowledgements..... Johnson & Son Funeral Service  
Recessional

### *Interment*

Cedar Hill Cemetery Dawson, GA

### *Repast*

Terrell Middle High School Cafeteria