



Flower Bearers

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Active Pallbearers

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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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A Celebration of Life



Mr. Melvin James
THOMPSON

December 16, 1958 – October 17, 2025

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025
11:00 A.M.

BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH
586 BETHEL ROAD
FORT GAINES, GEORGIA

REV. JAMES TURNER, OFFICIATING

Reflections of Life

A Time to Be Born

Melvin James Thompson was born to the late Mary Frances Thompson and the late Burk Thompson on December 16, 1958, in Fort Gaines, Georgia.

A Time to Die

He departed this life on October 17, 2025, at Early Memorial Nursing Home in Blakely, Georgia.

A Time to Be Educated

He attended the Clay County School System in Fort Gaines, Georgia.

A Time to Be Employed

He worked for several logging companies in and around the area as a skitter driver.

A Time to Worship

He joined Bethel AME Church at an early age, where he attended until his death.

A Time to Lose

Melvin was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Frances Thompson, and his father, Burk Thompson; one sister, Shebarbara Mills; one brother, Henry Lee Thompson; grandparents: Annie Will Prather, Robie Thompson, Dollie Mae Thompson, and Cleo Thornton; and two sisters-in-law, Shirley Thompson and Celeste Wallace.

A Time to Cherish

Melvin loved his family and friends; there was nothing he wouldn't do for them. He brought everyone he came in contact with so much love, fun, and laughter. He leaves to cherish his memory one daughter, Tiffany Lashay Preston of Newport, New Virginia; three grandchildren: Niyae Nashay Preston of Newport, New Virginia, and Jason Raheem Preston of Bridgeport, CT; two great-grandchildren: Jace Riven Preston of Hartford, CT, and Saral Ja'na Blair Preston of Bridgeport, CT; two sisters: Bernice Magwood and Michelle McNair (Elthridge) of Fort Gaines, GA; five brothers: Robie Thompson Jr. of Albany, GA, Willie Floyd Thompson of Fort Gaines, GA, David Michael Thompson of Abbeville, AL, Frankie James Thompson of Mobile, AL, and Willie Wallace of Georgetown, GA; one sister-in-law: Brenda Thompson of Cuthbert, GA; three uncles: Sam Thornton (Beverly), Thomas Thornton (Mary), and Jerome Thornton, all of Fort Gaines, GA; one aunt: Annette Pattmon (Jimmy) of Georgetown, GA; two very special friends: Foy Lee Turner of Abbeville, AL, and Andrew King of Cuthbert, GA; brother-in-law: Johnny Lee Mills; and a host of very special nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who will miss him dearly.



~Order of Celebration~

MUSIC PRELUDE-PROCESSIONAL
FINAL VIEWING
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PRAYER OF COMFORT
Minister

SCRIPTURE READING
Old Testament Minister
New Testament..... Minister

REFLECTIONS
(Limited to 5 People)
(Limited to 2 Minutes Please)

SELECTION
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EULOGY
Rev. James Turner

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COMMITTAL RITUAL
Rev. James Turner

Interment
Bethel A.M.E Church Cemetery

Repast
Home of Bernice & Michelle