## —ORDER OF SERVICE—



Rev. Tony McClain	Officiating
Processional	Ministers and Family
Receiving of Family and Friends	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Call to Worship	Rev. Tony McClain
Selection	Moore's Chapel Choir

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Rev. Jimmie Norwood Rev. Albert Hillman

PRAYER OF COMFORT	Apostle Albert Enlow
Selection	Moore's Chapel Choir
Obituary Reading/Resolution	Minister Darnell Reinhardt

#### REMARKS

Sis. Yvonne Fingers Rev. Tony McClain Pamela McClain Lynch Video Presentation

Deacon's Prayer

**EULOGY** 

Pastor James E. Bullard, Jr.

RECESSIONAL SELECTION ......Moore's Chapel Choir

Floral Bearers Nieces

Pall Bearers
Nephews

COMMITTAL/INTERMENT

Poplar Springs A.M.E. Church Cemetery

To My Family and Friends

# "When Tomorrow Starts Without Me"

When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not here to see. If the sun should rise and find your eyes, all filled with tears for me.

But when tomorrow starts without me, Please try to understand That an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand.

So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart, For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.

Life is but a stopping place, a pause in what's to be, A resting place along the road, to sweet eternity.

We all have different journeys different paths along the way, We all were meant to learn some things, but never meant to stay...

Our destination is a place, far greater than we know For some, the journey is quicker; for some, the journey is slow.

And when the journey finally ends, we will claim a great reward And find an everlasting peace, together with the Lord.

Please don't say that I gave up; Just say that I gave in, Don't say I lost the battle. It's God's war to lose or win.

Please don't say how good I was; but that I have done my best. Cry tears of joy if you cry for me; for I am content now, at peace, pain free

Simple and honest I lived my life, fighting hardships, denying strife. Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,

I'm following the path God laid you see I took His hand when I heard His call; I turned my back and left it all. I could not stay another day,

To love, to laugh, to work or play. Tasks left undone must stay that way. I am at peace at the close of the day. I am home in heaven, dear ones; Oh, so happy and bright! There is perfect joy and beauty

In this everlasting light. All the pain and grief is over, Every restless tossing passed; I am now at peace forever,

Safely home in heaven at last. Thank God my soul is at rest..... Thank God for all who loved me.... Praise God, who loved me best.

Deacon James F. McClain

# Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep gratitude, all expressions of love and comfort in the form of cards, phone calls, visits and most of all, your prayers during this tremendous time of sadness.

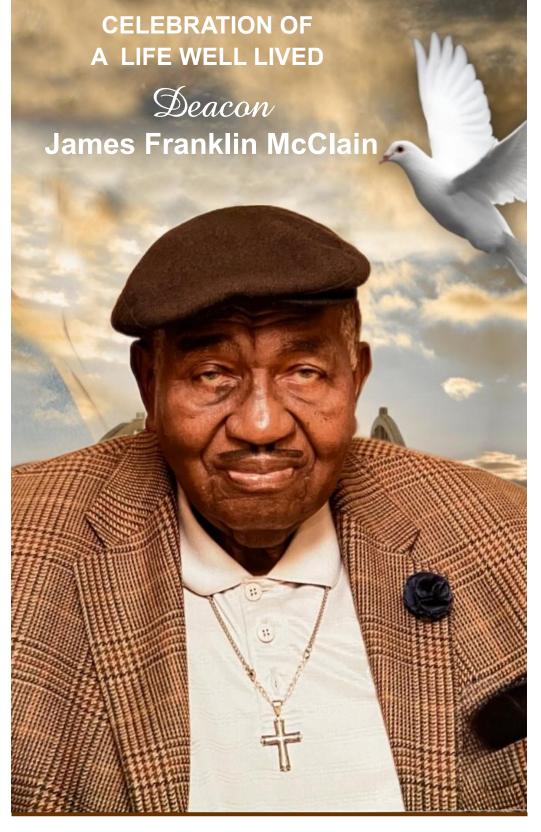
May the Lord's blessings be upon you.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2023
1:00 PM
MOORE'S CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA
Rev. JAMES BULLARD, JR., PASTOR



### James F. McClain

James Franklin (Billy) McClain, born May 29, 1929, to William Benjamin McClain and Nettie Graham McClain. He was preceded in death by his wife, Irene Jones McClain; parents, Benjamin, and Nettie McClain; two brothers, Leonard McClain, and Carnell McLain; two sisters, Jessie Mae Love and Thelma Harris.

He grew up in the Poplar Springs community and attended Poplar Springs School. He also attended Williston High School in Wilmington, NC until 11<sup>th</sup> grade.

James worked at an early age doing domestic work. He worked on a farm, at a sawmill, and did construction work. He eventually began working at JP Stevens and remained there for 48 years until retirement.

He joined Moore's Chapel Baptist Church at the age of 12 and was a faithful member until he passed away. James served as a Sunday School teacher and a Deacon for many, many years. He was devoted to his church and sincerely loved every family. Affectionately called "Deac" by church family, James supported every ministry and respected every pastor.

On September 3, 1950, he married Irene Jones. Together, they had four daughters, five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

James leaves behind to cherish many loving memories: four daughters, Patricia McClain, Rhonda Friday (Harry); Pamela McClain Lynch; Karen Stover (Tim); five grandchildren, Jamie Friday, Jessica Friday (fiancé, Keith), Adrienne Gilmore (Travis), Nicholas Lynch, Joshua Stover (fiancé, Angel), great-granddaughter, Anniston (Little Shaye) Gilmore; sisters-inlaw; Mabel Morrison(J.T.), Eunice Brown; a host of special nieces and nephews, cousins, relatives and friends; special niece, Tracey Ormsby, special nephew, Rev. Tony McClain.

