

Order of Service

Prelude
Processional Clergy and Family
Receiving of Family and Friends 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Call to Worship Rev. William Thompson
Selection Maiden Chapel Choir
Old Testament Scripture Minister Lola Clowney
First Baptist Church, Kannapolis, NC
New Testament scripture Minister Matthew Chapman
Victory Christian Center, Charlotte, NC
Prayer of Comfort Minister Matthew Chapman
Selection “I Can Go To God In Prayer” Mrs. Virginia L. Rush
Remarks “Please respect a 2 minute time frame”
Calvin Johnson
Gerald Tate
Jim Tate
Cameron Ramseur
Victor Camp
Family Reflections Ajacia (Pooka) Rankin-McCombs
Zharya Perry
Dianne Rankin
Selection “God Has Smiled on Me” Mrs. Virginia L. Rush
Eulogy Rev. William Thompson
Recessional Selection “Fight On” Mrs. Virginia L. Rush

Committal/Interment
Maiden Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery
Maiden, North Carolina



Floral Bearers
Nieces
Pall Bearers
Nephews

“I’M FREE”

Don’t grieve for me for now I’m free,
I’m following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard him call,
I turned my back and left it all
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I’ve found that peace at the close of day
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life’s been full, I’ve savored much,
Good friends, good times, my loved one’s touch
If my time seemed all too brief,
Don’t lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.

The family of James Lee Rankin, Sr. Expressions of Gratitude

In everything both great and small, we see the hand of God through various expressions of sympathy you have extended to us. It is with deepest gratitude that we thank each of you during this most difficult time.

Service of Comfort Provided by:
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CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR JAMES LEE RANKINS, SR.



“Skunion”

**Friday, August 9, 2024
2:00 P.M.**

**Living Word Church
Maiden, North Carolina
Rev. William Thompson, Interim Pastor
Maiden Chapel Baptist Church
Maiden, North Carolina**

Life Reflections

James Lee Rankin, Sr. began his life in Rowan County, North Carolina on January 14, 1950. He was born to the late J.T. McNeely and Dorothy Lotharp Rankin. He transitioned from his eternal life on Thursday, August 1, 2024, after an accident in Cleveland County, North Carolina.



He attended public school in Rowan County, North Carolina. He was a member of Victory Christian Center and attended Maiden Chapel Baptist Church and other churches throughout the area. He was the proud owner of B & J Truck Hauling Company.

He was affectionately called "Skunion" by his family and friends. He was a very talkative person. He

was very business minded. He enjoyed racing, loved his trucks and cars. Skunion loved going to the beach, black rodeo and racetrack. He also enjoyed eating crab legs. He and Ruby found joy in riding out, their favorite restaurant was Long Horn. He would do anything to assist his friends and neighbors. James was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. He loved the Lord with all his heart. "His words were we all have to leave here, we will all have a day." Before he walked out his door each day he would always say "I love you, Ruby. His family and community will sorely miss him.

In addition to his family, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Betty White Rankin, two brothers, Charlie McNeely and Richard McNeely; two sisters-in-law, Betty McNeely and Velma McNeely.

Those left to cherish fond and loving memories are his loving wife of twenty five years, Ruby Lotharp Rankin of the home; five children, Charles White, James Rankin, Jr., Brittney Mills all of Maiden, NC; Unitra (Boobie) Rankin of Statesville, NC; Allen Michael Robinson of Lincolnton, NC; two stepchildren, Lisa Shaw of Salisbury, NC; Shonta Clark (Latavia) of Statesville, NC; eight brothers, Donald McNeely of Mooresville, NC; John McNeely (Cathy), David McNeely all of Mt. Ulla, NC; Marshall McNeely (Rose) of Statesville, NC; Robert McNeely (Pat), Freddy McNeely (Robin) all of Salisbury, NC; Glen Hicks (Laupita) of Rocky Mount, NC; George Davis (Judy) of Catawba, NC; seven sisters, Ann Sheely of Kannapolis, NC; Betty McNeely, Margaret McNeely both of Mount, Ulla, NC; Nany Davis of Connecticut; Felicia Hinton of Tarboro, NC; Monica Hockaday of Lexington NC; Pamela Armstrong of Florence, SC; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and special friends.



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