



Trinity's 82nd

Annual Patriotic Musical & Tea

Trust In God

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Sunday
3:30 PM

February 23, 2025

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**Rev. James C. Hendricks, Sr., Pastor
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Greetings and Welcome to all attendees of Trinity Christian Methodist Episcopal Church 82nd Patriotic Musical and Tea Celebration. As Pastor and 1st Lady of Trinity, we extend the warmest welcome to all those that took the time to help us celebrate this great occasion. We are thrilled as it is an honor and a joy to welcome you once again to our home. We take pride as we provide for you a vibrant and welcoming program and where we always experience a meaningful connection with churches within the City of Decatur and surrounding communities. Kindly take a walk through the pages of this Souvenir Booklet and please join me in expressing my sincere appreciation to the Tea Committee. They should be

commended for always providing an outstanding job that goes toward making this event successful.

It is my hope that this program serves as an inspiring opportunity for each of you to add to your spiritual growth, fellowship with one another and reflection of moments and memories of the past and present. Because of all your efforts and your continuous prayers and financial donations, we can continue to host this event now and in years to come.

Yours In Christ,

Rev. James C. Hendricks, Sr.
Pastor

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The 82nd Annual Patriotic Musical Tea

Sunday, February 23, 2025 ♦ 3:30 p.m.


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| Praise and Worship | Ryan Napier and Friends |
| Mistress of Ceremony – Call to Worship | Ms. Melissa Bradford |
| Opening Song | Battle of the Hymn of the Republic |
| Prayer | Isaiah Bradford |
| Scripture | Rev. Kenny Hentz |
| Welcome | Ms. Mildred Bond |
| Response | Visiting Church |
| History of the Tea | Mrs. Modistine White |
| Selection | Trinity Praise Team |

Acknowledgement of Service Men and Women

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| Instrumental Selection | Ms. Josanee White |
| Selections | Steve Davis and Spirit |
| Selections | The Bates Family |

Offering

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| Inspirational Dance | Tarvarse Peterson & Jaycee Washington |
| Selections | Main Street Church of God |
| Selections | Love Fellowship Christian Church Choir |
| Invitation to Christian Discipleship | Rev. James C. Hendricks, Sr. Pastor of Trinity |
| Remarks | Ms. Melissa Bradford Program Chair |
| Invitation to the Tea | Mrs. Carolyn Hendricks First Lady of Trinity |
| Song | Lift Every Voice and Sing |
| Benediction | Rev. James C. Hendricks, Sr. Pastor of Trinity |



Battle of the Hymn of the Republic

**Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of Wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible Swift sword;
His truth is marching on.**

**Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.**

**In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born across the Sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;
As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,
While God is marching on.**

**Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
While God is marching on.**

Lift Every Voice and Sing

**Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise, High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, Let us march on till victory is won.**

**God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
Lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee,
Shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.**

Military Family & Friends of Trinity

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Major Earline Perkins
Paul R. Jelks
Sandra Tyus
Terrence Perry

Thank you for your service, sacrifice and patriotism! – Trinity CME Church



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82nd

Patriotic Musical & Tea
Trinity CME Church

"And the legacy continues"

Congratulations and Best Wishes

Job Well Done

Rev. James C. Hendricks

1st Lady Carolyn Hendricks

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IN MEMORIAM



Trinity's 82nd Annual Patriotic Musical Tea
♦ SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025 ♦

Honoring the Life and Legacy of
Rev. Dr. Eugene B. Green (Deceased) and
Mrs. Dorothy L. Green



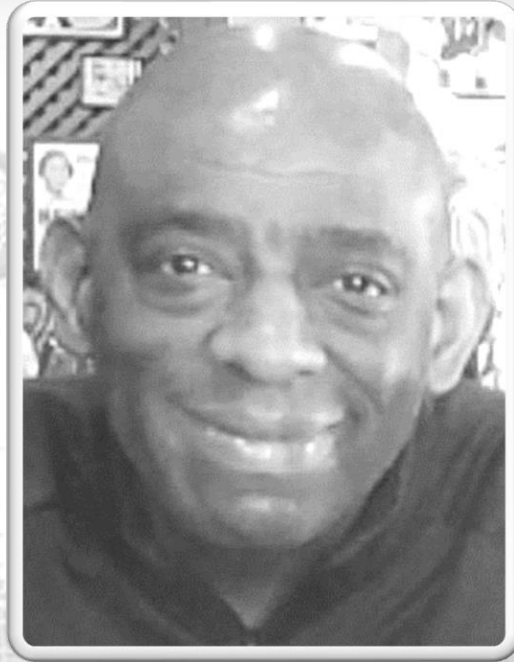
Isaiah 26:3

“You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed
on You, because he trusts in You.”

Dedicated in Robert's Memory

Bridgett Bond

In Memory of
Robert L Bond, Jr.



May The Work I've Done Speak For Me

May the work I've done speak for me.
May the work I've done speak for me.
When I'm resting in my grave,
There is nothing that can be said;
May the work I've done speak for me.

Job Well Done

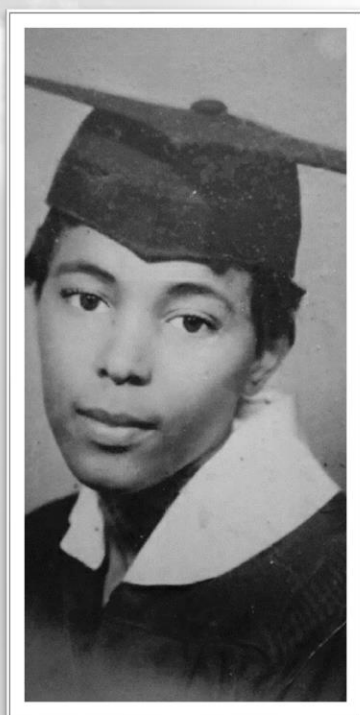
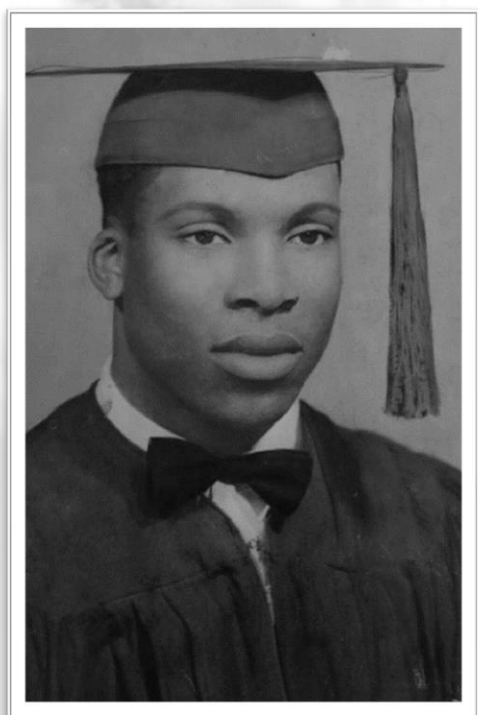
Husband, Father, and Grandfather

Love Always, Bridgett, Zach, & LaToya

\$500.00

In Loving Memory of
Mr. & Mrs. Floyd & Lillie Ora Anderson

While Waiting on Thee



*Don't weep at our grave,
For we are not there,
We've a date with a butterfly
To dance in the air.
We'll be singing in the sunshine,
Wild and free,
Playing tag with the wind,
While waiting on thee.*

*After the clouds, the sunshine,
After the shower, the rainbow,
For life is a changeable thing.
After the night, the morning.
After life's cares and sorrows,
The comfort and sweetness of peace.*

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In Loving Memory of
Minnie Reed



“Trust in the Lord with all
your heart and do not lean on
your own understanding. In
all your ways acknowledge
him, and he will make your
paths straight.”

Proverbs 3:5-6

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| Mrs. Martha Tyler | \$50.00 |
| Ms. Dorothy Reed | \$25.00 |
| Mr. Nicholas McKinney | \$25.00 |
| Mrs. Alicia Roberson (Chicago, IL) | \$25.00 |
| Jrew & Journey Roberson (Chicago, IL) | \$20.00 |
| Yani Tyus | \$20.00 |
| Chris Tyus | \$20.00 |

In Loving Memory of
Clearine Bates



Praise be to the God and Father of our LORD Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Mr. & Mrs. Gearoldine & Calvin Barbee

\$150.00

We Remember



Christiana Hess Taylor
William Taylor
Cleve W. Taylor
Ann Taylor Jacox
Livingston Taylor
Jean (Taylor) Franklin
Eddie O. Taylor
Aubrey L. Bond

*We thought of you today, but that is nothing new.
We thought about you yesterday and the days before that too.
We think of you in silence, we often speak your NAME.
All we have are memories and your pictures in a frame.
Your memory is a keepsake, from which we'll never part,
God has you in his arms. We have you in our hearts.*

Mildred L. Bond & Corey V. Bond

\$300.00

In loving memory of
Florence Ella Hess-Hegger



Beloved Sister, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, and Great Great-Grandmother

*There was once a woman named, Florence, whom we all held so dear.
Her sweet ways of truth and righteousness,
Flowed through her to us most of her 97 years.
She told and showed us Christ teachings and love,
As she now watches from above.*

*She was a woman of God that covered her family in prayer.
Although we are heartbroken that she is no longer here,
We are so blessed to have had her and will always hold her near.
As we often said good morning we now must say goodnight,
We long for the day we will see her again but until then,
This is not goodbye but a see ya later.*

*Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life.
Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, John 11:25*

We will always love you,

Gladys Odeneal

Jacqueline Hegger

Lennie Hegger

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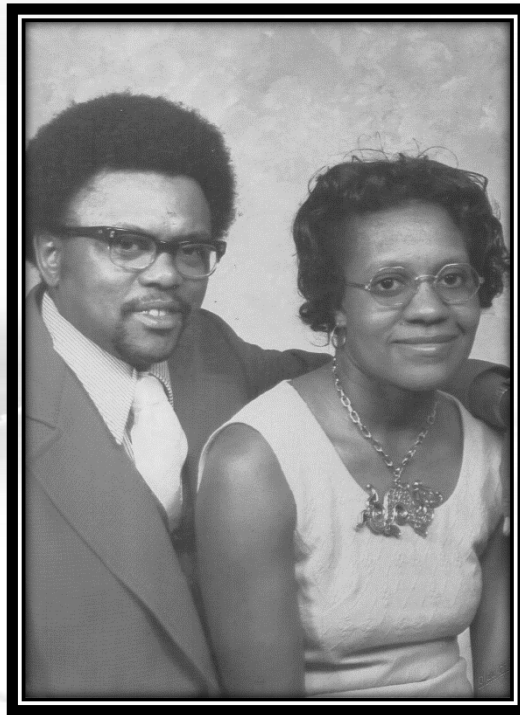
Tyler Hegger

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In Loving Memory of

Finnie C. Bonds
1934 - 2014



Creola (Perry) Bonds
1940 - 2001

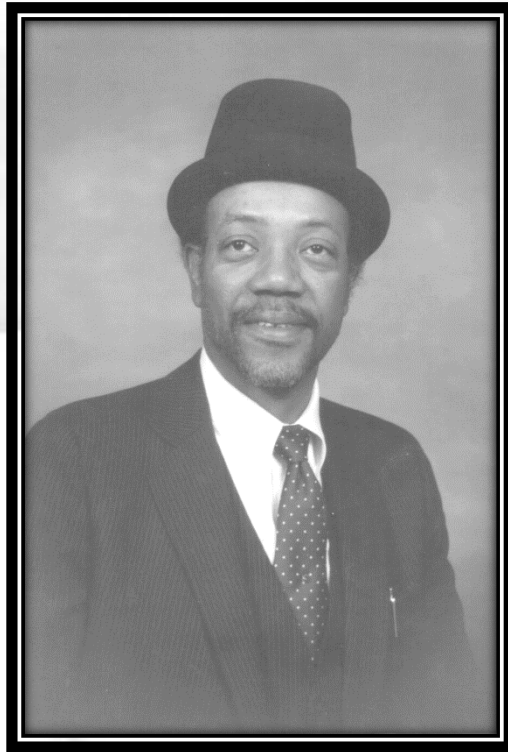
*You left us beautiful memories
Your love is still our guide
And though we cannot see you
You're always by our side*

Drs. Jacqueline & Terry Wright (Kenndale, TX)
Mr. & Mrs. Cynthia & Calvin Thomas
Mrs. Joyce Perry
Mr. & Mrs. Jamie & Jarron Southall
Ms. Tiara Thomas (Memphis, TN)
Ms. Temeka Perry (Atlanta, GA)
Mr. Tyler Thomas

Ms. Tendaria Thomas
Kyle Wright (Atlanta, GA)
Kameron Wright (Kenndale, TX)
Ms. Kaci Wright (Kenndale, TX)
Breana, Nicholas, Brylen
Raylen, Knigston, Jaden
Tyree, Alexandra

\$250.00

In Loving Memory of
Freddie Outlaw, I
1940 - 2006



“In everything there is a season, and a time to every
purpose under the heaven.”

Ecclesiastes 3:1

Ms. Gertie Outlaw-Bond
Mr. & Mrs. Amber & Corey Woods
Ms. Claudia Outlaw
Mr. Freddie Outlaw, II

\$100.00

In Loving Memory of
Rev. & Mrs. Grace Williams & Charles Williams (Mother & Father In-law)
and Charles Williams (Husband)



Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Psalm 119:105

Mrs. Delores Williams

\$50.00



Mom,
I'm assured of your love even though
we're apart, because so much we've
shared is written on my heart.

I love you!

Rolanda McGee

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In Loving Memory of
Mr. & Mrs. Nate & Florine Young,
Truman Young, Little Adolphus Young, Alvis Young,
& Lee H. Fuller

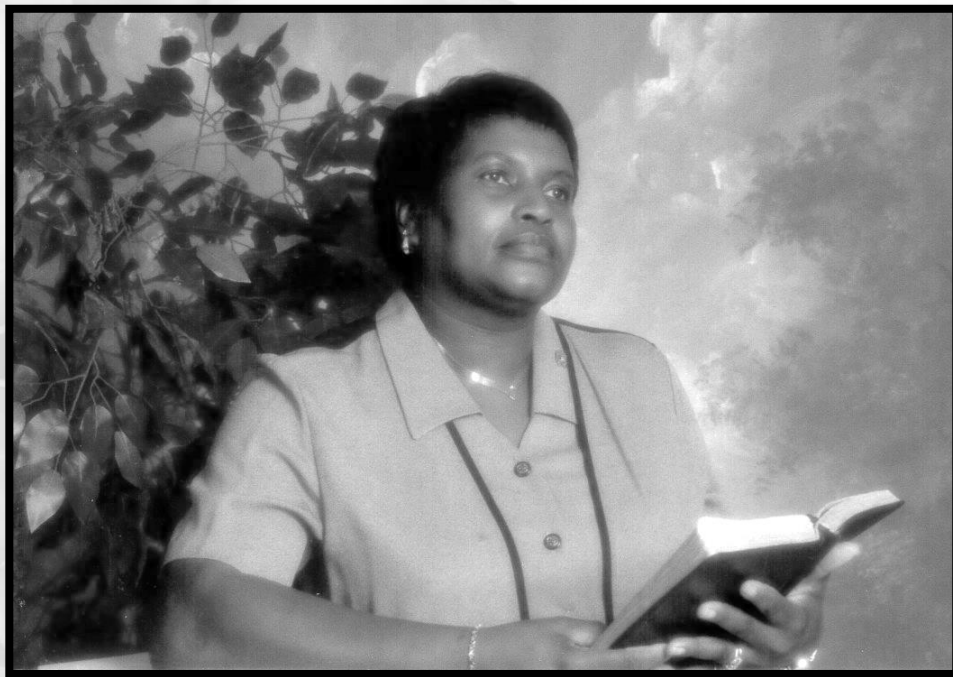


**Those we love don't go away,
they walk beside us every day,
unseen, unheard, but always near,
still loved, still missed and very dear**

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| Mr. & Mrs. Carol & Robert Young | \$50.00 |
| Mrs. Barbra Fuller (Downers Grove, IL) | \$50.00 |
| Ms. LaTonya Fuller (Downers Grove, IL) | \$25.00 |
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| Armani, Braxton Jr., & Brayten Fuller | \$10.00 |

In Loving Memory of Our Beautiful, Caring, and Loving Mom

Wanda Elaine



Mom, Ma, Grandma, Grammy...

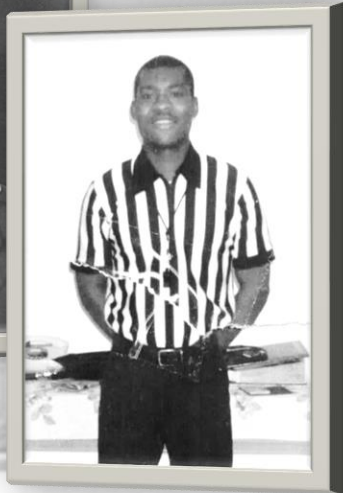
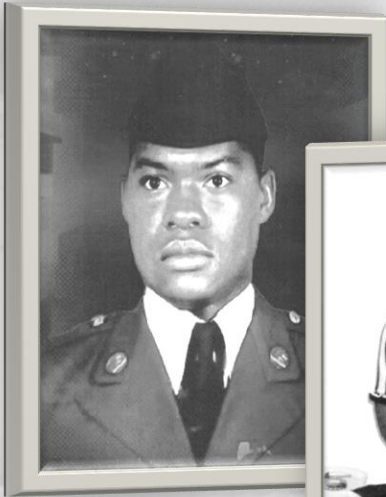
The world changes from year to year and our lives from day to day.

But the LOVE and MEMORIES we keep of you, shall never pass away.

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| Ms. Melissa Bradford | \$200.00 |
| Chris Bradford (Indianapolis, IN) | |
| Isaiah Bradford | |
| Ms. Kimberly Bond & Trinitee Sutton | \$50.00 |

In Loving Memory of

Fred Thomas Merriweather, Callie Mae Smith, & Earna Mae Taylor



Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

³ He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Mrs. Johnnie P. Merriweather

\$100.00

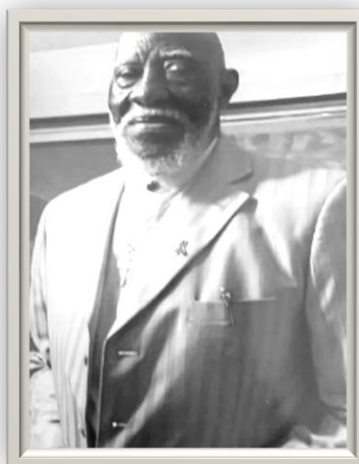
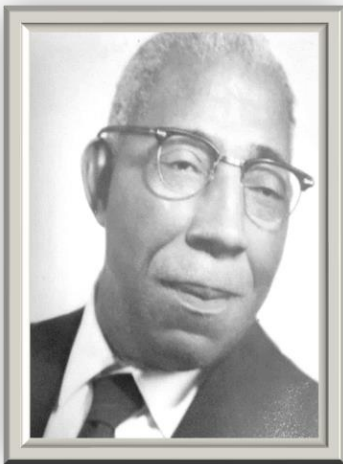
In Loving Memory of
Joyner Brothers Reunited
Clinton, Roscoe, Booker T., Dee, and Richard



My son, forget not my law;
but let thine heart keep my commandments:
for length of days, and long life,
and peace, shall they add to thee.
Let not mercy and truth forsake thee:
bind them about thy neck;
write them upon the table of thine heart:
so shalt thou find favor and good understanding
in the sight of God and man.
Trust in the Lord with all thine heart;
and lean not unto thine own understanding.
In all thy ways acknowledge him,
and he shall direct thy paths.

Proverbs 3:1-6

Jefferson & Gertrude (Taliaferro) Joyner
Father & Mother
& **Roscoe Joyner**
Son



Memory of the last son to reunite with father and mother.

Mrs. Gladys Joyner

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Roscoe Joyner Tribute

By: David Joyner

As I sit back and reflect on some of the milestones that have happened in my life, I came across these photos. It allowed me to understand one of the most important milestones in my life was sitting on my dad's lap while taking this photo. My father transitioned to a higher realm on November 4th, 2020.

At his funeral, I did a comedic tribute to him with a game show called love unconditionally.

His energy will forever live in me, and I celebrate that amazing divine, beautiful masculine energy. This man taught me how to honor and respect goddess energy. I am forever grateful. Thank you, Papa bear.

Mrs. Gladys Joyner
\$100.00

In Loving Memory of
Alberta “Bama” Brown



If tears could
build a stairway
and memories a
lane, I would walk
right up to
Heaven and
bring your home
again.

-Author Unknown

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| Mr. & Mrs. Jodi & James McFarland | \$50.00 |
| Ms. Cindy Taylor | \$50.00 |
| Mr. Brock Taylor | \$25.00 |
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| Ms. Taqiyyah Shakur | \$10.00 |
| Mr. Terrence Slaw | \$10.00 |

We Remember
Josie I. Jelks
Our Grandma



A Poem for Grandma

Perhaps I teased you now and then, perhaps I'd fuss and fret.
Perhaps I'd cry when I would want something I couldn't get.
Perhaps as I child I didn't understand, what I was putting you through.
But Grandma, there's no perhaps about the fact that I love you.

Mr. & Mrs. Jodi & James McFarland
Mr. Tiny White, Jr.

\$50.00
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In Memory of My Parents
Mr. & Mrs. Rosa Lee & Floyd Jelks, Jr.



My heart is full of memories
with pride I speak your name
life goes on without you
but nothing is the same.

I LOVE AND MISS YOU

You will live on in my
HEART **ALWAYS.**

Rochelle Jelks Thomas

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In Loving Memory of
**Our Sister Geraldine Perry
& Our Brother Fred H. Tyus**

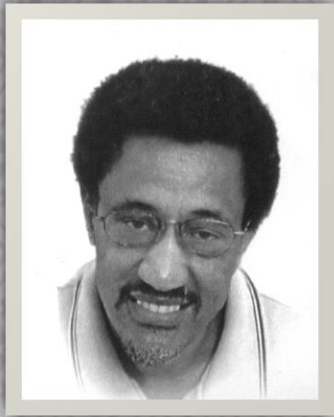


*Though our childhood days have come to an end
You're always our Sister and Brother
And forever our Friend.*

Mrs. Edna M. Wilder
Mr. Hildred "Rick" Tyus
Mr. John "Bo" Tyus

\$100.00
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In Loving Memory of



Son – William "Bud" Tyus
1944-2004



Father – Fred Tyus
1904-1954



Mother – Geneva Tyus
1909-1968



Son – Curtis "Curt" Tyus
1941-2016

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.
In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would
have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.
And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and
receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

John 14: 1-3

Mrs. Edna Wilder

\$150.00

In Loving Memory of

Ada Wilder

December 17, 1907 – July 21, 2003

Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother



— Psalm 23:1-6

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for
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Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will
fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou
anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I
will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Mrs. Edna Wilder

\$50.00

**Congratulations on 82 years for your Patriotic Tea, my Trinity family.
You hold so many precious memories**

Special Ladies

Mrs. Glodine Johnson(Aunt), Mrs. Doris Ligon (Mother), & Mrs. Gloria Sangster (Great Aunt)



*You were so special, you were so precious and so dear.
My thoughts of you and love for you grow stronger every year.*

Linda Ligon

\$50.00

In Loving Memory of Our
Mattie Pearl Smith
Mother, Sister, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother & Aunt



*If kisses were raindrops, I'd send you flowers
If hugs were seconds, I'd send you hours
If smiles were water, I'd send you the sea
If love was a person, I'd send you me*

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| Ms. Paulette Smith & Mr. Junior Shelley Mr. Brad Smith, Alayah, Aniyah, and Aubrey | \$50.00 |
| Ms. Tina Smith & Family | \$40.00 |
| Ms. Ester Johnson Brooke, Zariah, Shalaya, and Cory | \$50.00 |
| Mr. Clayton Perkins & Family | \$75.00 |

In Loving Memory of Our
Maxine Perkins
Mother, Grandmother, Sister & Aunt



*I walk down Memory Lane
As I know I will run into you there
I miss you my sister
R. I. P.*

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| Mr. Clayton Perkins & Family | \$200.00 |
| Mr. Marlon Smith, Sr. and Marlon Smith, Jr. | \$25.00 |
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In Loving Memory of Our
Mr. & Mrs. Wallace & Lucille Smith
Father, Mother, Grandfather, Grandmother, Uncle & Aunt



Reunited for Eternity



*To Live in Hearts we leave behind is not to die. You
have left my life but you will never leave my Heart.*

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| Mr. & Mrs. Juanita & Willie J. Walker | \$100.00 |
| Mr. & Mrs. Bettie Smith Hall & William Hall (Ocoee, FL) | \$100.00 |
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| Mr. Clayton Perkins & Family | \$100.00 |

In Memory of
Mr. & Mrs. Bessie & Henry Bond



Remember Us

Remember us with
Smiles not tears,
For all the joy through all the years,
Recall the closeness that was ours,
A love as "sweet" as fragrant flowers.

Don't dwell on thoughts that cause you pain,
We'll see each other once again.
I'm at peace,...try to believe.
It was my time...I had to leave.

But "what a view" we have from here.
We see your face, we feel you near.
We follow you throughout the day,
You're not alone along the way.

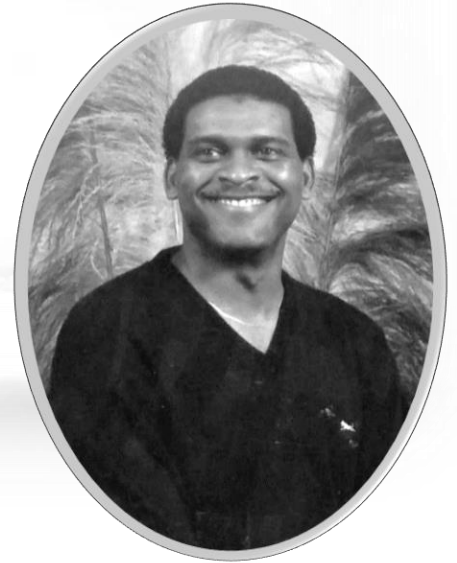
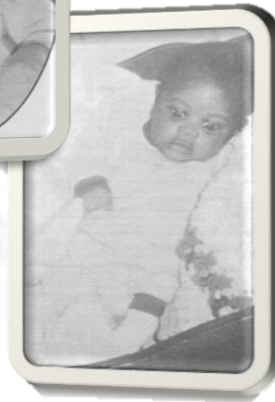
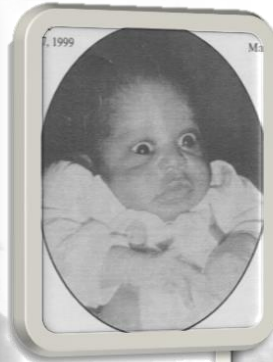
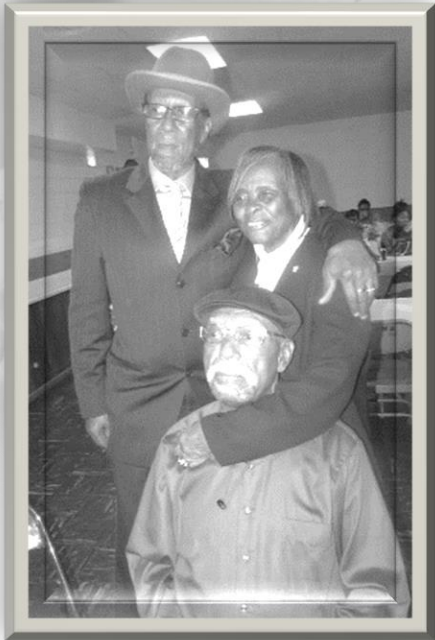
And when God calls you...you will be,
Right by our side...right here with us.
Till then, we'll wait by Heaven's door,
We'll be united...evermore!

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For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then,
whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

ROMANS 14:8

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& Mary L. Joyner



When We Ask Why

God's beautiful plan is sometimes concealed, but someday His purpose will be fully revealed. Someday God's wisdom will make it very plain; why problems were permitted and how He uses pain. Disease, tragedy, fear—will someday make sense; when God makes all things clear. We'll see the Lord's purpose from heavens point of view, and we'll understand in ways we never knew. Until we're home with God some answers will have to wait.

Lord we'll trust and obey; Lord help us walk by faith.

Mr. Charles Taylor

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Willie L. Taylor



Barbara J. Taylor



Melvin W. Taylor



Jordan T. Cliff

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 5:12

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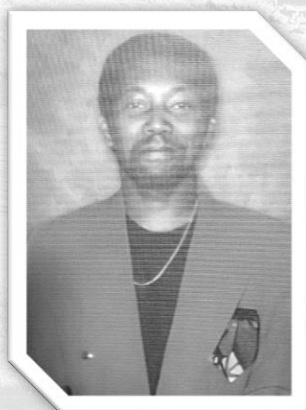


**We are confident, I say and would prefer to be away from the
 body and at home with the Lord.**

2 Corinthians 5:8

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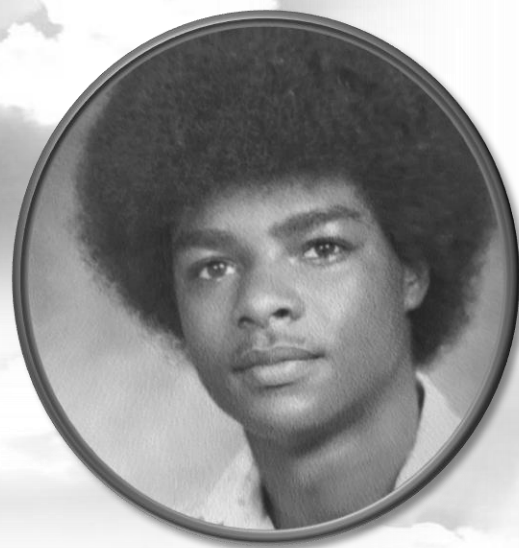
Psalm 121:8

The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

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Larry Edward

***In
Loving
Memory***



I thank my God upon every remembrance of you
Phillipians 1:8

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In Loving Memory of
Winfred & Blanche Wills, Christopher Chad James
William King, & William Roscoe Newbern III



*You left me beautiful memories
your love is still my guide,
and though we cannot see you,
you're always at my side.*

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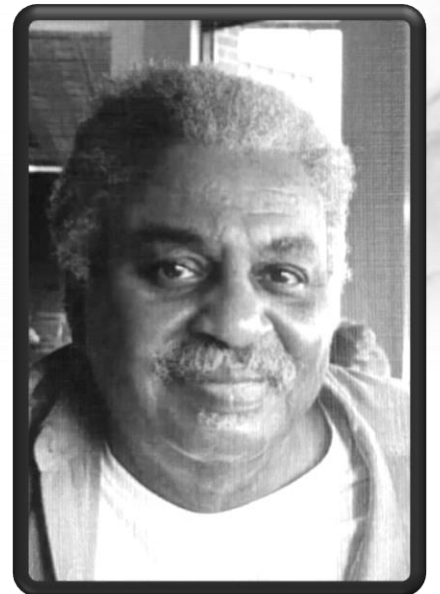
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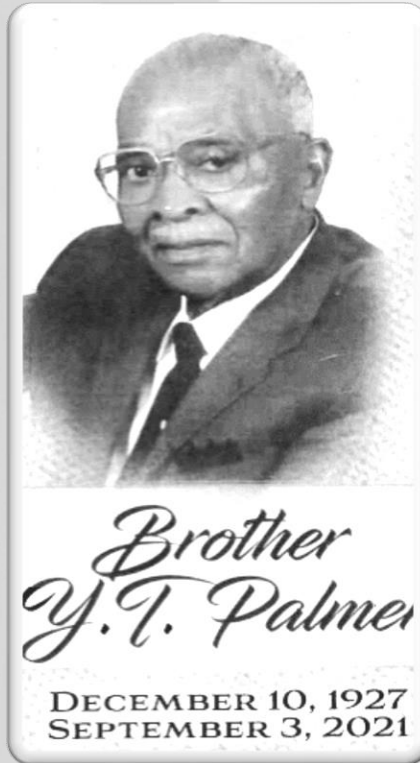
Brother



YOUR LIFE *was a blessing*
YOUR MEMORY *a treasure*
YOU ARE LOVED *beyond words*
MISSED *beyond measure*

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In Memory of My Husband, YT Palmer Sr.

It soon will be three years since you've been gone.

I miss you dearly, but I am not alone.

I stand on the words and the promises of God,

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Life still goes on day by day, with increasing faith,

I pray, pray and pray.

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Psalm 96:1-4



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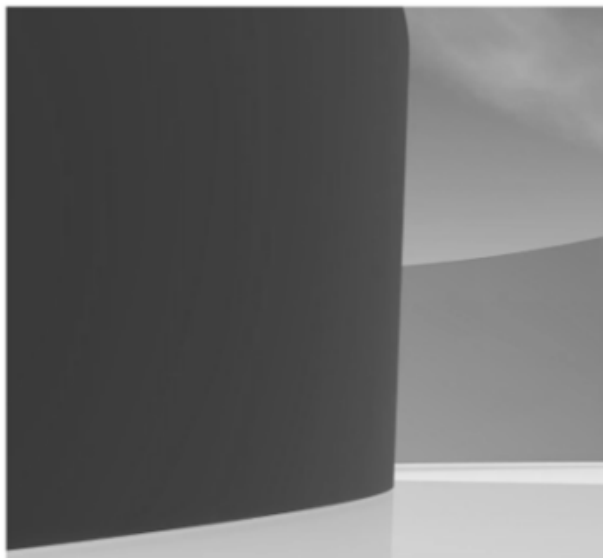
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*For I know the plans I
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Over the years, the event flourished into a beautiful community and church activity. It is supported by members and friends in and out of town. It has become Trinity's leading event of the year.

We, the members of Trinity CME Church, will continue to strive each year to make it better!

More information available online:

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God has truly blessed us through the years. As we go forward, we look back to remember some who have gone on but are not forgotten.

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