

Deacon Alonza Lee Bryant was born in Dooly County, Georgia on November 6, 1940, to the parents of the late O.L. and Cassie Bryant. He received his education in the public schools of Sumter County, GA, graduating with the class of 1959 at the top of his class. He served as chairman of the Deacon Board for many years, as well as a faithful member of Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church, Americus Georgia for over 72 years.

He worked and retired from South Georgia Technical College. He was well known in the community for always working in his yard.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by two sisters, Runette Champion and Dorothy Jean Bell; one brother, Leon Bryant; three brothers-in-law: George Champion, Marion Martin, Johnny Cutts and multiple aunts and uncles.

He is survived by his loving and dedicated wife of 65 years, Virginia Bryant of Americus, GA; eight loving kids: Valencia (John) May of Austell, GA; Dennis (Constance) Bryant of Americus, GA; Carmen Dobbins of Marietta, GA; Glenn (Deborah) Bryant, Alfred Bryant (his right-hand man), all of Americus, GA; Tracy (Wayne) McLean of Woodbridge, VA; Terrance (Coretta) Bryant of Leesburg, GA and Gerald Wayne (Andrea) Bryant of Jacksonville, FL.

He is also survived by one sibling, Carlton (Lonnie) Bryant of Tallahassee, FL.

Left to cherish his memories are 19 grandchildren: Tramayne Greenlee, Shanta Bryant, April (Steven) Walker, Glenn Bryant, Jr., Brandon Bryant, Kendrick Bryant, Ashleigh May, Jarvis (Crystal) Bryant, Wayne McLean II, Lakeisha Bryant, Gerald Bryant, Kelsey Dobbins, Allannah Bryant, Haley Ramirez, Jessica Bryant, Kamryn Bryant, Terrell Battle, Kentrell Battle, Cartiez Tate and 21 great grands, including one he helped raised as his own, Janiyah. They all loved and adored their Papa.

He will also be remembered by two sisters-in-law: Willie Mae Martin of Atlanta, GA and Gloria Dean Cutts of Albany, GA; three brothers-in-law: Clifford Carter, Horace Carter, both of Americus, GA and Roscoe Bell of Brooklyn, NY; many nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends, including his dedicated and devoted Bethesda Missionary Church Family.