

Earthly Place of Rest
Staley Memorial Gardens
N. Mayo Street, Americus, Georgia 31719

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Deacons of Bethesda
Missionary Baptist Church

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Grandsons

FLOWER ATTENDANTS

Granddaughters

Acknowledgements

Words are inadequate to express the humbleness and gratefulness we feel toward all our friends who have consoled us during our bereavement. Your prayers, love, condolences and service have sustained us. Your cards, emails, flowers, and gifts of food are warmly appreciated. We saw all these as God's love expressed through you. Whatever you did to console our hearts, the members of our family **THANK YOU** very much.
May God bless each of you.

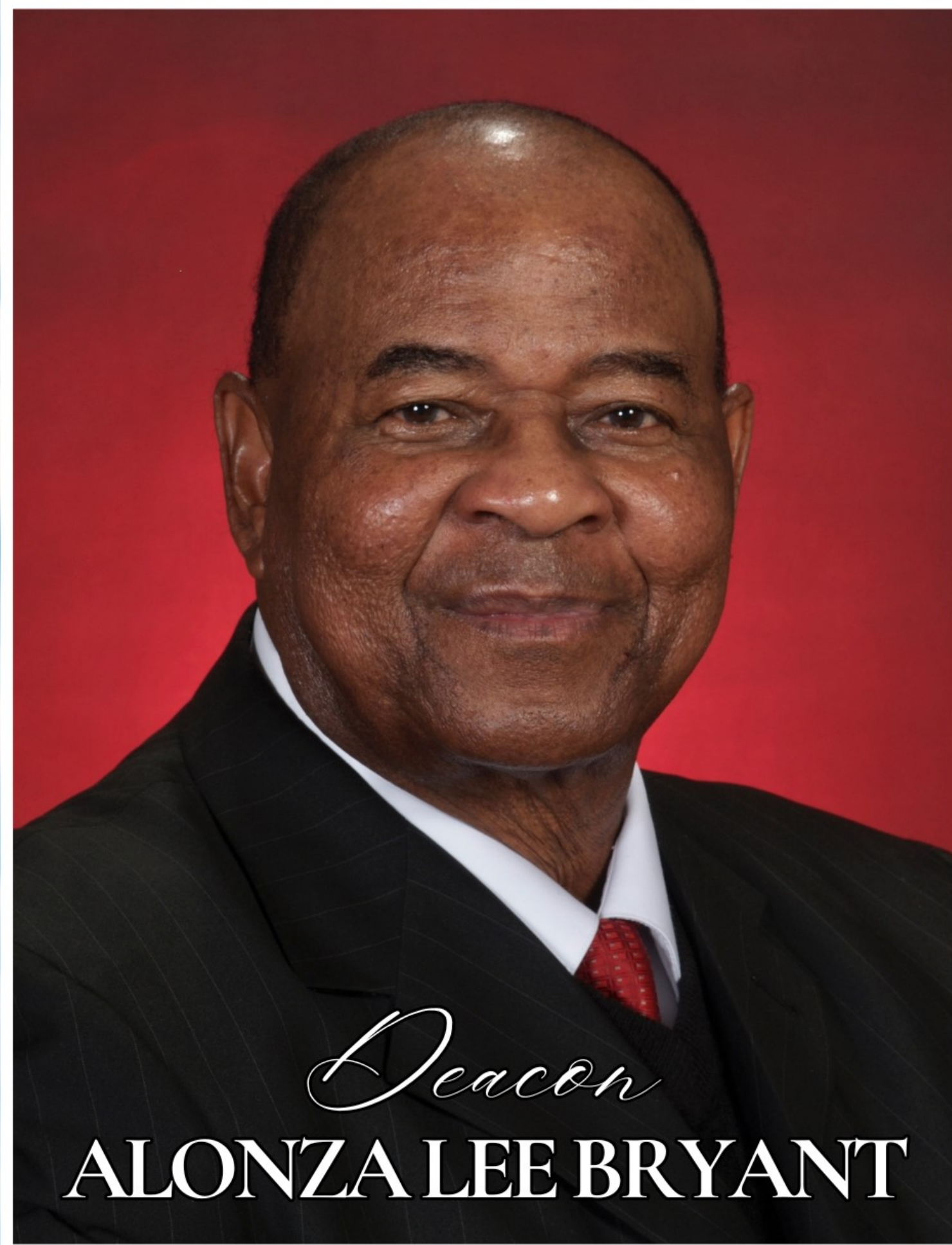
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Deacon

ALONZA LEE BRYANT

THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE *for*

Mr. Alonza Lee Bryant



the Morning of

Saturday, April 12, 2025 | 11:00 a.m.

from the Sanctuary of

The Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church

225 Forrest Street, Americus, Georgia 31719

Officiant | Pastor Thaddaus Laidler

EULOGIST | PASTOR FER-RELL MALONE

Papa kept a Garden

**Our Papa kept a garden,
a garden of the heart.
He planted all the good things
that gave our lives their start.
He turned us to sunshine
and encouraged us to dream:
fostering and nurturing
the seeds of self-esteem
and then the winds and rain came.
He protected us enough,
but not too much
because he knew we would
stand up strong and tough.
His constant good example
always taught us
right from wrong.
Markers for our pathway
that will last a lifetime long.
WE ARE PAPA'S GARDEN.
We are his legacy.**



Love always, Your Grandkids



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.

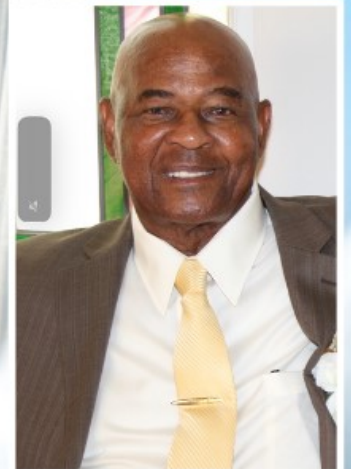
He is survived by his loving and dedicated wife of 65 years, Virginia Bryant of Americus, GA; eight loving kids: Valencia (John) May of Austell, GA; Dennis (Constance) Bryant of Americus, GA; Carmen Dobbins of Marietta, GA; Glenn (Deborah) Bryant, Alfred Bryant (his right-hand man), all of Americus, 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, Allanah Bryant, Haley Ramirez, Jessica Bryant, Kamryn Bryant, Terrell Battle, Kentrell Battle, Cartiez Tate and 21 great grands, including one he helped raise 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.

I Made IT HOME



**I just wanted to let you know
that I made it home.
Everything is so pretty here,
so white, so fresh, so new.
I wish that you could close your eyes
so you could see it too.**



**Please try to understand,
God is taking care of me.
I'm in the shelter of His hands.**

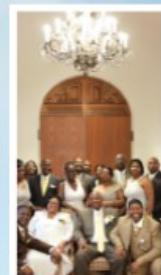
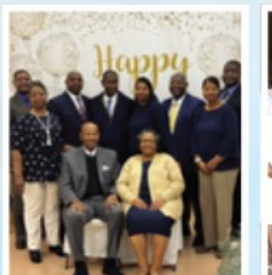
**Here there is no sadness,
and no sorrow, and no pain.
Here there is no crying
and I'll never hurt again.**

**Here it is so peaceful,
when all the angels sing.
I really have to go for now--
I've just got to try my wings.**

**PS...I'll be the first face you see
when you get here.**



Obituary
DEACON ALONZA LEE BRYANT



The Order of Service

PASTOR THADDAUS LAIDLER | OFFICIATING

Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church

Processional.....led by Pastor Thaddaus Laidler and Pulpit Guests

Last Glance

Final Sealing.....Mr. Terrance Bryant | Son

Prayer.....Deacon Dwight Harris
Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church

Scripture

Old Testament.....Pastor Glenn Bryant | Son
County Line Baptist Church, Greater New Lebanon Baptist Church and Green Grove Baptist Church

New Testament.....Dr. DeRenzia Johnson
Greater New Hope Baptist Church

Song.....Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church Choir

Reflections.....*limit 2 minutes*

*As a Neighbor | Deacon Albert Cooper
As a Co-worker | Mr. James Phillip Brown
As a Church Member | Mrs. Juanita Wilson
As a Church Member | Mr. Elbert Solomon*

Song.....Mr. Raheim Hampton

Eulogy.....Pastor Fer-Rell Malone
Pastor, Macedonia Baptist Church | Waycross, GA

Song.....Pastor Fer-Rell Malone
"It is Well"

Acknowledgements and Presentation of the Heirloom Family Bible.....Barnum Staff

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The Family will receive friends for the repast in the Life Center of Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church immediately following the committal service.