### Acknowledgement

The family of Pastor Franklin O'Bryant wishes to thank everyone for all expressions of sympathy, kindness and love shown during our time of bereavement. Whether you sent flowers, a card, whispered a prayer or simply kept us in your thoughts, it was greatly appreciated.

# Pallbearers NAMES OF PALLBEARERS

#### **The Good Shepherd**

by Laura Smith (an excerpt from "A City Without Walls")

There once was a flock
That was lost and afraid
It wandered around
Without direction for days

But the Lord looked down With compassion from above And sent a good shepherd To lead them with love

The shepherd was kind Loving and wise And he cherished his whole flock No matter the color or the size

Though the shepherd was quiet Humble and meek Every ear listened Whenever he would speak He showed them the way To walk in the light And he prayed every day For God to give them true sight

He taught them about The blood of the Lamb And about the creator The great I AM

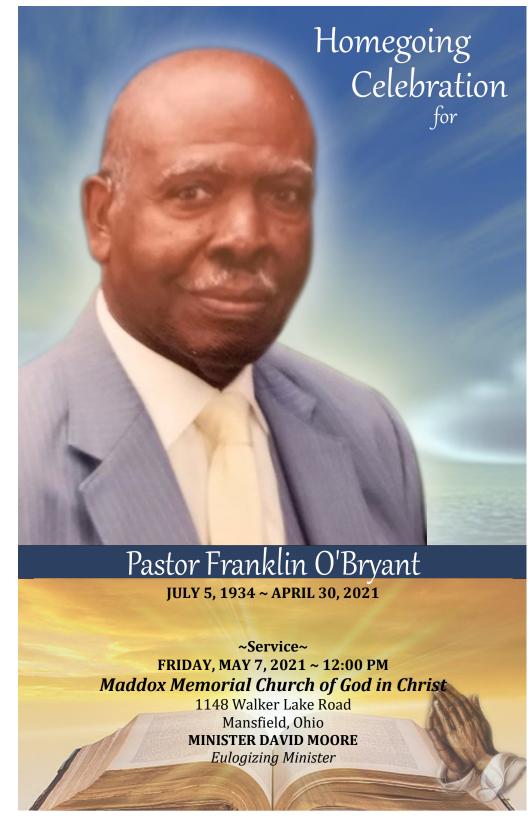
They flourished and they grew Through the knowledge they gained About the Saviour from above Who lived without blemish or stain

The flock was so thankful To the Lord up above For sending a wise leader Who was so full of love

He lead them with A strong and gentle good hand And took the whole flock Safely into God's Promised Land

To offer condolences to The O'Bryan Family, visit <a href="https://www.TheChapelofPeace.com">www.TheChapelofPeace.com</a>





### The Obituary

## Order of Service

Pastor Franklin O'Bryant, age 86. Heaven Sent July 5, 1934 in Orangeburg, SC and Heaven Bound April 30, 2021 at Avita Healthcare.

Franklin grew up in Wilmington, DE and moved to Marion, OH in 1968. Son of the late Julius and Lucinda O'Bryant, he graduated from Howard High School in Wilmington before serving in the U.S. Marine Corp for three years. He met and married Betty C. Jones and was married for 50 years and to that union was a son born.

After being called into The Gospel Ministry, he established and pastored I John Church of God n Christ in Marion, serving until his transition joining the Heavenly Host. After 30 years of employment, he retired from Eaton Corporation devoting the remainder of his time to The Gospel. He chaired the Christmas in July Ministry of Ohio South Church of God in Christ, member of NAACP, President of the International Ministerial Association (IMA), member of Pastors Prayer Breakfast, Board Member of The Salvation Army, member of The Mayor's Committee, served as a member of Love Inc, and State Treasurer for Ohio South. He also had a nursing home ministry. Locally he presided over the CIJ Distributions.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife Betty; stepdaughter, Trina L. Floyd; brothers, Julius, Simmie and Thomas and sister Mattie.

Pastor Franklin O'Bryant is survived by his spouse, Cheryl L. O'Bryant, whom he married in 2012; also surviving sons Donald (Linda) Way of York PA and Timothy (Abbie) O'Bryant of Mansfield, OH; sister, Lila B. O'Bryant of Wilmington, DE; brothers, Wilbert M. O'Bryant of Wilmington, DE and Limos Curlee O'Bryant of Minneapolis MN, 8 grandchildren, a number of great grandchildren; uncle, Calvin Cannada, aunt, Ann and Leon Jefferson; brother in law, Edward Small all of Mansfield and sister in law, Annette Brownlee of Maryland and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

ORGAN PRELUDE Music Ministry
PROCESSIONAL CLERGY & FAMILY
PARTING VIEWImmediate Family
CELEBRATION PRAYER
SCRIPTURE READING Old TestamentLamentations 3:22-26, 31-33 New TestamentSt. John 14:1-3, 14-27
SELECTION
REMARKS FROM CLERGY
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/RESOLUTIONS
TRIBUTES (2 Minutes)Family & Friends
SELECTION
READING OF OBITUARY Silently
The Eulogy
REV. DAVID MOORE
BENEDICTION Rev. David Moore
RECESSIONALClergy, Family & Friends

#### Interment

GRAND PRAIRIE CEMETERY 4964 Brush Ridge Road Marion, Ohio 43302

I am the resurrection and the life: He that believeth in me though he were dead yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.