

GOD'S SERVANT, OUR REFEREE
REMEMBERING WHAT YOU TAUGHT US



FLOWER BEARERS
Nieces

HONORARY FLOWER BEARERS
Missionaries of Friendship Baptist Church

PALL BEARERS
Nephews

HONORARY PALL BEARERS
Deacons of Friendship Baptist Church
Northwest Officials Association



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

*Perhaps you telephoned or visited during the passing of James.
Perhaps you sent a dish of food to nourish us on our way.
Perhaps you said a prayer that God might see us through.
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, potted plant or lovely bouquet.
Perhaps you sent a card or traveled from miles away.
Perhaps you were not there at all and just thought of us
during this time.
Whatever you did to console our grieved hearts,
with much gratitude,*

WE THANK YOU!



727 North Patterson Avenue
Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27101
336.722.8117
www.clarksbrownandsons.com

CELEBRATION OF LIFE
FOR
MR. JAMES A. GRIFFIN, JR.



DECEMBER 29, 1952 - AUGUST 21, 2018



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2018
12:00 PM
FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
1317 NORTH CHERRY STREET
WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA
REVEREND KEVIN GIBSON, OFFICIATING
REVEREND DR. LESTER BOYD, EULOGIST

A LIFE WELL-LIVED

James Alan Griffin, Jr. departed this life on August 21, 2018. James was born December 29, 1952, to the late James Griffin, Sr. and Mildred Roseboro Griffin. In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by both maternal and paternal grandparents; his first wife, Verna Jean Griffin brother, Michael Earl Griffin and sister Thailia Griffin Mercer.

James was a product of the Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools. He graduated in the last graduation class of Atkins High School, Class of 1971. He received his BS Degree in Education from Winston-Salem State University. He retired from the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School system after 35 years of teaching.

James was a die-hard referee and umpire official for over 35 years. He was a member of the Northwest Softball Umpires Association, Northstate Football Officials Association (Winston-Salem Clinic), Northwest Basketball Officials Association, and Northwest Officials Association. He received many awards for his outstanding performance in refereeing and umpiring.

James was a member of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church for 65 years. He was a member of the Sunday School, Co-Chairman of the Deacon Board, Men’s Council, Baptist Training Union and many more auxiliaries. He was the former President of the Forsyth County Baptist Training Union for nearly ten years.

James was a God-sent child that used life and wisdom in taking everything with good humor and a grain of salt. He was a kind-hearted and humble man, who loved the Lord, his family and his church family.

James is survived by his wife, Hazel Hale Griffin; mother Mildred R. Griffin; children: James Griifin, III and Wayne (LaShonda) Griffin; four grandchildren: Makayla and Alayna Griffin, RGhib Caleb Griffin, Kanijah Edwards; step daughters: Izetta Hale and Christina Hale; three step grandchildren and three step great grandchildren; sister; Charlene Roseboro; brothers: Fernandez, Mark and Derrick Michael Griffin; aunts: Azalee Vinson, Bertha Parks, Robbie Allen and Stella Imes; uncles: William Griffin, Willie (Ernestine) Griffin, Eugene (Viola) Roseboro, Ardeal (Dianne) Roseboro, Curtis “Breadman” Roseboro and Sammy Roseboro; mothers-in-law, Addie Lee Hale and Elsie Miller; nieces: Jamita Griffin, India Reeves, Chaya Mercer, Marquisia and Alexis Griffin; nephews: Darren, Marcus, Jordan, and Michael Anthony Griffin; many additional relatives and many, many friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

REVEREND KEVIN GIBSON, OFFICIATING

PRELUDE Musicians

PROCESSIONAL Clergy and Family

FAMILY VISITATION

11:00 AM ~12:00 PM

SELECTION Friendship Baptist Church Choir

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reverend Robert Moore

New Testament Reverend Lizzie James

PRAYER OF COMFORT Reverend Richard Manning

RESOLUTIONS

Church

Community

Northwest Officials Association

Family Reflections

SELECTION Friendship Baptist Church Choir

EULOGY Reverend Dr. Lester Boyd
Senior Pastor, Friendship Baptist Church

SELECTION “Going Up Yonder”

RECESSIONAL

INTERMENT Evergreen Cemetery
Winston-Salem, NC

WITH MY LOVE

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 and play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way;
I found that place 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 you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life’s been full, I’ve savored much;
Good friends, good times, a loved one’s touch.
Perhaps my time seems all too brief;
Don’t lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now,
He set me free.

Author Unknown