

CELEBRATION OF LIFE  
FOR

*Reuben T. Bryant*



December 9, 1942 - February 8, 2010



# Obituary

**Reuben Thomas Bryant, Sr. (1942-2010)**

Reuben transitioned peacefully before sunrise on Monday, February 8, 2010. He lived a life filled with love as a devoted husband, father, "granddaddy," brother, son, cousin, and friend. Reuben possessed a wonderful sense of humor and optimism that drew many to him. His presence in this life was a blessing to all who came to know and love him.

The first born of three children to Reuben and Jessie Mae Harris Bryant of St. Mary's Georgia, Reuben was born on December 9, 1942. At an early age, he joined Greater Trinity United Methodist Church and was baptized at the age of ten. He attended Camden County Training School in St. Mary's, Georgia and graduated in 1961 from Ralph J. Bunche High School in Woodbine, Georgia.

After high school, Reuben left St. Mary's to attend Tuskegee Institute, graduating in 1965 with a Bachelors of Science degree in Electronics Technology. Immediately after college, he served in the United States Army. Reuben was a competitive athlete who enjoyed all sports. He excelled in baseball, lettering for both his high school and college teams. While in college, he was a member of the close knit Electrotech Club. He was also an avid reader, loved poetry and enjoyed music.

While attending Tuskegee, Reuben met and married the love of his life, Linda Joyce Powell. They dated throughout college and married on May 28, 1965. Reuben and Linda began their lives together by moving to Atlanta, Georgia and starting a family: Lisa (1966), Reuben, Jr. (1971), and Leah (1977). His professional career was in management at Western Electric, Georgia Power, The Hunts Wesson Company, Consolidated Freightways, and finally at YKK Corporation, where he retired in 1999.

A love forever etched in our hearts, a loving memory forever cherished by those left behind, a devoted wife, Linda P. Bryant; children, Lisa Young (Lance), Reuben Bryant, Jr., and Leah Bryant, all of Atlanta, Georgia; grandchildren, William Jones, Jr., Jordan Jones, Daisha L. Bryant, Reuben Bryant, III, and Nelson Alexander Bryant; one brother, Harold Bryant (Elizabeth) of College Park, Georgia; two sisters, Jessica Pollard (Alton) of Washington, D.C., Dorothy Shine (Samuel) of Panama City, Florida; niece, Asha Pollard; nephews, Alton Brooks Pollard, Harold, Jr. (Reagan), Christopher (April), Samuel, Jr., Ted, Reuben, Christopher, and Gregory.

## Excerpt from Love Letter to Linda

August 22, 1967

My Darling Wife,

*I love and miss you more than you'll ever know. When I talked to you last night, I felt 100% better. When I get out of this army and return to work there are so many things I want to get for you. You have been the sweetest and greatest wife-more than I could have asked for. You've managed things exceptionally well. I still love you with the intensity of an unleashed uranium atom. Well my darling, you take care of yourself and I'll see you again. Remember that I love only you always.*

Your loving husband, Reuben

# Order of Service

Friday, February 12, 2010 • 11:00 AM

Providence Missionary Baptist Church, The Reverend Gerald Durley, Pastor  
2295 Benjamin E. Mays Drive, Atlanta, Georgia 30311

Processional.....	<i>There's a Sweet Sweet Spirit</i>
Call to Worship.....	The Reverend Alton Pollard, Sr.
Invocation .....	The Reverend Alton Pollard, Sr.
Musical Selection - <i>The Battle Is The Lord's</i> (Y. Adams) .....	Soloist Tarneshala Simmons
Scripture Reading - The Old Testament: Psalm 27:1-14.....	The Reverend Kathy Chavous
Scripture Reading - The New Testament: Romans 8:18-39 .....	The Reverend Emile Ennis
Prayer of Assurance .....	The Reverend Alton Brooks Pollard, Jr.
Musical Selection - <i>Center of My Joy</i> (R. Smallwood) .....	Soloist David Rector
Reflections from Lifelong Friends .....	Wilbert K. Brown "Blu", Harrell Moore, and Calvin Green
Tribute to Family.....	Kimberly Harris Adams
Tribute from Family.....	Lisa Bryant Young
Musical Selection - <i>I Come to the Garden Alone</i> (C. Miles).....	Soloist Tarneshala Simmons
Eulogy.....	Father Vincent Harris
Recessional .....	<i>It Is Well With My Soul</i>
Benediction .....	The Reverend Alton Pollard, Sr.

## Entombment

Forest Lawn Cemetery

5755 Mallory Road • College Park, Georgia 30349

The family will receive visitors at Providence Missionary Baptist Church immediately following the services.

## Acknowledgements & Expression of Gratitude

Our family would like to express our sincere gratitude to all who have shared in the loss of our loved one. We thank God for such giving, warm, and comforting friends and family. Your prayers, visits, messages, flowers, food, consoling attitudes, phone calls, and even the smallest acts of kindness have all been sources of strength and comfort during this time. A special thanks to the Holiday Gala Committee of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc.-East Point/ College Park Chapter, Bethel United Methodist Church, and the Westlake-Creekside-Langton Hughes Cluster of Fulton County Board of Education for providing the Repast today.

## Pallbearers & Flower Bearers

Grandchildren, Cousins, Family and Friends

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