

*Memories*



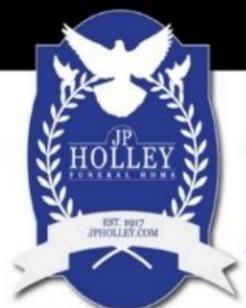
*Floral Bearers*  
FAMILY & FRIENDS

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FAMILY & FRIENDS

*Expression of Gratitude*

THE FAMILY OF JAMES L. SPANN WOULD LIKE TO  
THANK EACH OF YOU FOR THE MANY ACTS OF  
KINDNESS OVER THIS TIME. MAY GOD CONTINUE TO  
BLESS YOU ALL.



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CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

*James L.*  
**SPANN**

SEPTEMBER 16, 1938 - NOVEMBER 18, 2025

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2025  
11:00 AM

NEW LIGHT BEULAH BAPTIST CHURCH  
1330 CONGAREE RD, HOPKINS, SC 29061  
INTERIM PASTOR CHRISTOPHER KEESEE  
PASTOR TRAVIEN L. CAPERS, OFFICIATING

# REFLECTIONS OF HIS *Life* JAMES L. SPANN

# ORDER OF *Service*

*From Nalani (Great-grandchild):*

I remember when I was younger every Sunday after church I would come over or even when you babysit me, I would only want to be by you watching Nick Jr and just laughing and enjoying our time together until it was time for me to go. I never thought of the day of losing you, I never thought about how I would feel and now one thing I know that I'll carry is that you're still here by me watching even if I can't feel or talk to you, I just got to have the mindset of having you here with me. I remember one memory where I showed you how I could crack my knuckles and when I did it you said don't do that or your hands will look like mine and we laughed and till this day, I haven't and it's still funny to me. I love you Popop and I will forever.

*From Lamar, Kiara & Kiana (Grandchildren):*

We remember Sundays after church, we remember your routines, we remember your black and white cowboy shows, we remember your seat at the head of the table every Thanksgiving, we remember your humor, we remember making you laugh, we remember your Cadillacs, we remember your tinted glasses, we remember your superfly style, we remember your favorite football team (it should have been the cowboys), we remember driving down south in the van with the TVs, we remember your unconditional love. And most of all, we remember there are more memories than we can list.

Love,  
Lamar, Kiara & Kiana

Prelude

Processional

Selection

New Light Beulah Baptist Church Choir

Scripture

Old Testament  
Rev. John Middleton  
Psalm 23: 1-6

New Testament  
Elder Anthony Stubbs  
Matthew 11: 28-30

Prayer  
Deacon Tally O. Adams

Selection  
Mr. George Sumter Jr.

Remarks (2 Minutes Please)  
Benjamin Brown  
Harriet Moody

Selection  
Mr. Willie Montgomery

Words of Comfort  
Pastor Travien L. Capers  
New Zion Benevolent Baptist Church

Recessional

Postlude

Committal, Prayer, Benediction

Interment  
Greenlawn Serenity Gardens

Mr. James L. Spann, 87, of Woodrow, SC was born to John Franklin of Woodrow, SC and Blanche Dunlap of Florence, SC September 16, 1938. He departed this life on Tuesday, November 18, 2025. James, lovingly referred to as JL, was educated in Florence county and graduated from Wilson High School in 1958. After graduating, JL moved to Plainfield, New Jersey where he met his love and life partner, Cornelia Montgomery, whom he married in 1962 and created a beautiful life with his wife and family. James became a devoted member of Mohawk Lodge #307 in 1964 where he held various important positions including Exhaulted Ruler from 1977 to 1978 and 1979 to 1984. He also served as Chief Antler for Council 121 during his service with the Mohawk Lodge.

James was a hard working truck driver and was dedicated for almost 30 years until he retired. Although he retired from driving for a living, he enjoyed driving for many years after. James was a long time member of Shiloh Baptist Church of Plainfield, NJ and later joined New Light Beulah Baptist Church of Hopkins, SC in 2023 after moving from Plainfield, NJ to Hopkins, SC. He was an avid sports fan (specifically Green Bay Packers football and South Carolina women's basketball). He loved the outdoors and took every opportunity to work outside. He was an exceptional family man and a wonderful friend who is loved and revered by so many. He enjoyed hosting his family and friends and providing a warm and inviting atmosphere. He loved generously and enjoyed life to the fullest.

James was preceded in death by his father John, mother Blanche and brother Sammie.

James is survived by his wife: Cornelia; children: Sylvia Sharp, Yvette (James) Cooper and James "Tony" Spann; grandchildren Lamar Cooper, Kiara Cooper and Kiana Cooper; great-grandchild: Nalani; siblings: Randolph (Sarah) Franklin, Patricia (William) Frierson and Betty Buckley; in-laws: Mattie (George) Sumter, Willie Montgomery, Grace Spann, Charlie Montgomery, Corine Williams, Henry (Amie) Montgomery, Dorothy Cunningham, Leon (Judie) Montgomery, Frank (Doris) Tucker, Lillie Ann Montgomery, Gloria Montgomery and Bernard Cunningham; a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He will truly be missed.