

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

A CELEBRATION OF

Life

Active Pallbearers

Nephews

Honorary Pallbearers & Flower Bearers

Class of 1969

Active Flower Bearers

Nieces

Acknowledgments

The family wishes to thank everyone for their support and kindness during this time of sorrow and grief. Your collective outpouring of love has been a source of strength, and we are deeply touched by the enduring bonds friendship and compassion that have helped ease the weight of our loss. Your acts of kindness and love did not go unnoticed or unappreciated. Thank you!

Interment

Sims Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery

Repast

Sims Chapel Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

Programs Designed by:
Pastor O. Quintodd Bryant



Funeral Service Entrusted to:
Lester Lackey & Son Funeral Home |
Covington, GA



Chester
MAURICE BENTON

GENESIS: 10/6/1951 | OMEGA: 9/29/2025

Wednesday, October 8, 2025 | 11:00 am

Sims Chapel Baptist Church

61 Sims Chapel Rd. | Covington, GA

O. Quintodd Bryant | Pastor

Rev. Cecil J. Rozier | Officiant

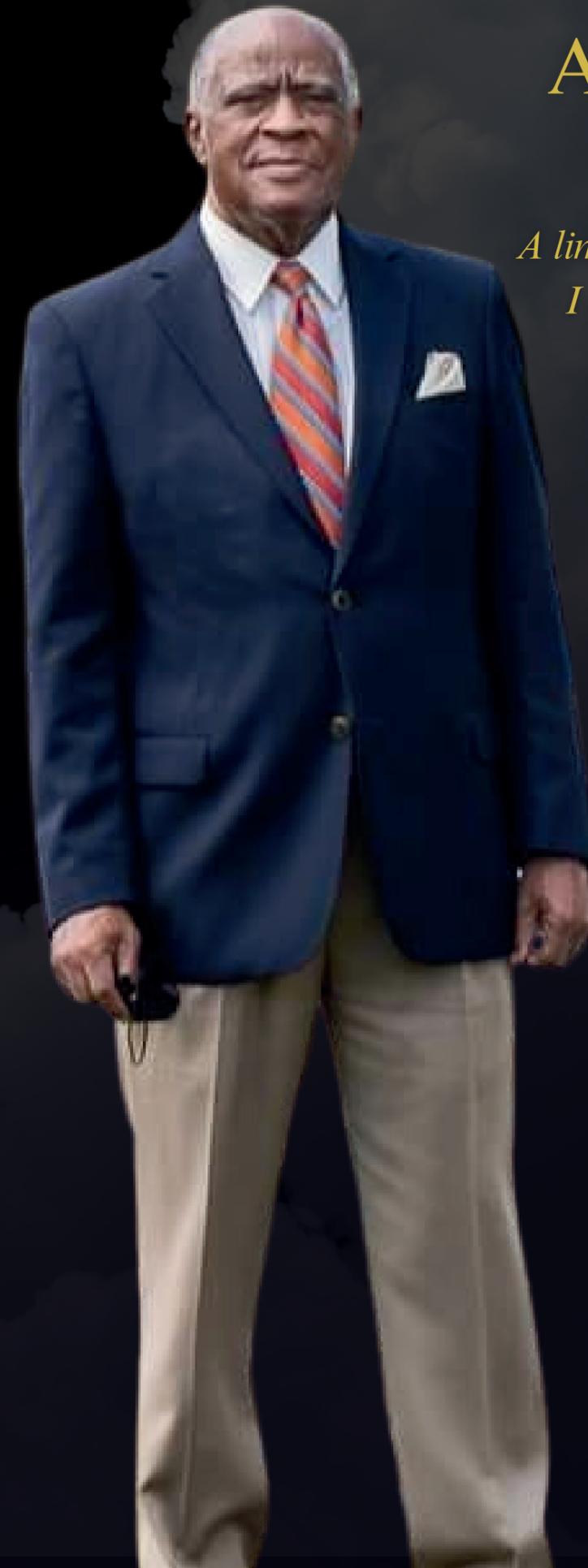
THE LIFE & LEGACY

Chester Maurice Benton

On October 6, 1951, God blessed Mose and Hattie (Bruno) Benton with a baby boy, whom they named Chester Maurice. He was born in Walton County. He was raised in Covington, Georgia. He graduated from R. L. Cousins High School in 1969. He received a degree from Fort Valley State University in 1974. He was affectionately known as Chess and Uncle Chess. His family and friends loved him.

He entered his heavenly home on September 29, 2025. We honor the life and legacy of a truly remarkable man—one whose presence brought light, strength, and compassion to all who knew him. He was a man of dignity, respect, honor, and unwavering integrity. His life was a testament to hard work, humility, and love. Through his dedication to family, his service to others, and his countless acts of kindness, he left an indelible mark on the hearts of many.

On August 17, 1974, Chester married the love of his life, Elaine, and they were happily married for 51 years. To their union, a son was born. Preceded in death were his only son, Cedric, grandson Fabian, his parents, Mose and Hattie, and his three brothers. He leaves his love and many special memories to his loving and devoted wife, Elaine, and his grandchildren, the love of his life: LaKira, Keirra, Cederian, and Cason, siblings: Mr. Willie Marvin Benton, Mr. and Mrs. Waymon (Linda) Cooksey, Mr. and Mrs. James (Carolyn) Brown, a special son/nephew Mr. and Mrs. Darryl (Beverly) Cooksey; a loving mother-in-law, Mrs. Ethel Lester. His in-laws are Mr. Lawrence & Mrs. Ann Lester, Pastor James and Minister Roberta Collins, Minister Jimmy and Mrs. Dorothy Smith, Mrs. Annie Jenkins, Mrs. Elizabeth Benton; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.



A FALLEN LIMB

A limb has fallen from the family tree.

I keep hearing a voice that says,

“Grieve not for me.

Remember the best times,

the laughter, the song.

*The good life I lived
while I was strong.*

Continue my heritage,

I’m counting on you.

*Keep smiling and surely
the sun will shine through.*

*My mind is at ease,
my soul is at rest.*

*Remembering all,
how I truly was blessed.*

*Continue traditions,
no matter how small.*

*Go on with your life,
don’t worry about falls.*

*I miss you all dearly,
so keep up your chin.*

*Until the day comes
we’re together again.”*

– Author Unknown

Tributes
**SPECIAL THANKS AND
 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

R.L. Cousins Alumni

Piedmont Hospital

Sims Chapel Baptist Church

Washington Street Community Center

Harristown Community

Mr. Paul and Rufus Clark

Judge Robert F. Mumford

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas & Carolyn Vason

Mr. Randolph Barksdale

Georgia Department of Labor

DaVita Dialysis

Grace Care Transportation

Reginald Smith Jr. (Pickup man)



Order of Service

Pastor O. Quintodd Bryant, Presiding

Prelude

Processional

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

Rev. Dr. Avis Williams

New Testament

Pastor Kenneth Williams

Video Presentation

Wind Beneath My Wings

Solo

Minister Jimmy Smith

Prayer of Comfort

Pastor James Collins

Reflections

Lifetime Friend- Mr. Raymond Hammonds

Childhood Friend- Mr. Alfred Cook

Known Chester since day one-

Mr. Kenneth O. Hardeman

Mr. Marion Hammonds

Mrs. Linda Bright Hensel

Mr. Brian Miller

Mr. Wales Barksdale

Attorney Phil Johnson

Rev. Dr. Avis Williams

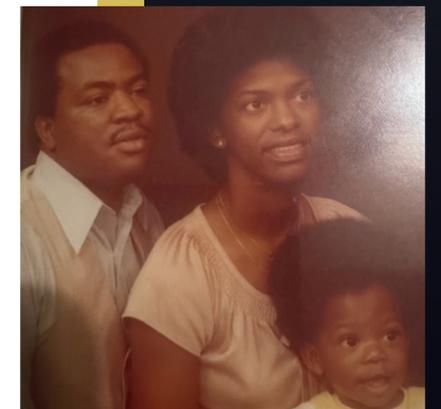
Eulogy

Pastor Cecil J. Rozier

Special Thanks and Acknowledgements

Mrs. Carolyn Benton Brown

Recessional



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