

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of the late Mr. Frank James Cowans, Sr. would like to express our deepest gratitude for the love, support and kind expressions of sympathy during our time of loss. Your presence, prayers, comforting words, flowers, and acts of kindness have meant more than words can express.

We are especially thankful to Ms. Lee Ethel "Vent" Hogue, Mrs. Benetta Garrett-Levison and Shaffer- Collins Funeral Home Inc. who provided our family with special support during such a difficult time, and we are forever grateful.

Though our hearts are heavy, we are comforted by the outpouring of love and the shared memories of Frank James Cowans Sr.'s life. May God bless each of you for your compassion and support.

With heartfelt thanks,
The Family of Mr. Frank James Cowans Sr.

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

The Cowans Family

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Wayne Cowans | Kezyron Young
KeMareon Cathey | Eli Cowans Jr.
Keon Hollins

FLOWER BEARERS

Family & Friends

INTERMENT

McBee Cemetery
Ebenezer, MS

REPAST

231 N Main St.
Yazoo City, MS 39194

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
ENTRUSTED TO:**



Shaffer-Collins Funeral Home
"Our Family Serving Our Community"
247 West Sixth Street - Yazoo City, MS 39194
(662) 746-3985



IN LOVING MEMORY OF



ALPHA
February 4, 1951



OMEGA
August 23, 2025

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. | II Timothy 4:7-8

Frank James
COWANS, SR.

Saturday, September 6, 2025 | 12:00 Noon

COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

333 W. Fifteenth Street - Yazoo City, MS 39194

Reverend Larry Thomas, Pastor

Rev. Jessie Lakes, Officiating

LIFE'S REFLECTIONS

Frank James Cowans, Sr.

Mr. Frank James Cowan, Sr. was born to Mr. Eli and Mrs. Ida Cowans on February 4, 1951 in Ebenezer, MS of Holmes County. He was the tenth child of thirteen children.

Mr. Cowans departed from his earthly home on August 23, 2025, in Holmes County, MS, to enter his eternal rest in the loving presence of the Lord.

Frank confessed his "Love for Christ" at an early age, under the leadership of Rev. Burns, at Pleasant Grove Church, in Midway, Benton, MS.

Frank began his education at Ship School, and King Elementary School in Midway, Benton, MS. Later, Mr. Cowans furthered his education with the Mississippi Job Corps, where he learned the trade of "Auto Mechanic", and this trade would lead Frank to become one of the best mechanics in the surrounding area of Yazoo City and Yazoo County.

Frank took his trade as an "Auto Mechanic" and became gainfully employed with Saxton Auto Parts for many, many years, and he was the mechanic for the City of Yazoo until he retired his tools, in order to enjoy spending time with his family and friends.

Frank loved his family, and he loved dancing, telling jokes, fishing, and working on cars, trucks, tractors, especially transmissions.

In 1971, Mr. Cowans married Ms. Elsie Henrietta Garrett and from this union eight children were born.

Frank is preceded in death by his parents, Mr. Eli and Ms. Ida Mae Cowans; three brothers: Willie B. Jones, Luther Cowans, and Edgar Cowans; two sisters: Bessie Mae Lakes and Doris C. Ford; and three grandchildren: Deginald Jones, DeNaria Swan, and Kendrick Simmons.

Frank leaves to cherish his loving memories eleven children: Leslie Cowans, Vera Simmons, Natalie Cowans, Paul Allen Cowans, Steven Cowans, and Walker Cowans, all of Yazoo City, MS; Maria Cowans of Vaughan, MS; Felecia Beasley of Greenville, MS; Frank James Cowans Jr (Amanda) of Clinton, MS; Frederick Cowans (Thelma) of Kosciusko, MS, and Johnthan Beasley of Mobile, AL; two brothers: Eddie W. Cowans of Battle Creek, MI and Eli Cowans Jr. of Eden, MS; five sisters: Viola (Leon) Patterson, Gladys Carter, Florshae Thomas, Alberta Berry, and Linda Harris, all of Yazoo City, MS; thirty-one grandchildren; twenty-one great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.



My Final Words

Do not grieve for me, my loves, though now I dwell beyond your sight,
Recall our joyous moments treasure, the laughter we shared day and night.

ORDER OF SERVICE



MASTER OF CEREMONY

Jonathan McCullum

PROCESSIONAL

Clergy and Family

MUSICAL SELECTION

Jonathan Taylor

SCRIPTURE READING

Old & New Testament

Elder Benny Walker

PRAYER OF COMFORT

Minister Major Felton

MUSICAL SELECTION

Jonathan Taylor

OBITUARY

Read Silently

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EULOGY

Rev. Jessie Lakes

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TRIBUTES

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

~ Love Your Children ~



For Granddaddy Frank

We gather now with our hearts held tight

To honor, our dad, our Granddad Frank,

a guiding light A quiet strength, a steady hand,

Who walked with grace across this land.

He taught us love, he lived with pride,

With stories told and arms stretched wide.

Through years he gave, through storms he stood,

A man of heart, a man of good.

Though now his chair sits still and bare,

His voice and laughter fill the air.

In every sunrise, soft and bright-

We'll feel his warmth, we'll know his light.

Rest easy now your work is done,

Sleep sweet beneath the setting sun.

Our Daddy, Our Granddaddy, so dearly missed,

Forever Loved, Forever Kissed.

~ Love Your Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren ~