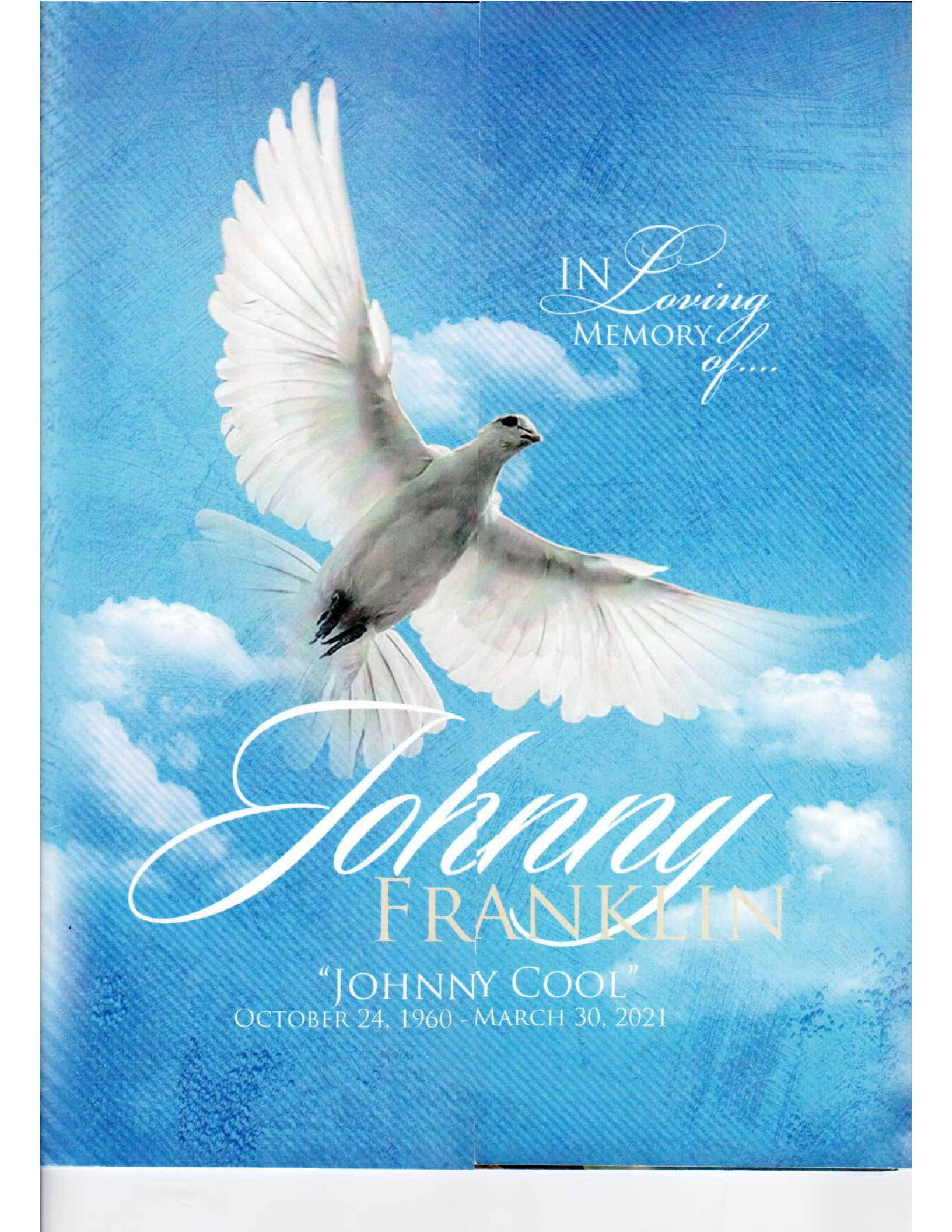


A white dove is shown in flight, wings spread wide, against a vibrant blue sky with soft, white clouds. The dove is positioned in the upper left quadrant of the image, facing right. The overall composition is serene and evocative of peace.

IN *Loving*
MEMORY *of....*

Johnny
FRANKLIN

"JOHNNY COOL"
OCTOBER 24, 1960 - MARCH 30, 2021

SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2021
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Order of Service

Organ Prelude
Processional
Call to Order.....
Old Testament Scripture Minister
New Testament Scripture Minister
Prayer Minister
Musical Selection Kawan Cox-Bey & Tanya Wormely
Acknowledgment/Resolutions
Reflections from Family Juan Osborne, Alma Granberry,
Craig Thompson, & Terrance Franklin
Remarks from Friends.....
Solo Carvel Showers
Reading William Franklin
My Life Story Merritt Franklin
Musical Performance Alexx Brown
Eulogy Pastor Edwin Harris
Benediction
Recessional

Acknowledgment

The family of **Johnny Franklin** would like to thank all the family and friends for your kind expressions of sympathy. Special thank you to Pastor Edwin Harris and the St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church.

The LORD is my *Shepherd;*
I shall not want.

He maketh me to
lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters,
He restoreth my
soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake. Yea though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death.

*I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me;*
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies

Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over

Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house

of the LORD *forever.*

- Psalm 23

Johnny FRANKLIN "JOHNNY COOL"

My Life Story

I, Johnny Franklin, better known as "Johnny Cool", was born October 24, 1960, in the small southern town of Blytheville, Arkansas. That is where my parents, Junior & Mildred, first met, fell in love, and eventually married. Both gained their wings several years ago and are now reunited in eternity.

In 1975, our family decided to relocate to the Windy City after the passing of my grandmother, whom I adored. Adjusting to city life was tough at first, especially since we were considered "country folk" by you Northerners. Fortunately for me, most of the city girls were very curious about us southern gents, which made me stand out above the rest of y'all wannabe players. My first love was the mother of my oldest son, Juan. I want to thank her for being a kind, loving and nurturing woman. After leaving high school in 1979, I enlisted in the Marines with the hopes of seeing the world. Being stationed in Okinawa, Japan gave me a greater sense of culture and an appreciation of Planet Earth. Of course, I had fun. (Perhaps a little too much fun, since my stint was cut short, but that'll be our secret.)

Upon coming back to the States, it was time to fully embrace adulthood. I happened to marry the love of my life and fathered two undeniably beautiful young ladies Alma "Shanika" and Canjohnika "Bayboo". After my divorce, I was blessed to have two more children, a young handsome dude like myself named Jesse, and an amazingly gorgeous daughter, Jasmine.

I held several jobs but the one I enjoyed the most was carpentry. Okay, so enough about me, LOL. Please know that all of you who have had a positive impact on my life will be missed, but never forgotten.

To my grandchildren, Juwon, Treshawn, Aunshaya, Tori, Javeah, Lorenzo, Ju'Ria, Ja'Hari, Jasmine, Jahzara, Eric, Khamari, and Alayah; my siblings, Reese, Demetrius, Terrance, Merritt, Tamera, Aretha, and William; my niece and nephew, Taeja and Denzel; relatives and friends, I encourage you to take care of one another and know that true love is a deliberate act and will never fail.

Forever yours,

Johnny Cool

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 or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace 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 for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch
If my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.*



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