



“I Was A Wand’ring Sheep”

I was a wand'ring sheep,
I did not love the fold;
I did not love my Shepherd's voice,
I would not be controlled.
I was a wayward child,
I did not love my home;
I did not love my Father's voice,
I loved afar to roam.

The Shepherd sought his sheep,
the Father sought his child;
they followed me o'er vale and hill,
o'er deserts waste and wild:
they found me nigh to death,
famished and faint and lone;
they bound me with the bands of love,
they saved the wand'ring one.

Jesus my Shepherd is;
'twas He that loved my soul,
'twas He that washed me in his blood,
'twas He that made me whole;
'twas He that sought the lost,
that found the wand'ring sheep,
'twas He that brought me to the fold,
'tis He that still doth keep.

I was a wand'ring sheep,
I would not be controlled;
but now I love my Shepherd's voice,
I love, I love the fold.
I was a wayward child,
I once preferred to roam;
but now I love my Father's voice,
I love, I love his home.

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Nieces, Cousins & Friends

THE SERVICE OF COMMITTAL & INTERMENT

Oakfield Cemetery * Monticello, Florida

REPAST

The Barn * Piney Woods Community * Monticello, Florida

THE FAMILY'S MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

We are truly blessed to have family and friends like you. The outpouring of love and support you have so generously shared has exceeded even our imagination. We are deeply grateful for your calls, cards, florals, food, visits, and prayers. Each has served as a source of strength for us. We humbly ask that you continue to pray for us as we endeavor to accept God's Will. Please know that as you are praying for us, we will be praying for you. May God continue to bless and keep you in His loving care.

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FOR

The Reverend

Bethel Ransom



Sunrise: August 29, 1950 – Sunset: March 23, 2026

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026

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Greater Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church

690 CYPRESS STREET * MONTICELLO, FLORIDA 32344

The Reverend Dr. Melvin Roberts

PASTOR EMERITUS

The Reverend Kassalando Brooks, Eulogist

PASTOR, SWEETFIELD MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

MONTICELLO, FLORIDA

REFLECTIONS OF LIFE

REVEREND BETHEL RANSOM, a man of many words and talents was born in Monticello, Florida to Deacon Ben Ransom and Mother Henrietta Nelson Ransom on August 29, 1950. **REVEREND RANSOM** was preceded in death by his parents; and siblings: Reverend Robert Madison, Reverend Joseph Nelson, Sarah Ransom Byford and Hannah Ransom.

Educated in Jefferson County, **REVEREND RANSOM** was a proud member of Howard Academy's graduating class of 1969. He accepted Jesus Christ at an early age and became a member of Sweetfield Missionary Baptist Church where he was active in the Choir and other areas prior to his ministry call.

REVEREND RANSOM married his loving wife of 54 years, the former Lillian Reddick in December 1971 and was blessed with three children. He worked several years in the trucking industry as well as farming, planting watermelons and raising cattle.

REVEREND RANSOM was called, licensed and ordained as a minister of the Gospel in 1976. His journey as a pastor began in the mid 1980's as pastor of Young Reaper Missionary Baptist Church in Greenville, Florida until 2005. He was most recently serving as pastor of First Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church in Quitman, Georgia where he loved the members as much as they loved him.

Left to cherish memories of **REVEREND BETHEL RANSOM** are his *wife*: Lillian Reddick Ransom; *daughter*: Nikki Ransom Trammell; *sons*: Bethel Bernard (Arnitra) Ransom and Minister Va'Shon (Keshia) Ransom; his *beloved grandchildren*: Mya Trammell, Taelyn Ransom, Jaden Williams, Kyler Ransom, Khloe Ransom, Kylie Ransom, Hudson Rivers, Shontavia Huggins and Lindsey (Alphonzo) Harris; *two great-grandchildren*: Josiah Harris and Gabriel Harris; *siblings*: Reverend James Thompson, Reverend Ben Ransom, Jr., Jacob (Emma) Nelson, Dr. Ann Reddick, Henrietta (Robert) Barnes, Dwanda (James) Skipworth; *mother-in-law*: Mother Julia Reddick Jenkins; *brothers-in-law*: Franklin Reddick, Jerry Reddick, Herbert (Dinetha) Reddick, Joseph (Tonya) Reddick, Reverend Charles V. Reddick, Reverend Tony (Gloria) Graham; *sisters-in-law*: Leola (Eric) McCloud, Lucile Reddick and Geraldine (Reverend Samuel) Maxwell; *aunts*: Mother Jessie Saunders, Mother Louvenia Reddick and Mary Delaughter; an *uncle*: Herman Lockett, Sr.; *goddaughters*: Alexandria Saahir and Jakaylia Jelks; and numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives, friends and church family.

CHERISHED MEMORIES



ORDER OF SERVICE

The Reverend Dr. James Redman, Presiding
PASTOR, LIBERTY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
QUITMAN, GEORGIA

Prelude.....Family Matters

Processional..... Eulogist, Clergy, Officers & Family

The Parting Glance & Seating of Family..... The *Tillman* Staff

Opening SelectionFamily Matters

PrayerReverend Tobbie Berran III
 PASTOR, CASA BIANCA M. B. CHURCH, MONTICELLO, FL

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES:

Old Testament Reverend Charles Reddick
 ASSOCIATE MINISTER, GREATER ELIZABETH M. B. CHURCH
 MONTICELLO, FL

New Testament..... Reverend James Huewitt
 MODERATOR, SOUTH GEORGIA MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Selection..... The Reddick Family

REFLECTIONS & TRIBUTES:

As A PastorDeacon Daniel Bell
 As A Classmate & Friend Deacon George King
 Tribute to Our UncleNieces

Resolutions & Acknowledgements..... The *Tillman* Staff

Selection.....Family Matters

EULOGYReverend Kassalando Brooks

Recessional..... "A Charge"

