

Celebrating

THE LIFE OF

James Albert Bass

Sunrise:
May 21, 1938



Sunset:
January 20, 2023

Homegoing Service
Thursday, February 9, 2023
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

JOSEPH H. BROWN JR. FUNERAL HOME P.A.
2140 North Fulton Avenue, Baltimore MD
Rev. Muriel E. Walton, Officiant

Obituary

It was early Friday morning, January 20, 2023, when my father, James Albert Bass (known to family as Albert, to his friends as Bass and everyone else as Al) slipped away into eternal bliss.

Albert, son of the late Clara Bell Bass-Williams and grandson of the late Annie Bell Bass, was born on May 21, 1938 in Rockingham County, North Carolina.

After graduating from Booker T. Washington High School in Reidsville NC, he attended North Carolina Agricultural and Technical (A&T) State University in Greensboro, where he proudly received a bachelor's degree with honors in Mechanical Physics. Upon graduating, he enlisted in the Army in 1962 and served for three years.

At the completion of his service, he began working for the Federline Truck Body Company in Ellicott City MD as a truck body assembler earning \$1.50 an hour. After a year, he put his North Carolina A&T degree into practice at the NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland as an aerospace engineer where he worked (as he would say) for 30 years, 2 months and 12 days having retired in 1995. While at NASA, Albert was so honored to have had two of his experiments be deployed into outer space: the Broad Band X-Ray Telescope (BBXRT), that observed stellar sources in the Milky Way was flown on the Space Shuttle Columbia in December 1990 and the Solar Array Materials Passive Long Duration Exposure Facility (LDEF) experiment which evaluated the synergistic effects of the space environment on various solar materials, was launched in the 1990's for what was supposed to be an 18-month experiment but lasted an amazing 70 months.

In 1969, Albert married the late Carol Jean Gordon in Reidsville, North Carolina. From this union, they had two children: James Albert Bass Jr. who preceded him in death and one daughter, Kellie Carolette Bass. They were happily married for 48 years until her passing in January 2018.

Albert was a Prince Hall Mason in good standing with the John A. Holmes Masonic Lodge #89 for over 50 years. He enjoyed sports, mainly football, and was also an avid hunter and reader. But what he enjoyed most of all were his family and friends.

He leaves behind a beloved daughter Kellie, sisters Linda Wright and Claretta Elliott, brother-in-law Theatrice (Ted) Gordon and wife Judy, nieces Terry Wright and Sharonne Frazier, nephews Paton and Kenneth Gordon, and a host of relatives, friends and people that he served as a mentor to.

Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL CLERGY

MASONIC CEREMONY
John A. Holmes Lodge #89

HYMN MELODY
Organist Gregory Carroll

OLD TESTAMENT READING
Mrs. Sarah Horsey - Psalm 23

NEW TESTAMENT READING
Mr. Tywan A. Johnson, Sr. - 1st Thessalonian 4:13-18

SELECTION
Mr. Kermit Golden

WORDS OF REFLECTION
Remarks – 2 minutes please

OBITUARY & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
Ms. Sharon Snow

SELECTION
Mr. Kermit Golden

EULOGY
Rev. Muriel E. Walton
New Christian Memorial Church, Baltimore, Maryland

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

RECESSIONAL

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 couldn't stay another day.
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
I found my place at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void, then fill it with a 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 length it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,
God wanted me now. He set me free.*

Family Expressions

Special thanks to Rev. Muriel E. Walton of New Christ Memorial Church, Baltimore MD for your support. Ms. Sharon Snow, Mr. Gregory Carroll, Mrs. Sarah Horsey, and Mr. Tywan A. Johnson, Sr. for contributing your talents. The Baltimore County Department of Economic and Workforce Development in addition to, John A. Holmes Lodge No. #89 for your prayers.

May God bless each of you and keep you in His care. Family and friends for the joy which your friendship gives us, for peace which your prayers bring us, for smiles with which you greet, and of the support which your deeds of kindness provide us, we sincerely and humbly thank you.

Kellie Bass and family