



CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Frank Gilbert Fleming Sr.

NOVEMBER 27, 1942 – JULY 18, 2026

SLADES CHAPEL A.M.E. ZION CHURCH
307 E. UNION STREET, MORGANTON, NC 28655

MONDAY, JULY 27, 2026, AT 12:00PM
REVEREND ANDREA PURCELL – OFFICIANT/EULOGIST

Acknowledgements

The family of Frank Gilbert Fleming, Sr. gratefully acknowledges every expression of love, kindness, prayers, flowers, cards, visits, phone calls, and every act of support shown during this time of bereavement. Your compassion, thoughtfulness, and support have brought comfort and strength to our family, and we sincerely thank you for standing with us during this difficult time.

We also wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to McLaurin-Harris Funeral Home for your professionalism, compassion, and guidance throughout this journey. Your care, dignity, and attention to every detail provided comfort and peace to our family when it was needed most. We are truly grateful for the kindness and respect extended to our loved one and to each member of our family.

Additionally, we extend our thanks to our family, friends, the Slades Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church family, our neighbors, and the entire community for your continued love, encouragement, support, and presence. Your prayers, acts of kindness, and expressions of sympathy have been a source of comfort and strength, and we are deeply grateful.

Please continue to keep our family in your thoughts and prayers as we move forward and learn to embrace our new normal. Though our hearts are heavy, we find comfort in knowing that God's grace, your love, and your continued support will sustain us in the days ahead.

With heartfelt gratitude,
The Family of Frank Gilbert Fleming, Sr.

Pallbearers Family and Friends
Flower Bearers Family and Friends



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Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Invocation

Congregational Hymn

"How Great Thou Art"

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

Psalm 23 – Carolyn Fleming

New Testament

John 14:1-6 – Sereniti Fleming

Prayer of Comfort

Frank Fleming III

Selection

Reverend Diane Ervin Conley

Acknowledgments

Artie Logan

Resolutions

Mary Wright

Alisa Fleming

Dr. Jacqueline Chestnut

Alexandra Bradley

Obituary

Reflections

Please limit remarks to 2 minutes.

Tiffany Greene

Fitzgerald Woods

Carla Kincaid

Forest Fleming

Laura Brown

Frank Fleming Jr.

Sis. Edna K. Vaughns

Reverend Andrea Purcell

Pastor, Slades Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

Interment

Olive Hill Cemetery

225 New Street, Morganton, North Carolina 28655

Repast

Family and friends are invited to join us for a time of fellowship and a meal at:

Slades Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church

307 E. Union Street, Morganton, NC 28655

Obituary

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." — II Timothy 4:7

On Saturday, July 18, 2026, Mr. Frank Gilbert Fleming Sr., entered eternal rest. Though our hearts are filled with sorrow, we rejoice in knowing that his life was filled with faith, service, and love for his family, friends and community.

Frank was born on November 27, 1942, in Burke County, Morganton, North Carolina, to the late Frank "Boonie" Fleming and Bessie K. Fleming. He was raised in Morganton, where he developed the values of faith, respect, and compassion that would guide him throughout his life.

Frank attended Olive Hill School, where he distinguished himself both academically and athletically. He excelled in football, basketball, baseball, and track & field and was an active member of the Glee Club and the Honor Society. His commitment to excellence continued at Johnson C. Smith University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics while proudly playing football for the Golden Bulls.

On December 27, 1973, Frank was united in holy matrimony to Carolyn Bradley Fleming. Together they shared more than 52 years of love, faith, partnership, and devotion.

Frank dedicated his professional life to educating and inspiring others. He began his career as a teacher and coach at Morganton Junior High School before continuing his work at Booker T. Washington High School. He later joined Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and concluded his career as an accountant.

Frank faithfully served Slade's Chapel AME Zion Church for many years. He joyfully lifted his voice as a member of the Men's Choir and the Voices of the Chapel. His commitment to the ministry also included serving on the Board of Trustees, supporting the Patrons List Fundraiser, participating in the Men's Club, and faithfully giving of his time, talents, and resources to strengthen the work of the church. His quiet spirit of service and steadfast faith left a lasting impact on his church family.

Frank found great joy in life's simple pleasures. He loved spending time on the golf course, bowling with friends, and sharing laughter with those he loved. One of his greatest joys was participating in the Fullwood Family Reunion, where he faithfully gathered with relatives each year to celebrate family, fellowship, and heritage.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Carolyn Bradley Fleming; his children, Veronica Bradley of Charlotte, North Carolina, Eric Ervin of Harlan, Kentucky, and Frank Fleming, Jr. of Reidsville, North Carolina; and his grandchildren, Alexandra Bradley, Sereniti Fleming, and Frank Fleming III, who were among the greatest blessings of his life.

He is also survived by his loving sisters, Norma Fleming of Charlotte, North Carolina; Dell Gardin of Boston, Massachusetts; and Carol Ervin Largent of Morganton, North Carolina.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Frankie Woods of Jersey City, New Jersey; his aunts, Ruby Moore, Mildred Blackmon, Marjorie Fleming, Vera McKesson, and Elfreda Avery; and his uncles, James Otis Kincaid, John Kincaid, Wallace "Doonie" Fleming, and Eugene Edward Fleming.

In addition to his immediate family, Frank leaves to treasure his memory the Kincaid, Moore, and Fullwood families; his cousin, Forest Fleming, Jr.; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members, lifelong friends, former students, colleagues, and all whose lives were enriched by his kindness, wisdom, and unwavering faith.

Although Frank has departed this life, he will be remembered with love and appreciation by all who knew him, and his life will continue to be reflected in the many lives he touched.