

Rev. David Franklin

June 12, 1926 - March 19, 2025

David Franklin was born on June 12, 1926 in Darlington, South Carolina to the late Barney and Estelle Mack Franklin. He was the youngest boy of the nine children.

David attended Mayo High School where he played football and was inducted into their Hall of Fame. Upon graduation, he enrolled in North Carolina Central University to pursue a degree in Biology. He left school to join the army and support his family on June 8, 1944 and served honorably until January 31, 1967 when he retired. During his service, he fought in World War II and the Korean War.

While in the Army, stationed at Fort Bragg, David was introduced to Gaynell Bell. The two entered into holy matrimony on October 7, 1956 and remained faithfully and lovingly married until his passing. Into this union were born three children, (Sandy, Terry, and Ricky) who he unconditionally loved, cared for and supported.

Upon his retirement, he then attended Fayetteville State University and received his B.A. degree in 1971. He continued his education receiving his Masters of Science in Education - Guidance from NC A&T State University in 1980. David's love and compassion for people led him to a career in Social Work where he was a Psychiatric Social Worker in Cumberland County for 18

years.

David received his call into the ministry and was licensed and ordained by the Pastor of Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church, Dr. A.J. Johnson in 1993. He also received a certificate in Ministerial Eldercare from the Shaw Divinity School in the same year. Later he served as the Pastor of First Baptist Warsaw from 2000 to 2008, where he led the congregation in building a new sanctuary.

He was a man of God and tried to help everyone he met. His love for God was exemplified through his acts of service in his street ministry. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and true friend.

David leaves to continue his legacy, his wife of 68 years Gaynell Bell Franklin; children Sandra May (Danny), Terence Franklin (Sharon), David (Ricky) Franklin (Debora); Wanda Vaughn (Karl), Denise Curtis, Joyce Hollingsworth and Wilam Hillman-Ford whom he affectionately called his other daughters; four Grandchildren Solomon (Tiffany), April Franklin, Jaden Franklin, and Kinsley Franklin; one sister Gwendolyn Hemphill; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins other family members and close family friends, and many special sons and daughters that are too numerous to name. He was preceded in death by his siblings Matthew Franklin, Calperta Cann, Lena Wells, James Franklin, John Wesley Franklin, Annie Louise Ratliff, and Juanita Matthews.

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR 28. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel
2010 Murchison Road
Fayetteville, NC 28311

Funeral

MAR 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Sinai MBC
1217 Murchison Rd.
Fayetteville, NC

Burial

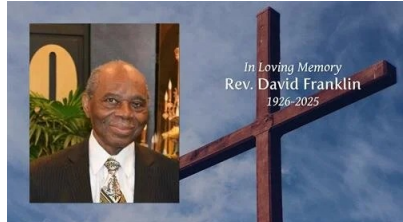
MAR 29 (ET)

LaFayette Memorial Park Cemetery
2301 Ramsey Street
Fayetteville, NC 28301

Tribute Wall



“ *Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. David Franklin* ”



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - March 31, 2025 at 01:00 PM

SA

“ *Lifting prayers for the family of Rev David Franklin during their time of great sadness. Solomon is a dear friend to our family and we want you to know our thoughts are with you. 🙏 From Sherry and Joshua Avery* ”

Sherry Avery - March 31, 2025 at 11:11 PM

JG

“ *Jeanette Gillespie lit a candle in memory of David Franklin* ”



Jeanette Gillespie - March 30, 2025 at 08:41 PM

JK

“ To Rick, Debora and children, we send our heartfelt condolences for the passing of Rev. Franklin. We wish you peace and comfort during this time. May God bless you and your family always

Your neighbors,
John and Karen



John and Karen - March 29, 2025 at 09:09 PM

LM

“ Sending my prayers and condolences to the family of Rev. Franklin. He was my pastor for many years at First Missionary Baptist Church in Warsaw. He always had a smile on his face and always showed concern for how I was doing. He will be missed. May God continue to strengthen the family!



LaTasha Moore - March 29, 2025 at 12:19 AM

MF

“ The village has lost another champion. Condolences to the family on the passing of your beloved patriarch. He will be remembered fondly

Marilyn Baggett Johnson & Family - March 28, 2025 at 08:41 PM

YL

“ *Your Nieces with love. purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Rev. David Franklin.*



Your Nieces with love. - March 28, 2025 at 10:40 AM

WC

“ *Willie & Pamela Camp purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rev. David Franklin.*



Willie & Pamela Camp - March 28, 2025 at 10:38 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. David Franklin.*



March 28, 2025 at 10:25 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rev. David Franklin.*

March 28, 2025 at 10:25 AM

MV

“ My deepest condolences to family. May God comfort you all during this most difficult time. Keeping you all lifted in prayer.

Missy Vaughn-Basnight

Missy Vaughn-Basnight - March 28, 2025 at 09:26 AM



FC

“ FMBC-Warsaw N C purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rev. David Franklin.



FMBC-Warsaw N C - March 27, 2025 at 06:30 PM

DF

“ Dowell Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rev. David Franklin.



Dowell Family - March 27, 2025 at 05:32 PM

TF

“ The Broughton family. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rev. David Franklin.



The Broughton family. - March 27, 2025 at 02:21 PM

FR

“ Regardless of the situation, that comforting smile always said everything will work out just fine and it did, and it has.

Fran - March 27, 2025 at 08:00 AM

FC

“ Francene Carroll-Cooper purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rev. David Franklin.



Francene Carroll-Cooper - March 27, 2025 at 07:49 AM

JM

“ John M. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Rev. David Franklin.



John M. - March 26, 2025 at 06:37 PM

JM

“ John M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. David Franklin.

John M. - March 26, 2025 at 06:37 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Rev. David Franklin.*



March 26, 2025 at 01:46 PM



“ *Nicole Johnson lit a candle in memory of David Franklin*



Nicole Johnson - March 26, 2025 at 11:23 AM



“ *David and Johnsey Parks purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rev. David Franklin.*



David and Johnsey Parks - March 25, 2025 at 08:58 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Rev. David Franklin.*



March 25, 2025 at 05:29 PM

WW

“ Wanda Wesley lit a candle in memory of David Franklin



Wanda Wesley - March 25, 2025 at 05:23 PM

GM

“ Gloria M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. David Franklin.

Gloria M. - March 25, 2025 at 03:29 PM

GC

“ Ma Franklin and Family, my thoughts and prayers are with you during this challenging time. Though Dad Franklin was not my blood father, he meant so much to me, and I feel fortunate to have shared part of his incredible journey for such a brief time. His kindness, wisdom, and love touched so many lives, and his legacy will always hold a special place in our hearts. Please accept my deepest condolences. Dad Franklin told me something that I will always remember and do for the rest of my life and that is to “Keep Smiling” and I know Dad Franklin is smiling too. Love YOU All. Keep the FAITH and STAND!

Gloria Moore-Carter (GLO)

Gloria Moore Carter - March 25, 2025 at 03:20 PM

GC

“ Gloria Moore Carter lit a candle in memory of David Franklin



Gloria Moore Carter - March 25, 2025 at 03:17 PM

DW

“ David & Mary Williams lit a candle in memory of David Franklin



David & Mary Williams - March 25, 2025 at 01:56 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. David Franklin.



March 25, 2025 at 01:01 PM

KH

“ Kenwood Hagamin purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rev. David Franklin.



Kenwood Hagamin - March 25, 2025 at 12:49 PM

AM

“ Please accept my heartfelt condolences n the passing of my former pastor. May you find comfort in the memories and the love of those around you doing this difficult time. May God grant you peace and comfort. He was a very loving and great person in his community. God Bless the Franklin family.



Angela B. Mainor - March 25, 2025 at 10:05 AM

JK

“ Julia and Iva Kelly lit a candle in memory of David Franklin



Julia and Iva Kelly - March 25, 2025 at 10:03 AM

SM

“ Our heartfelt condolences to the family and prayers for comfort and peace. Stacey Miller and Apprenticeship Randolph

Stacey Miller - March 25, 2025 at 10:00 AM

CS

“ Cool Phi Sweet planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. David Franklin.

Cool Phi Sweet - March 25, 2025 at 08:33 AM

CS

“ *Cool Phi Sweet purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rev. David Franklin.*



Cool Phi Sweet - March 25, 2025 at 08:33 AM

NB

“ *Natoshia Bacote-Bullock lit a candle in memory of David Franklin*



Natoshia Bacote-Bullock - March 25, 2025 at 03:19 AM

LI

“ *Louis H. Rollins II lit a candle in memory of David Franklin*



Louis H. Rollins II - March 24, 2025 at 09:04 PM

RB

“ *May God keep you and your family my deepest condolences to you Rick and Debra Luv Beatty*

Rhonda Beatty - March 24, 2025 at 08:08 PM



“ *Corine Warren sent a virtual gift in memory of David Franklin*



Corine Warren - March 24, 2025 at 05:41 PM

TB

“ *Tanya Brown lit a candle in memory of David Franklin*



Tanya Brown - March 24, 2025 at 05:39 PM

DJ

“ *Daryl Johnson lit a candle in memory of David Franklin*



Daryl Johnson - March 24, 2025 at 05:21 PM

CD

“ *Carolyn Davis lit a candle in memory of David Franklin*



Carolyn Davis - March 24, 2025 at 05:06 PM

AW

“ Avon Warren lit a candle in memory of David Franklin



Avon Warren - March 24, 2025 at 04:13 PM

PG

“ PAMELA GREEN lit a candle in memory of David Franklin



PAMELA GREEN - March 24, 2025 at 11:46 AM

JH

“ Johnette Henderson lit a candle in memory of David Franklin



Johnette Henderson - March 24, 2025 at 11:34 AM

WA

“ Wanda Autman-Vaughn sent a virtual gift in memory of David Franklin



Wanda Autman-Vaughn - March 23, 2025 at 10:47 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Rev. David Franklin.*



March 23, 2025 at 08:45 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rev. David Franklin.

March 23, 2025 at 08:45 PM



“ *We send our deepest sympathies to Minister Terence Franklin's family. You are in our prayers.*

Robert and Dottie Bullard - March 23, 2025 at 05:52 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the Franklin family at the passing of your love one.*



Geraldine C. Moore - March 22, 2025 at 10:38 AM

GM

“ My deepest condolences to the Franklin family at this time.



Geraldine C. Moore - March 22, 2025 at 09:56 AM

MS

“ Rev. Franklin was a second father to me.

Mavis Smith - March 22, 2025 at 08:16 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rev. David Franklin.

March 22, 2025 at 08:13 AM



“ Serenity Prayer 30" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Rev. David Franklin.



March 22, 2025 at 08:13 AM

JH

“ Deepest condolences to Mrs Gaynelle and family praying 🙏 for you all



Jimmie Hicks - March 21, 2025 at 08:10 PM

PG

“ *PAMELA GREEN lit a candle in memory of David Franklin*



PAMELA GREEN - March 21, 2025 at 01:06 PM



“ *Sending condolence,prayers,and hugs to the family.*



Katya Baldwin Randall - March 21, 2025 at 07:14 AM

RL

“ *Reginald & Betsy Lesesne lit a candle in memory of David Franklin*



Reginald & Betsy Lesesne - March 20, 2025 at 05:41 PM