



Until we meet again

Honorary Pallbearers

American Legion Post #197

Active Pallbearers

Brothers of Northbound Church of Christ

Flower Attendants

Sisters of Northbound Church of Christ

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Otis Bess, Jr.** is grateful for the many loving deeds and kind expressions you have so graciously shared with us. We are honored by your presence today as we celebrate his life. You have helped immensely in easing our burden as we accept God's will. We pray that God will continue to bless and keep you in His care.

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My Life's Journey Celebration



Enter Life

October 13, 1949

Eternal Life

September 14, 2022

Service

11:00 AM, Saturday, September 24, 2022

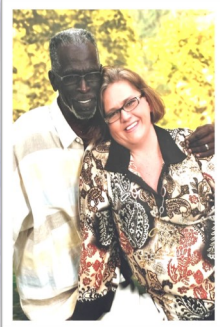
Northbound Church of Christ

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Jacksonville, Florida 32208

Arthur Brown II, Senior Minister, Officiating
Jermal D. Butler, Assistant Minister

Life's Story

Peace, I leave with you, my peace I give unto you. ~ John 14:27



Otis Bess, Jr. affectionately known as *Lurch, Moses, Soldier Man, and Spider Man* was born on October 13, 1949, to the union of Otis Bess and Rachel Johnson Bess. Otis attended the public schools of Duval County and was a graduate of New Stanton Senior High School, Class of 1967, home of the Mighty Blue Devils. After graduation, Otis enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. After his service, Otis worked several jobs including the Duval County School System. Otis was added to the Church of Christ at an early age under the leadership of Bro. Walter Cox, Jr.

Otis met and married Kristina Sampson on March 29, 2015. He cared deeply for his family. He loved music and always “tried” to dance. Otis fought his illness for over seven years. He won and Christ got the victory.

Otis was preceded in death by his parents, Otis Bess, Sr. and Rachel Bess, and nephew, Telly Irby. He was a faithful and dedicated member of Northbound Church of Christ and the American Legion Post #197.

Otis was called from his labor to reward on Wednesday, September 14, 2022; he answered that call. Otis’ life journey will be cherished by his loving and dedicated wife: Kristina Bess; daughter: Stacie “Puddin” Bryant (Timothy); son: Otis L. Bess; only brother, Cyrus Bess (Cindy); sisters: Anthonette Irby and LaTrell Bess; grandchildren: Ciara Campbell (JaWaun), Timothy Bryant II, Tyree Bryant, Timaya Bryant; nieces: Adia Bess, Annacita Irby, Kevina Smith, Rachelle Kerger; nephews: Jonathan Irby, Elijah Bess, Gabriel Bess; great-grandchild: Cairo Campbell; great-nieces and nephews: Hannah Bess, Blessing Irby, Michael Wells, Odonis Irby, Telly Irby Jr., Azairea Irby, Trinity Irby, Kyara Mitchell, Kuniya Smith, Kiyon Smith, Cameron Kerger, Ezra Kerger; son-in-law, Timothy Bryant; sister-in-law, Cindy Bess; special friend since 8 years old, Hobert Fitzpatrick; special cousin, Ruby Johnson; and a host of relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Presiding – Minister Jermal Butler

Song Leaders – Bro. Kenneth Demps and Bro. Phillip Settles

Processional *“Hard Fighting Soldier”*

Opening Prayer Bro. Ron Murray

Selection *“Two Wings”*

Scripture Reading

Old Testament Bro. Mario Robinson

Ecclesiastes 7:1-4

New Testament Bro. Marcus Davis

Philippians 4:13

Solo Patricia Scott

Acknowledgements Sis. Gloria Murray

Reflections..... *(Two minutes please)*

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Resolutions Sis. LaTisha Brown

Selection *“Mansion, Robe, and Crown”*

Words of Comfort Minister Arthur Brown II

Committal

Recessional *“Love Is Bubbling Over”*

