IN LOVING MEMORY OF DONALD

Life Reflections



Donald Crawford was born to Mary Elizabeth Crawford-Howard and the late William Biggers on November 22,1944 in Lowell, North Carolina and was reared by his maternal grandparents, Fitzule and Ida Ophelia Crawford. Donald was called home on August 21, 2021.

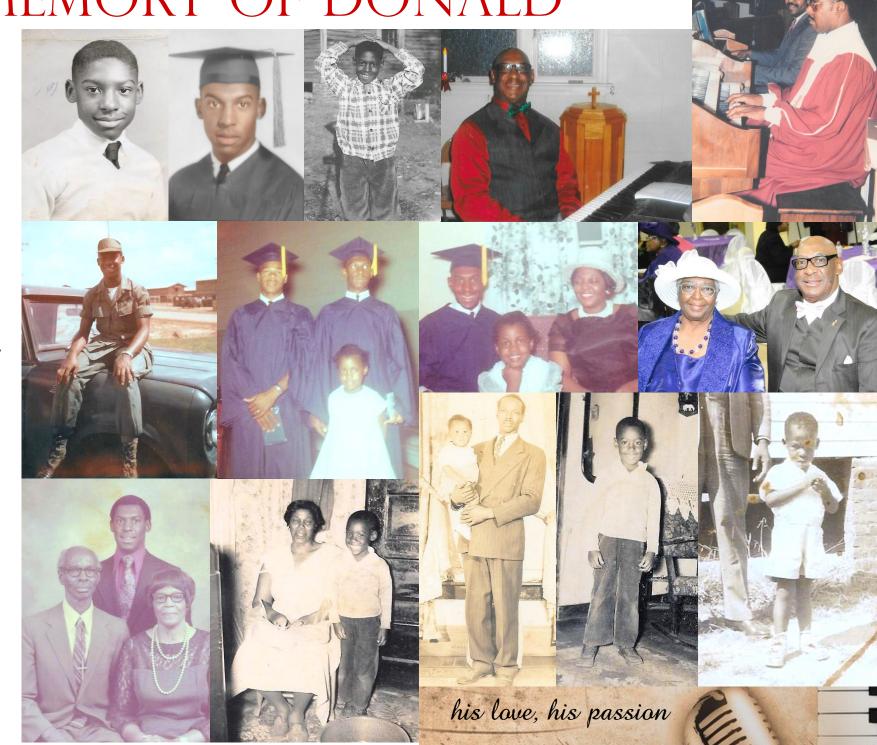
Donald was a graduate of Reid High School and attended Morehouse College in Atlanta. While at Morehouse he was a proud member of the esteemed Morehouse Glee Club.

Since the early age of eight months old, Donald has loved music. Throughout his life's journey, he has had a commitment to serve, whether it was service to his country in the United States Army, or through his service to the Lord with the Ministry of Music. He was the Minister of Music at Mt. Hebron Baptist Church and Woodland Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC. He regularly attended the Thomas Dorsey Gospel Music Conference. He passed his love and appreciation of music to his niece, Brianna. Don worked and retired from Sears Roebuck and Company in a managerial position for over thirty years.

Don loved his family and was the connector between family members in and out of state. He will be fondly remembered as one who fussed and kept us laughing. He was a big Carolina Panthers fan.

He is survived by his mother Mary Elizabeth Crawford-Howard, sister, Cheryl Lynn Howard, niece, Brianna Elizabeth Howard and a host of loving cousins, family and friends.

"YOU HAVE LEFT OUR LIVES, BUT YOU WILL NEVER LEAVE OUR HEARTS"



FRIDAY, AUGUST 27, 2021
1:00 PM
GREATER MT. HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH
GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA
REV. ANTWONN LYNCH, PASTOR
EULOGIST

Order of Service

Moderator Thomas Gillespie, Officiating

Processional Moderator Thomas Gillespie Gaston County Missionary Baptist Association
Call To WorshipModerator Thomas Gillespie
Opening HymnBlessed Assurance
Old Testament ScripturePsalm 23
New TestamentSt John 14:1-6
PrayerPastor Larry Hill Woodland Presbyterian Church
ResolutionMt. Hebron Church Clerk
Reflections: (Please limit to three minutes) Cynthia Neely Hope Mt. Hebron Baptist Church Brenda Boyce, Cousin Joan Wilson, Gaston County Union Chorus Rev. Larry Hill, Woodland Presbyterian
Musical SelectionTotal Praise Mt. Hebron and Woodland Presbyterian Choirs
EulogyRev. Antwonn Lynch Pastor Mt. Hebron Baptist Church
Musical SelectionWhat are they Doing Up in Heaven Today Mt. Hebron and Woodlawn Hymn Choirs
Recessional

To my beloved son and best friend, With all the memories of the times we laughed, cried, and held each other close, I will continue to live in our memories while you wait for my arrival.

With all my love, Your Mother

His Journey's Just Begun

By Ellen Brenneman

Don't think of him as gone away
His journey's just begun
Life holds so many facets
This earth is only one

Just think of him as resting
From the sorrows and the tears
In a place of warmth and comfort
Where there are no days and years

Think how he must be wishing That we could know today How nothing but our sadness Can really pass away

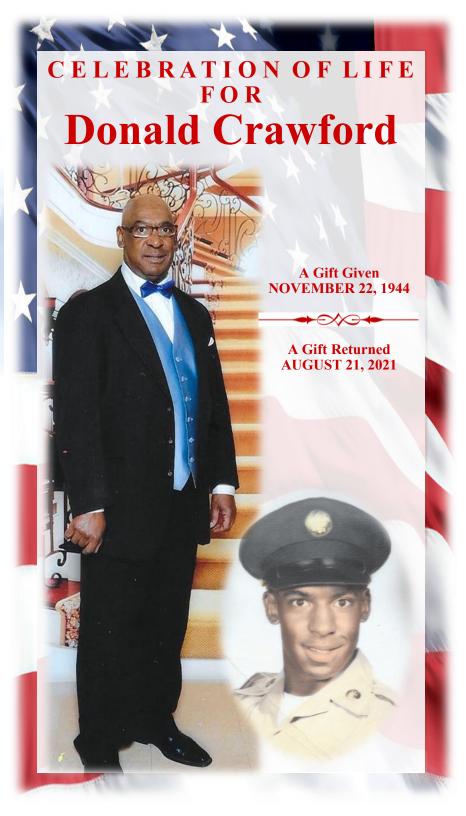
And think of him as living
In the hearts of those he touched
For nothing loved is ever lost
And he was loved so much

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