

**WITH SPECIAL THANKS FROM THE GRANT FAMILY**

Your kindness, concern and thoughtfulness are Christian virtues and a reminder of the provisions of our God. Your encouragement has brought great comfort to each of us as we celebrate the life of one whom we loved so dearly. God gives us comfort in the form of good friends. We are forever grateful. May His peace be with you, for His love never ends.

**A HERO'S WELCOME**

Time to come home dear brother  
Your tour of duty through  
You've given as much as anyone  
Could be expected to do  
  
Just a few steps further  
The smoke will start to clear  
Others here will guide you  
You have no need of fear  
  
You have not failed your brothers  
You clearly gave it all  
And through your selfless actions  
Others will hear the call  
  
So take your place of honor  
Among those who have gone before  
And know you will be remembered  
For now and evermore



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*In Loving Remembrance of*



*Deacon James Odell Grant*

ASSIGNED TO EARTH  
June 26, 1930

RECALLED TO GLORY  
December 6, 2021

## ORDER OF CELEBRATION

Musical Prelude

Processional Family

Military Rites

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Minister

New Testament Minister

Prayer of Comfort Minister

Musical Selection

Words of Comfort Pastor Donnie Kennedy

Committal Rites, Parting Prayer and Benediction

### Interment

Saint John Baptist Church Cemetery  
4040 Harris Springs Road  
Cross Hill, South Carolina



### Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?

Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free?

No, there's a cross for everyone, and there's a cross for me.

The consecrated cross I'll bear til death shall set me free,  
And then go home my crown to wear, for there's a crown for me.

Upon the crystal pavement, down at Jesus' pierced feet,  
Joyful I'll cast my golden crown and His dear name repeat.

O precious cross! O glorious crown! O resurrection day!  
Ye angels, from the stars come down and bear my soul away.

## A JOURNEY HOME

Mr. James Odell Grant was born on June 26, 1930, the son of Mr. Henry and Mrs. Willie Mae Grant. Today, we celebrate his life and journey. James was a loving father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corp, having enlisted after graduating from Bell Street High School in Clinton, SC. James was honored to serve his country.

As a young boy, James began his spiritual education at Saint John Baptist Church. As an adult, James was a faithful member who continued to grow in knowledge and service and was a dedicated servant and leader. He was a member of the men's choir, was Sunday School Superintendent and was ordained as a Deacon of the church. He was also a member of the Antient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons.

Death is like a robe everyone has to wear (African Proverb) and Deacon Grant received his heavenly robe on Monday, December 6, 2021 at Hospice and Palliative Care of the Piedmont in Greenwood, SC. He was ninety-one years old.

Deacon Grant was predeceased by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grant; the mother of his children and wife of eighteen years, Catherine Richardson Grant; his wife of twenty-five years, Lessie Pitts Grant. He was also preceded in death by a son, Carey Lee Grant; a grandchild, Jerry L. Bowers, Jr.; a great grandchild, DeAndre M. Bowers; his siblings, Alice Grant, Lydia Nance, Linda V. Kindley, Robert Grant, John Henry Grant and Willie "Bill" Grant along with a daughter-in-law, Lizzie Simpson Grant and a son-in-law, James Simmons.

"Those we love can never be more than a thought away...for as long as there's a memory, they live in our hearts to stay." Memories of Deacon James O. Grant will live in the hearts of his loving daughters, Frances (Jerry) Bowers and Cathy G. Simmons; seven grandchildren: Pamela (Michael) Buie, Latoya Bowers, Travis (Gena) Bowers, Ternisha Simpson, Timothy Simpson, Shynetric Grant, Juan Grant and Georgia Bowers as well as thirteen great grandchildren; his sister, Bessie Jackson; and a host of other relatives and friends.



*"Goodbyes are only for those who love with their eyes; because for those who love with their heart and soul...there is no such thing as separation."*