



- Pallbearers -
Nephews

- Flower Bearers -
Nieces and Friends

- Acknowledgment -

The family of the John Henry Spratling wishes to acknowledge all prayers, words of comfort, and all acts of kindness shown during our time of bereavement. Words cannot express how thankful we are for your love and support. May God bless you all.

- In Memoriam -

May we take this opportunity to express sincere and deep appreciation for allowing us to serve you during this most difficult period. It is our constant aim to afford to the people of this community a service completed in all details and faultlessly executed with sympathy and understanding.

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF "BULL"

John Henry
SPRATLING

SUNRISE: AUGUST 28, 1942

SUNSET: NOVEMBER 4, 2020

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2020
2:00 P.M.

EVERGREEN CEMETERY
1409 Monroe Avenue
Opelika, AL 36801

REVEREND JERRY DOWDELL, OFFICIATING



- The Obituary -

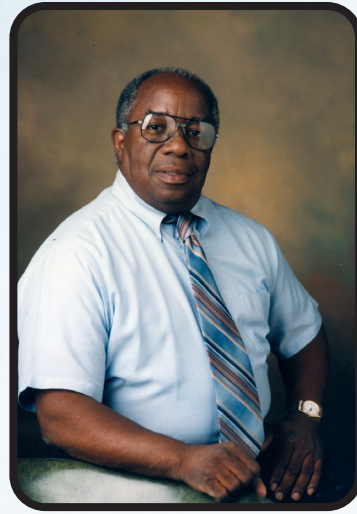
Mr. John Henry Spratling, son of the late Mr. Henry and Mrs. Georgia Mae Brooks Spratling, was born August 28, 1942 in Lee County, Alabama.

At an early age, he confessed Christ and united with Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in Opelika, Alabama, where he served on the Deacon Board, Pastor's Aid Board, Usher Board, served as President of the Male Chorus, Superintendent of Vacation Bible School and Church Clerk.

"Bull" as he was known by the community, was very inspirational in the youth of Opelika. For many years he assisted with various programs for children at Carver Recreational Center now known as Covington Recreational Center. After retirement, he enjoyed watching Alabama Football "Roll Tide", the Atlanta Braves Baseball and Westerns.

On Wednesday, November 4, 2020, he departed this life at Brookwood Medical Center in Birmingham, Alabama. He was preceded in death by his wife, Annie Pearl Spratling; son, Tony James Spratling; grandson, Sean Spratling and great grandson, Caleb Jones.

He leaves to cherish his memory: four children, Willie Spratling of Chesapeake, VA, Cindy Spratling, Gwendolyn Spratling and Wanda (Willie) Welch, all of Opelika, AL; one sister, Mildred (Robert) Caey of Birmingham, AL; two brothers, Andrew Spratling of Dayton, OH and Willie George Brown of Birmingham, AL; grandchildren, Tambra, Keandra, Tasha, Jayda, Jakyra, Madisen, Antonio, Kendra, KeTesia, Sara, Justin, Brandon, Paris and Titus; great grandchildren, Kayson, DaQuan, Javion, Vance, Amia, Teiarra, Chante, Kalia, Rilyn, Aliza and Maeriah; three sisters-in-law, Carrie (Cecil) Strickland, Charlestine Nelms, both of Opelika, AL and Amy Carpenter of Ft. Mitchell, AL; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



- The Order of Service -

Scripture Readings.....Reverend Michael Strickland
 Prayer of Comfort Reverend John Thomas
 Musical Selection William Wisdom
 Expressions.....Deacon Marshall Nunn
 Musical Selection Cecil Strickland
 Eulogy Reverend Jerry Dowdell
 Committal
 Benediction

- I Am Free -

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
 I'm following the path God has chosen for me.
 I took His hands when I heard Him call;
 I turned my back and left it all.
 I could not stay another day,
 To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
 Tasks left undone must stay that way;
 I've now found peace at the end of the day.
 If my parting has left a void,
 Then fill it with remembered joys.
 A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;
 Oh yes, these things I, too, will miss.
 Be not burdened with times of sorrow;
 Look for the sunshine of tomorrow.
 My life's been full, I savored much
 Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
 Perhaps my time seems all too brief;
 Don't lengthen your pain with undue grief.
 Lift up your heart and peace to thee;
 God wanted me now -- He set me free.

