

# A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

*In Loving Memory of*

## BILLY JOE BYNUM



Saturday, October 8, 2022

2:00 PM



**Providence Missionary Baptist Church**  
**Lincolnton, North Carolina**

**Rev. Michael Hill, Pastor**  
**Reverend Gwen Cobb, Officiating Minister**

### My Last Request

Please don't say that I gave up;  
 Just say that I gave in,  
 Don't say I lost the battle  
 It's God's war to lose or win.

Please don't say how good I was;  
 But that I've done my best.  
 Just say I tried to do some right;  
 To give the most, not settle for less.

Please don't give me wings or halos;  
 That, only God can do;  
 I want no more than I deserve;  
 Nothing extra, nothing new.  
 You don't have to give flowers or  
 talk in whispering tones;  
 Don't even weep about me now;  
 I'm well with God, I've made it home.

Don't talk about what could have been;  
 It's over and it's done  
 Just take care of my families needs,  
 My battle has been won.  
 If you decide to draw a picture of me;  
 Don't draw me as a saint,  
 I've done some right . . .  
 I've done some wrong . . .

You'll need to use all your paint.  
 Not just the bright or light tones;  
 use some gray and some dark  
 In fact, don't put me down on canvas,  
 Just paint me in your heart.

Don't remember just the good times;  
 You know there were some bad  
 For life is full of many things; I have one last request,  
 Forgive me for the wrong I've done;  
 And with the love that's left;  
 Thank God for all who love me . . .  
 Praise God who loved me best . . .

### Acknowledgements

We extend our deepest thanks to you for your kindness during our greatest sadness. We appreciate it more than words can express and it will always be remembered.

Special thanks to Pawpaw's Hospice Nurses, Cassandra and Rhonda as well as his in-home caretakers, Mr. Justin Kee, Ms. Shirley Diamond and Mrs. Tilly Willis who assumed his care with the utmost skill, kindness and compassion. We are forever grateful.

*Service of Comfort Provided by:*

**Ebony & White's Funeral Service, Inc.**  
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# —Order of Service—

Prelude		
Processional		Ministers and Family
Receiving of Family and Friends		1:00 – 2:00 P.M.
Call to Worship		Rev. Gwen Cobb
Hymn of Praise	“Amazing Grace”	Providence Missionary Baptist Choir
Old Testament Scripture		Rev. Dr. Clement Morris, Jr.
New Testament Scripture		Rev. Dr. Marvin Caldwell
Prayer of Comfort		Rev. Albert Perkins, Sr.
Selection	“His Eye Is On The Sparrow”	Minister Arnita Chism
Obituary Reading		Silently with soft music
Remarks and Reflections		
	Mr. Larry Clemmons, Best Friend	
	Ms. Frankie Reinhardt, Newbold High School Class of 1964	
	Mitch Abernathy, Employer – Abernathy Chevrolet Oldsmobile	
	Deacon Cates, Friend and Deacon, Chair	
	Deacon Poston, Billy Joe’s Deacon	
	Family	
Selection		Providence Baptist Choir
Eulogy		Rev. Michael Hill
Recessional Selection	“I’ll Fly Away”	Providence Baptist Choir
	Committal/Interment	
	Forest Lawn Cemetery	
	Lincolnton, North Carolina	

# Life Reflections

Billy Joe Bynum (Pawpaw) was born in Lincoln County, North Carolina on July 16, 1945 to the late Bessie Bell Bynum Gidney and Robert Hunter. Billy Joe transitioned peacefully to his heavenly home on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:05 am at the Levine and Dickson Palliative and Hospice House of Huntersville, North Carolina, with family by his side.

Billy Joe was educated in the Lincoln County School System and graduated from Newbold High School in Lincolnton, NC class of 1964 where he met and married his high school sweetheart, and the love of his life, Jacquelyn Thompson. Billy Joe was a member of Tucker’s Grove United Methodist Church before joining Providence Missionary Baptist Church on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022. It was a blessed moment, indeed, to bear witness to our daddy/pawpaw accepting Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior.

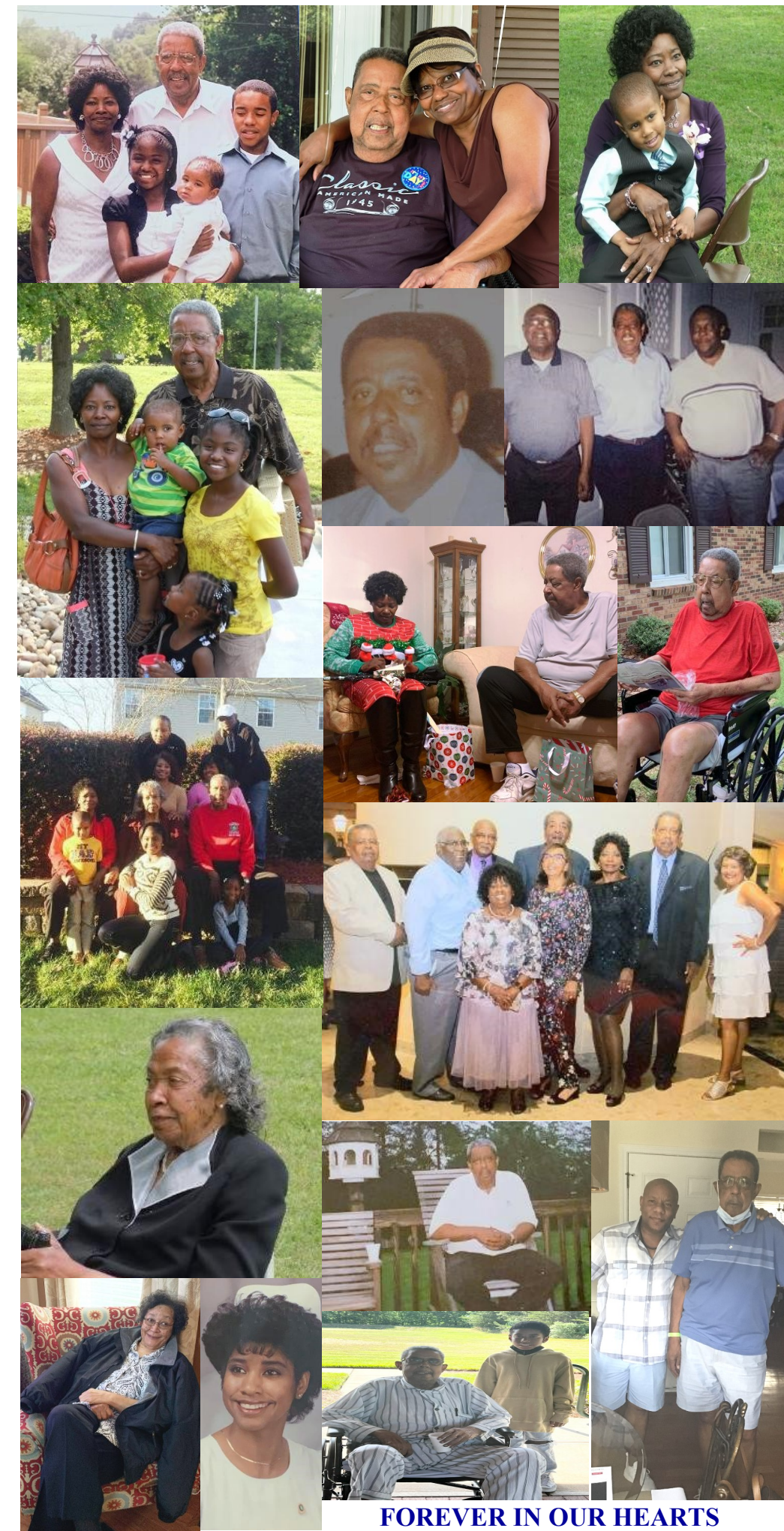


During his life, Billy Joe always had a love and passion for driving the open road. He began his journey as a bus driver for Lincoln County School System. Continuing his passion for the open road he acquired a job as a Truck Driver for Good Night Brothers followed by Pepsi Cola, Harris Teeter and Custom Transport. After retiring from long distance driving, Billy Joe accepted a job at his beloved Abernathy Chevrolet Oldsmobile Dealership in Lincolnton, NC where he was a lifelong customer. Because

of his love of driving, after retirement, Billy Joe, continued to transport cars cross country. He made his last trip in December 2021. In addition to his love of driving, Billy Joe was an avid bird enthusiast and loved his bird houses and protected them fiercely from the squirrels.

Those left to cherish loving memories are his wife, Jacquelyn Bynum of the home; his son, Billy Joe (Barbara) Bynum, Jr. of Lincolnton, NC; two daughters, Angel B. (William) Reid of Concord, NC; Victoria (Michael) Franklin of Denver, NC; one sister, Emma Brice of Lincolnton NC; four grandchildren, Cierra Peake, Alexandria Bynum, Kendria Bynum, Medgar Reid; two great grandchildren, Cameron Peake, Cody Peake; two nephews, Randall Brice, Leonard Brice; two sisters-in-law, four brothers-in-law, special friend, Larry Clemmons.

Billy Joe was affectionately referred to as the “Mayor” of Lincoln County because everybody knew and loved him. Everywhere he went he had a smile and wave for everyone he encountered. Billy Joe loved his family, friends and people in general and nothing brought him more joy than to be surrounded by loved ones for a good meal. He wanted to be remembered as a person who “was good to everybody and tried to treat everybody right.” Well done precious Pawpaw, rest in peace!



**FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS**

