Celebration of Life for Nathaniel Bryant

February 6, 1945 ~ February 29, 2020

Viewing 9:30am ~ Service: 10:30am

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From the Heart Church Ministries (R) 4949 Allentown Road | Suitland, MD 20746 Bishop John A. Cherry, II - Pastor

~ Nathaniel Bryant ~

Nathaniel Bryant entered eternal rest on February 29, 2020 at Prince George's Hospital Center. He was born on February 6, 1945 in Pollocksville, N.C. to Linster, Sr. and Mary Bryant. "Nat" " Sandy" or "Bryant" as he was more affectionately known by his family, friends, and colleagues grew up with siblings, Bennie, Robert, and Linster, Jr. He attended Jones High School where he met the love of his life, Annie Ollison (Bryant) and graduated among the top five of his class. He accepted Christ at a early age and was a member of From the Heart Church Ministries® from 1985 until his passing. Nathaniel believed in hard work and was dedicated to education.

We were often told stories of how he worked and did his homework by candlelight. He continued his scholarly efforts as a student at North Carolina Central University where he was a Business Law major and was the recipient of academic and athletic scholarships. While attending North Carolina Central University, he was drafted into the Air Force and married Annie Ollison (Bryant) 10 days before leaving for the Vietnam War. From this union came two daughters, Pamela Brooks (Bryant) and Shameka Bryant.

After returning from a one year tour in Vietnam, Nathaniel began working for the United States Postal Service, where he was known as a "no nonsense" supervisor who was loved and respected by all. During his 32 years of service with the Postal Service, he completed his last semester of college and earned his Bachelor's degree in Business Law from the University of the District of Columbia. Nathaniel also continued to serve our country for 26 years as an Air Force Reservist and finished his tenure as a Master Sergeant. Because working and helping others was what he loved to do, he yet again found a new career after retiring from the United States Post Office and Air Force. He served with assisting others at the Office of Tax and Revenue where he officially ended his years of work.

Nathaniel believed in leading and directing "Ann" and his "girls" in the same fashion as he did so many others. He strived to make sure his family had the best even in the most trying times. He'll always be remembered for his humor in letting us all know that he was a good-looking man and being referred to as "Daddy-O." His wisdom and discipline in handling life's most unpredictable situations will live in our hearts forever.

Nathaniel was preceded in death by his youngest brother Linster Bryant, Jr. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife of 52 years, Annie P. Bryant; daughters, Pamela M. Brooks (Anthony) and Shameka L. Bryant; brothers; Bennie L. Bryant (Yvonne), Robert L. Bryant (Melaine), Brother-in-law Robert King (Judy), Sister-in-laws; Delphine Sirles and Mary Reynolds, and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends that he loved dearly.

~ Order of Service ~

Processional

Selection "Blessed Assurance" Scripture Reading Old Testament: Psalm 23 New Testament: John 14:1-6 Prayer of Comfort Selection Rev. Jamila Woods, Pastor Jabez Christian Community Church Acknowledgements Ms. Stella Hodge Mr. George Jackson Mr. Carlton Perry Mrs. Pamela Brooks Poem Mr. Kenneth Thompson *Obituary (Read Silently)* Song of Preparation Rev. Jamila Woods, Pastor Jabez Christian Community Church Message of Hope Minister Janet Briscoe From the Heart Church Ministries® Call to Christ

Recessional

Interment:

Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery Cheltenham, Maryland **Thank You!** The family of Nathaniel Bryant would like to thank you for attending his celebration of life.

Letting Go...

The angels gathered near your side So very close to you, For they knew the pain and suffering That you were going through.

We reflected on so many things As we each held tightly to your hands, Deeply how we wished that you were strong And happy yet once again.

But your eyes were looking homeward To your sacred place beyond the sky, Where our Heavenly Father held his outstretched arms Because it was time for us to say good-bye.

We constantly struggled with our selfish thoughts Simply because we wanted you to stay So we could joke, walk, and talk again, Like we did seems like just yesterday.

But our Heavenly Father knew the answer And we know you loved Him so, So much that we gave to you life's greatest gift

The gift of Letting Go......

Pall Bearers Bennie Bryant . Robert Bryant Carlton Perry . Bill Tillman Ken Thompson . Tommy Lynch Honorary: George Jackson



We would also like to thank From the Heart Church Ministries and Pope Funeral Home