

Celebrating the life of



DEACON
BENNIE GRISSOM

SUNRISE
AUGUST 15, 1930

SUNSET
OCTOBER 29, 2021

Friday, November 12, 2021

Zion Baptist Church
1700 N Caroline St., Baltimore, MD 21213

Dr. Marshall F. Prentice, Pastor



Order of Service

Processional

Greeting of the Family
Be mindful of COVID protocols.

Remarks.....Deacon Curtis Pope Sr.
Lamar Smith, *friend*
Justin Harvey, *grandson*
Dr. Bettina Judd, granddaughter

Acknowledgements & Resolution.....Doris Barham *Church Clerk*

Obituary
Read Silently

Moment of Meditation



SERVICE OF TRIUMPH



Hymn.....“Jesus Lover of My Soul”.....Voices of Zion

Prayer of Comfort.....Deacon Robert Frazier

Selection.....Raymont Armstead *Nephew*

Scripture Reading
Old Testament: Psalms 23
New Testament: I Corinthians 13:1-13

Selection.....Natalie Phillips

Message.....Pastor Marshall F. Prentice

Benediction and Recessional

Internment
Maryland National Cemetery
13300 Baltimore Ave, Laurel, MD 20707

Repast
Zion Baptist Church
1700 N Caroline St., Baltimore, MD 21213



Hymn

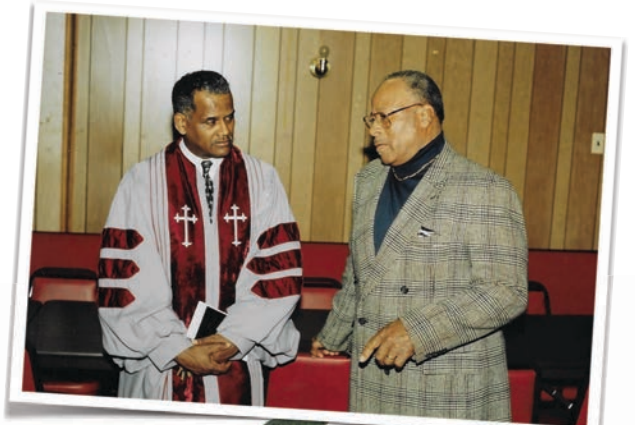
JESUS LOVER OF MY SOUL

Jesus, lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,
Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide;
O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,
Hangs my helpless soul on Thee;
Leave, oh, leave me not alone,
Still support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed,
All my help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head
With the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want;
More than all in Thee I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
Heal the sick and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy name,
I am all unrighteousness;
Vile and full of sin I am,
Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound;
Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
Freely let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart,
Rise to all eternity.



Obituary



BENNIE GRISSOM is the eldest of twelve children born to Flossie and Bennie Louis Grissom: Ollie, Franklin, Lottie, Mertyl, Bettie, Bobbie, Leroi, Willie, . At age eleven, he accepted Christ and was baptized into the Haywood Baptist Church in Louisburg, North Carolina and remained a member there until he moved to Baltimore and joined Zion Baptist Church on September 29, 1957.

He attended public schools in Franklin County and continued his education in Warren County, NC where he also met Laura Ella Powell to whom he married and had three children: Ella Juanita Taylor, Bennedean Faye Harvey and Wayne Keith Grissom I.

Deacon Grissom completed a tour of duty with the US Army and was Honorably Discharged after serving in the States and in Germany where he also spent time as a boxer. An employee at Esskay Meats for thirty three years, he was forced to retire on disability due to injuries he endured in an automobile accident.

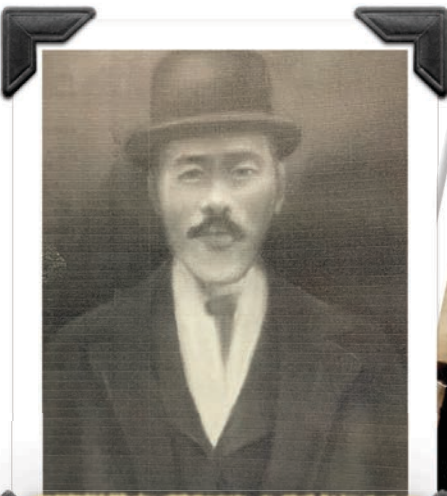
In order to learn more about God's Word, he attended Church School, Daytime Bible Study and other workshops. He sang with the Voices of Zion, worked with the Food Pantry, Christians on Patrol and Safe Haven Network. He also served as a Deacon for many years and retired emerita.

He enjoyed sports having played football and baseball in High School, boxing while in the Army. He also played baseball with the Lelite Giants Baseball Club in Baltimore, traveling with the team to play and raise funds for the club's little league team. He sang with the Christian Crusaders, a community choir that traveled the east coast. He also enjoyed fishing, hunting, and spending time with his family. In addition to his full time job, he worked in home improvement, using his self taught skills for many people in Baltimore, Maryland. He was an avid gardener, and known to be generous with his annual crops of green beans, cabbage, collards, tomatoes, squash, and corn among other fruits and vegetables. His favorite

scripture is I Corinthians 13 and his favorite Hymn is "Jesus Lover of my Soul."

He was preceded in death by all eleven of his siblings, his wife Laura, and his son Keith. He leaves behind to mourn, three daughters: Juanita, Faye, and Erika Pulley; five grandchildren, Bettina Judd, Justin Harvey, Bryan Harvey, Teyah Hart and Wayne Keith Grissom II; two great-grandchildren Zyla and McKenzie; sister-in-laws, Linda Grissom, Barbara Grissom, Philomena Grissom, Della Grissom, Margaret P. Alston, Gracye Johnson, Vanessa Hall-Ellis and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and friends who are family.





Grandfather, Louis Grissom b. c1859

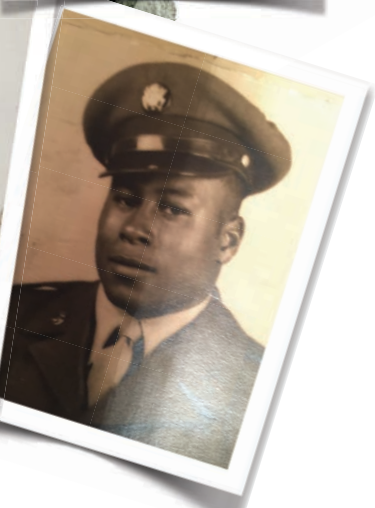




BENNIE GRISSOM, JR. ---- FORT RILEY, KANSAS
SPRING 1952

OH MY DARLING HOW I MISS YOU SINCE WE HAVE BEEN APART,
BUT MY FONDEST MEMORIES OF YOU STILL REMAIN WITHIN MY HEART.
EVEN THOUGH I CANNOT SEE YOU MY LOVE FOR YOU IS TRUE
NESTLING ME WHEN I'M LONELY AND CHEERING ME WHEN I'M BLUE.
NO ONE CAN EVER TAKE THE PLACE THAT YOU HOLD IN MY HEART.
I T IS RESERVED FOR SOMEONE MEANT FOR ME FROM THE START.
EACH TIME I SIT AND WONDER WHAT FUTURE DAYS WILL BRING.
GREAT WAVES OF JOY AND HAPPINESS CAUSE MY HEART TO SING.
JUST REMEMBER THIS MY DARLING WHEREVER YOU MAY BE,
REAL LOVE LIKE OURS IS BOUND TO LAST DESPITE ALL MISERY.

LAURA



*Je vous aime je vous adore que
voutez vous, de plus encore!*



Encouragement

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

No, there's a cross for everyone. There is a cross for me...

My Family

God gave me a wonderful husband, with me this life to share.
And then three lovely children, born of loving hearts that care.
Even though we have our problems, we've hearts that are filled with joy.
For the love we have for each other, this world will not destroy.

We love our children dearly, though sometimes it seems that they
Don't understand our teachings, and wish for their own way.
Our solemn prayer today is this, that they'll be made to know
The love we have for each of them will constantly grow and grow.

Even though it may seem, dear ones, we're unreasonable by far
Than parents of friends you know quite well, it doesn't mean that we are.
It merely means that our concern is for your wellbeing indeed.
So please be patient and understand our prayer is for you to succeed.

We're trying to rear our children in the likeness of God's life,
Though the task is sometimes gruesome in this world of stress and strife.
We pray for understanding and guidance on our way,
As we try to teach our children to prepare for a better day.

Each of us may make mistakes as we strive to do our best.
We can only pray for courage, and for strength to stand the tests
For without our God beside us, guiding our footsteps day by day,
We may falter by the wayside as we tread the rugged way

Dear ones let us work together to stamp out all evil and strife,
With a clearer understanding, for a more harmonious life.
Let's march on with prayers in our hearts and oneness of spirit and mind
To help make this a better place, showing concern for all mankind

— Mrs. Laura P. Grissom



*We love you and miss you already. We will honor your
legacy by putting our family and faith first.*

— Your loving family.

PALLBEARERS

Grandsons
Nephews
Zion Baptist Deacons Ministry

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family greatly appreciates the extensions of love and support during our hour of bereavement. Every heartfelt expression, prayer, hug (or elbow bump), gift of love, and meal has strengthened us and lightened our load though we carry the heaviest of hearts.
Thank you.

THIS PROGRAM

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