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Welcome Message from the Bishop

10th Episcopal District Greeting
2026 Southwest Texas Annual Conference

To our beloved clergy, laity, and congregations of the Tenth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church- Southwest Texas Annual Conference, grace, peace, and power be multiplied unto you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

As we gather for the 2026 Southwest Texas Annual Conference, Supervisor Brailsford and I greet you with profound gratitude for your faithfulness, your resilience, and your unwavering commitment to the mission of Christ and the ministry of His Church. In a time of global uncertainty, cultural shifting, and spiritual hunger, I am convinced more than ever that the Church of Jesus Christ must be anchored, animated, and advanced by the power of the Holy Spirit. Our guiding theme for this sacred season is clear and compelling:

Empowered by the Holy Spirit: Advancing God's Kingdom Through Worship, Witness, and Service

This is not merely a slogan for a season; it is a spiritual declaration for our identity and our assignment. We are not called to advance the Kingdom of God through human strength, institutional prestige, or personal ability alone. We are called to move in divine power, Spirit-led obedience, and Christ-centered mission.

The Word of God reminds us in Zechariah 4:6, "*Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.*" And Jesus Himself declares in Acts 1:8 that we shall receive power after the Holy Ghost has come upon us, and we shall be His witnesses. This is the foundation of our confidence and the source of our courage. We are a Holy Spirit-empowered Church.

Therefore, we will **worship** with authenticity and reverence, knowing that true worship is born of the Spirit and centered in Christ. We will not reduce worship to performance or preference, but we will lift our hearts in holiness, gratitude, and surrender to the living God.

We will **witness** with boldness and compassion, proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ in our communities, our cities, and our world. We will not be silent in the face of spiritual need, but we will be faithful ambassadors of reconciliation, hope, and salvation.

We will **serve** with humility and love, recognizing that the power of the Holy Spirit is not given for self-exaltation but for Kingdom service. We will feed the hungry, care for the broken, uplift the marginalized, and stand as instruments of justice and mercy in a wounded world.

Welcome Message from the Bishop

continued...

As your Bishop, I call the North Texas Annual Conference to a renewed dependence upon the Holy Spirit in every dimension of our life and ministry. We must resist the temptation to rely on human ingenuity alone. We must return to the upper room posture of prayer, surrender, and expectation. We must allow the Spirit of God to breathe fresh life into our pulpits, our pews, our programs, and our purpose.

This is a season for spiritual renewal.

This is a season for bold witness.

This is a season for faithful service.

I am persuaded that when the Church is truly empowered by the Holy Spirit, worship becomes transformative, witness becomes unstoppable, and service becomes sacrificial and life-giving. The result is not merely institutional survival, but Kingdom advancement and community transformation.

To every Presiding Elder and Pastor, I encourage you to lead Spirit-filled districts and congregations that are grounded in the Word, committed to prayer, and active in mission. To every lay member, I charge you to embrace your calling as a witness of Christ in your daily life. To every young person, I affirm that the Holy Spirit is not a distant promise but a present power available to you today.

Together, we are called to be a Church that does not merely exist, but a Church that is empowered. A Church that does not merely gather, but a Church that is sent. A Church that does not merely maintain, but a Church that advances the Kingdom of God.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit,

Ronnie Elijah Brailsford, Sr.

Bishop Ronnie Elijah Brailsford, Sr.
Presiding Prelate, Tenth Episcopal District (Texas)
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Greetings from Rev. Dr. Pamela R. Rivera
Presiding Elder

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To the 159th Session of the Southwest Texas Annual Conference:

Bishop Ronnie Elijah Brailsford, Sr., Presiding Prelate of the Tenth Episcopal District; Reverend Dr. Carolyn Elizabeth Irvin Brailsford, Episcopal Supervisor; Reverend Dr. W. Raymond Bryant, Presiding Elder of the San Antonio District; Reverend Linda Carmen Bryant, Consultant; host Pastor and Co-pastor, Reverend N. Jordan Mkwanazi and Reverend Dr. Henrietta Sullivan Mkwanazi; Clergy, Laity, Missionaries, YPDers, Distinguished Guests, Family, and Friends.

I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, with the peace of God that surpasses all understanding.

The Austin Capital District warmly welcomes you to the 159th Session of the Southwest Texas Annual Conference. We welcome you to the host city, the Capital of The Long State. Austin is not only the Capital of Texas, it is a city where Texas history, public service, architecture, innovation, and community spirit come together. From the iconic Texas State Capitol and its historic grounds to the welcoming streets and cultural landmarks that surround it, Austin invites you to remember the stories, people, and moments that have shaped our state and strengthened our faith community.

From the oil fields of Midland to the quaint community of Chappell Hill, from the Hill Country of San Marcos to the New Silicon Prairie Taylor, the Austin Capital District welcomes you with open hearts and grateful spirits. We invite you to experience the hospitality that radiates throughout the Austin Capital District: from the University of Texas to the historic Black College of Huston-Tillotson University, to the roaring engines of Circuit of the Americas, to the rhythmic beat of Austin City Limits, to the energy of Austin FC, to the beauty of Lady Bird Lake, and the fellowship found along the Pfluger Pedestrian Bridge. We welcome you!

May this greeting serve as a cherished keepsake of your time in the heart of the Long Star State, the Austin Capital District, and the Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church. May it be a reminder of the heritage we honor, the faith that binds us, the service we share, and the memories we will make together during the 159th Session of the Southwest Texas Annual Conference.

God's Servant,

Rev. Dr. Pamela R. Rivera

Reverend Dr. Pamela R. Rivera
Presiding Elder- Austin Capital District

Greetings



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Reverend Dr. Pamela R. Rivera
Presiding Elder

Greetings from Rev. Dr. Raymond Bryant
Presiding Elder, San Antonio District

Greetings from the San Antonio District

On behalf of the pastors, clergy, laity, and members of the **San Antonio District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church**, it is my distinct honor and privilege to extend warm Christian greetings to the **Southwest Texas Annual Conference**.

We joyfully welcome and honor our Episcopal leadership, Bishop Ronnie Elijah Brailsford, Sr., Presiding Prelate of the Tenth Episcopal District, and Rev. Dr. Carolyn Elizabeth Irvin Brailsford, Episcopal Supervisor. We thank God for your faithful, visionary, and committed leadership and for the ways in which you continue to encourage the Church to pursue excellence in ministry, mission, and service.

As we gather for this Annual Conference, we celebrate the rich heritage of African Methodism and give thanks for the pastors, ministers, delegates, laypersons, missionaries, young people, and congregations whose faithful service continues to strengthen the work of the Kingdom throughout Southwest Texas.

May this conference be a sacred time of worship, renewal, fellowship, accountability, and spiritual empowerment. May God grant us wisdom for the work before us, courage for the challenges ahead, and renewed strength to continue making disciples, serving our communities, and advancing the mission of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

The **San Antonio District** joins the entire Southwest Texas Conference family in praying that this gathering will be blessed, productive, and spiritually transformative.
May the Lord continue to bless our Bishop and Episcopal Supervisor, our Presiding Elders, pastors, clergy, laity, and every congregation represented at this Annual Conference.

With Christian love and kingdom partnership,

Rev. Dr. Raymond Bryant
Presiding Elder, San Antonio District
Southwest Texas Conference
Tenth Episcopal District
African Methodist Episcopal Church



Greetings from the Host Pastors

159th Session of the Southwest Texas Annual Conference

On behalf of the officers, members, and ministries of **Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church**, it is our great joy and distinct honor to welcome you to Austin, Texas, and to the **159th Session of the Southwest Texas Annual Conference**.

We extend a heartfelt welcome to our Presiding Prelate, **Bishop Ronnie Elijah Brailsford, Sr**., and our Episcopal Supervisor, **Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Irvin Brailsford**. We are honored by your presence and grateful for your leadership, vision, and faithful service to the Tenth Episcopal District.

We also warmly welcome our Presiding Elders, **Rev. Dr. Pamela Rivera** and **Rev. Dr. Raymond Bryant**. Thank you for your faithful leadership and commitment to the churches, pastors, and people of the Southwest Texas Annual Conference.

To every pastor, clergy member, delegate, alternate delegate, Connectional and Episcopal District leader, layperson, missionary, young person, visitor, and friend: **Welcome to Metropolitan**! As your host church, we have prayed, planned, prepared, and worked diligently to receive you. Our prayer is that from the moment you arrive, you will experience the **love of Christ, the warmth of Christian fellowship, and the spirit of radical hospitality**.

For 159 sessions, God has sustained this Annual Conference through changing generations, communities, and seasons. As we gather again, may we do more than conduct the business of the Church. May **we worship together, pray together, strengthen one another, celebrate what God has done, and seek His direction for our future**. We pray that this Annual Conference will renew our faith, strengthen our churches, encourage our pastors and laity, inspire our young people, and send us back to our communities better equipped to serve this present age.

Metropolitan AME Church is honored to be your host. **Our house is your house, and our family welcomes your family**. May this **159th Session of the Southwest Texas Annual Conference** be marked by excellence, unity, powerful worship, meaningful fellowship, and a fresh move of God. **Welcome to Austin! Welcome to Metropolitan! Welcome to the 159th Session of the Southwest Texas Annual Conference!**

With Christian love and warmest regards,

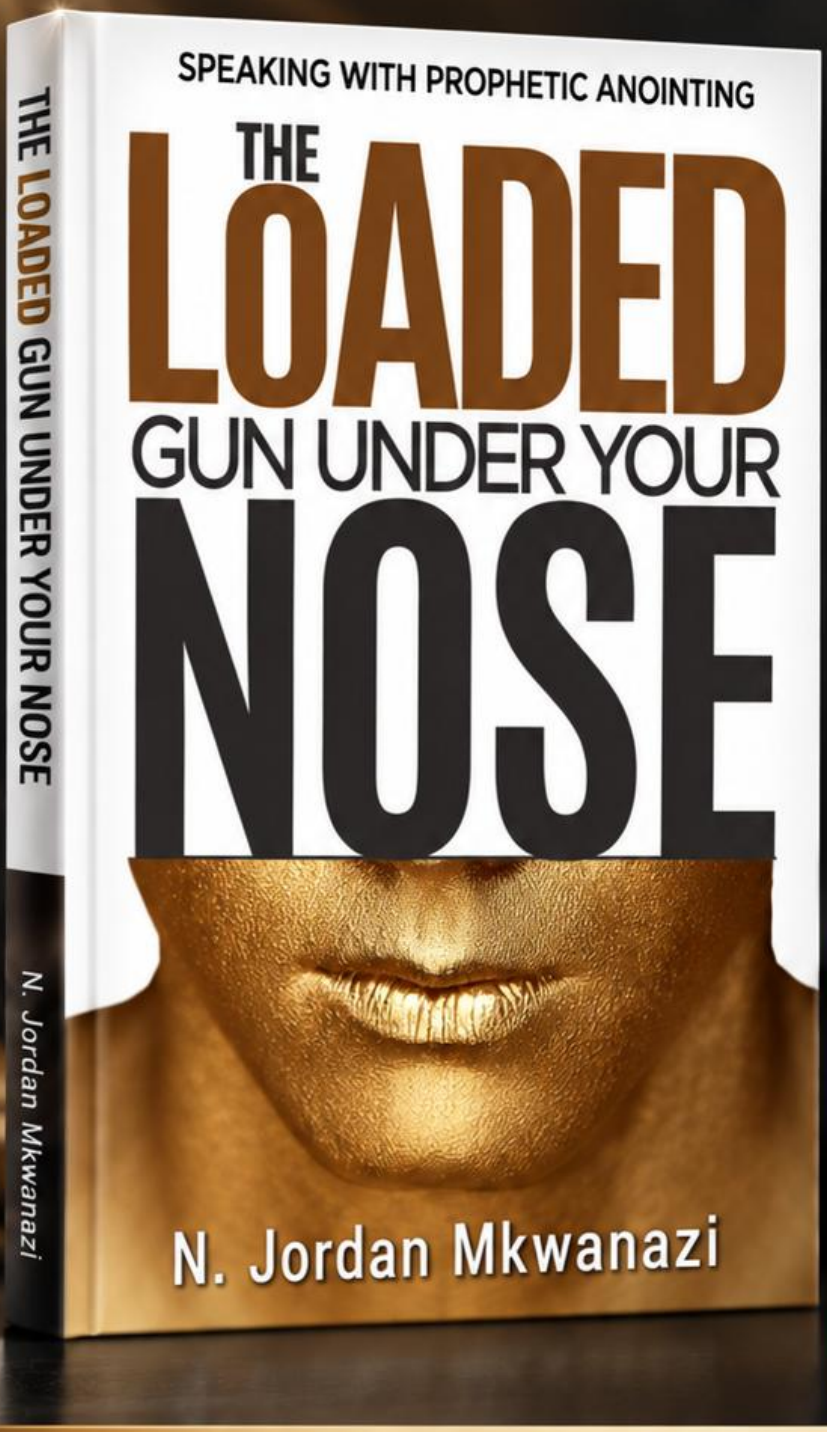
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2026 Southwest Texas Annual Conference
Metropolitan A.M.E. Church
October 14, 2026

Dear Southwest Texas Annual Conference Attendees,

Best wishes for a blessed and successful 2026 Southwest Texas Annual Conference. Although I am unable to join you personally, I join you in spirit to welcome the pastors, clergy, lay delegates, denominational leaders, and guests gathering here in Austin from congregations throughout Southwest Texas.

For generations, the African Methodist Episcopal Church has demonstrated the important role that faith can play in strengthening our communities. There is no higher calling than a life of service to others, a belief reflected in the ministry and leadership of those gathered for this Annual Conference. Through your worship, fellowship, and service, you continue a proud tradition of putting faith into action.

Metropolitan A.M.E. is not only one of Austin's oldest African American congregations but also a longtime neighbor, just a few blocks from my home. I am grateful to them and to all at Metropolitan for welcoming so many from across Southwest Texas to Austin and for continuing a legacy of faith, leadership, and service that has enriched our community for generations.

1 Peter 4:10 reminds us, "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." I commend all of you for fulfilling this verse through your service to your congregations and communities. May this Conference strengthen your fellowship and ministries and bring continued blessings to you and all whom you serve.

As always, I welcome your advice regarding any federal matters on which I may be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Doggett

The State of Texas

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church in Austin is hosting the Southwest Texas Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church from October 14 to 16, 2026; and

WHEREAS, One of four conferences held in the African Methodist Episcopal Church's 10th Episcopal District, the Southwest Texas Annual Conference welcomes hundreds of pastors, clergy, lay delegates, and denominational leaders who represent congregations throughout the region; this much-anticipated event provides attendees with various opportunities to participate in activities related to worship, leadership development, ministry evaluation, denominational business, and pastoral accountability; moreover, the event features an announcement of pastoral appointments for the coming year; and

WHEREAS, Metropolitan AME Church is one of the oldest African American congregations in Austin, and it has served as a source of inspiration and spiritual enrichment to generations of area residents; the church also supports programs that enable its members to reach out to those in need and to put into action the tenets of community partnership and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, The African Methodist Episcopal Church has made a positive difference in communities across the Lone Star State, and the Southwest Texas Annual Conference provides a fitting opportunity to reflect on the denomination's proud legacy of faith and service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 2026 Southwest Texas Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church be commemorated and that all those in attendance be extended sincere best wishes for a meaningful and memorable visit to Austin.

State Representative

City of Austin
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Dear Attendees,

Congratulations to the Southwest Texas Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church as you gather for this year's annual conference, hosted by Metropolitan AME Church. I want to share my sincere appreciation and best wishes for this gathering of worship and leadership.

As one of Austin's oldest African American congregations, Metropolitan AME continues to thrive, and your service from generation to generation has not gone unnoticed. The City of Austin is honored to grow alongside this community as your lay leaders, educators, civic leaders, partners, and members carry the name of the Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church with honor. We are grateful as well for your contribution to Austin's local economy through hotel stays, transportation, and support of our local vendors. This Conference strengthens the relationships among our faith, civic, educational, and business communities.

Thank you for your continued leadership, community support, and civic engagement in this city and wherever else the Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church has shed its light. I look forward to the growing legacy and development this ministry will bring.

Congratulations once again on this milestone. May this 2026 Southwest Texas Annual Conference bring joy to you all.

Sincerely,

Kirk Watson
Mayor of Austin

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"The Lord Requires of you to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God" – Micah 6:8

As Constable of Travis County Precinct One and a member of the AME Church, it is my distinct honor to salute the Bishops, Clergy, and Laity convening for this year's annual session. Thank you for your historic and enduring commitment to spiritual leadership, social justice, and community empowerment.

For generations, the AME church has been a beacon of hope and a powerful advocate for equity. In Precinct One, we share your dedication to uplifting neighborhoods, protecting the vulnerable, and serving our communities with the utmost regard and respect for humanity.

May this conference be filled with powerful fellowship, visionary planning, and divine guidance for the year ahead.



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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE - DAY 1

Tuesday, October 13, 2026

PRE-CONFERENCE + WMS

Time	Event	Location
8:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	Metro Ballroom
9:00 a.m.	WMS Annual Convention Business Session	Metro Ballroom and Sanctuary
10:00 a.m.	Presiding Elders Meet with the Bishop	Conference Room, Admin Bldg.
11:30 a.m.	Greetings with Women in Women In Ministry	Metro Ballroom
12:00 p.m.	WMS Annual Luncheon/Greetings	Metro Ballroom
1:00 p.m.	Conference Trustees Meet with Bishop	Room 1, Admin Bldg., 2nd Floor
2:00 p.m.	Conference Stewardship Committee	Room 2, Admin Bldg., Upstairs
2:30 p.m.	Board of Examiners Board/Instructors Meet with Bishop	Ebenezer Baptist Church
3:30 p.m.	Board of Examiners Board/Students Meet with Bishop	Ebenezer Baptist Church
4:00 p.m.	Bishop private consultations by appointment	Pastor's Office
5:00 p.m.	Dinner – Bishop and Guest	Metro Ballroom
6:30 p.m.	Missionary Witness, Night in White and Pinning Ceremony	Sanctuary

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE - DAY 2

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

CONFERENCE BUSINESS + OPENING WORSHIP

Time	Event	Location
8:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	Metro Ballroom
9:00 a.m.	Conference Business Session I • Roll calls • Organization • Agenda • Functionaries • Reports	Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	Hour of Power: Women In Ministry Worship Experience	Sanctuary
1:00 p.m.	Lunch - Bishop and Guest	Metro Ballroom
2:00 p.m.	Stewardesses Meeting	Ebenezer Baptist Church
2:30 p.m.	Conference Business Session II • Pastoral Reports • Committee Reports	Sanctuary
5:00 p.m	Dinner - Bishop and Guest	Metro Ballroom
6:30 p.m.	Preparation for Processional • White Robes / All Ordained Clergy	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Opening Worship Experience and Holy Communion Celebration	Sanctuary

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE - DAY 3

Thursday, October 15, 2026

DISCIPLESHIP + WITNESS

Time	Event	Location
8:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	Metro Ballroom
9:00 a.m.	Discipleship Training Institute • The Discipleship Training Manual	Sanctuary
10:00 a.m.	Conference Business Session III • Minutes • Administrative Reports	Sanctuary
11:30 a.m.	Hour of Power: Ecumenical Worship Experience	Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Lunch - Bishop and Guest	Metro Ballroom
2:00 p.m.	Conference Business Session IV • Social Justice/Social Action • GOTV Strategic Plans	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Literary Committee Reports • State of Church/Country • Stewardship • Environmental Justice/Public Health • Christian Education	Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Dinner	Metro Ballroom
6:00 p.m.	Sons of Allen Witness / Men's Night	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Lay Witness Night	Sanctuary

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE - DAY 4

Friday, October 16, 2026

ORDINATION & CLOSING

Time	Event	Location
8:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	Metro Ballroom
9:00 a.m.	Conference Institute: Evangelism and Church • Membership to Discipleship	Sanctuary
10:00 a.m.	Conference Business Session V • Minutes • Reports • Unfinished Business • Statistician	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Worship Service of Ordination & Holy Communion	Sanctuary
1:00 p.m.	Lunch - Bishop and Guest	Metro Ballroom
2:30 p.m.	Conference Business Session VI • Components/Ministries • Financial Reports	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Memorial Service / Necrology • Recognition of Superannuated Preachers • Resolutions	Sanctuary
5:15 p.m.	Dinner - Bishop and Guest	Metro Ballroom
6:45 p.m.	Preparation for Processional • Black Robes / All Ordained Clergy	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Closing Worship • Bishop Ronnie Elijah Brailsford, Sr., Preacher • Appointments	Sanctuary

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE - DAY 5

Saturday, October 17, 2026

YPD/RAYAC

Time	Event	Location
8:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	Metro Ballroom
9:00 a.m.	YPD Annual Day - Business Session	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	YPD Worship Experience	Sanctuary
1:00 p.m.	R.A.Y.A.C. Luncheon & Rap Session with Bishop & Supervisor	Metro Ballroom



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2 Timothy 3:16–17

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Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)



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Philippians 1:3 (KJV)

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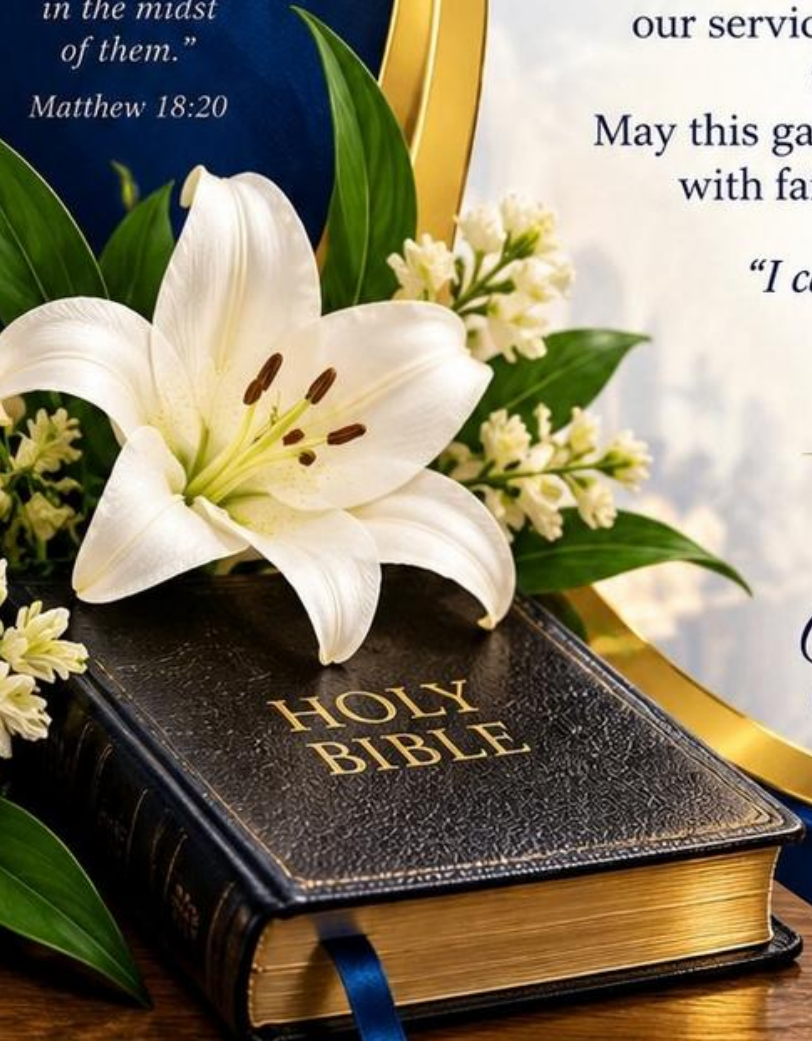
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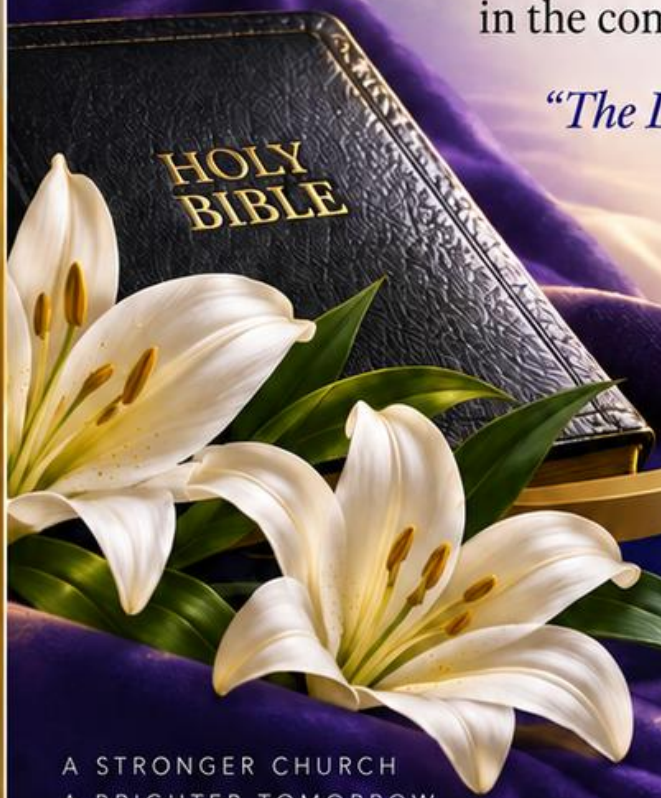
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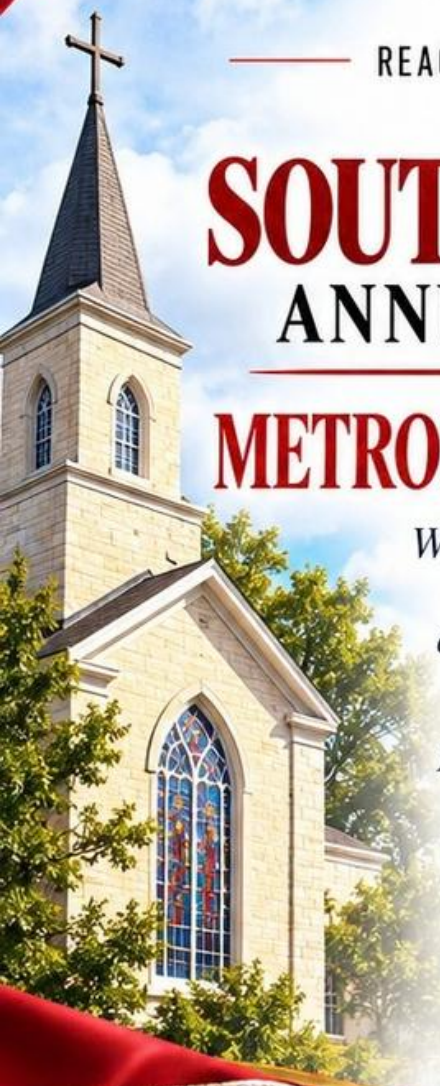


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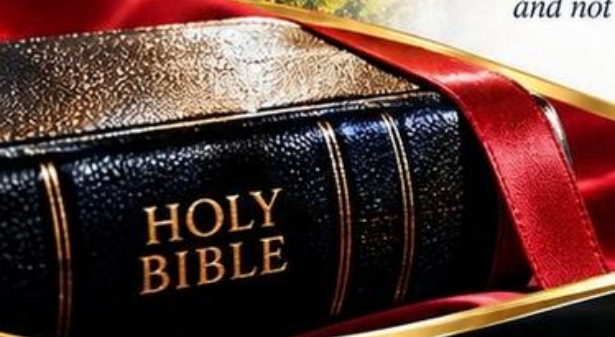


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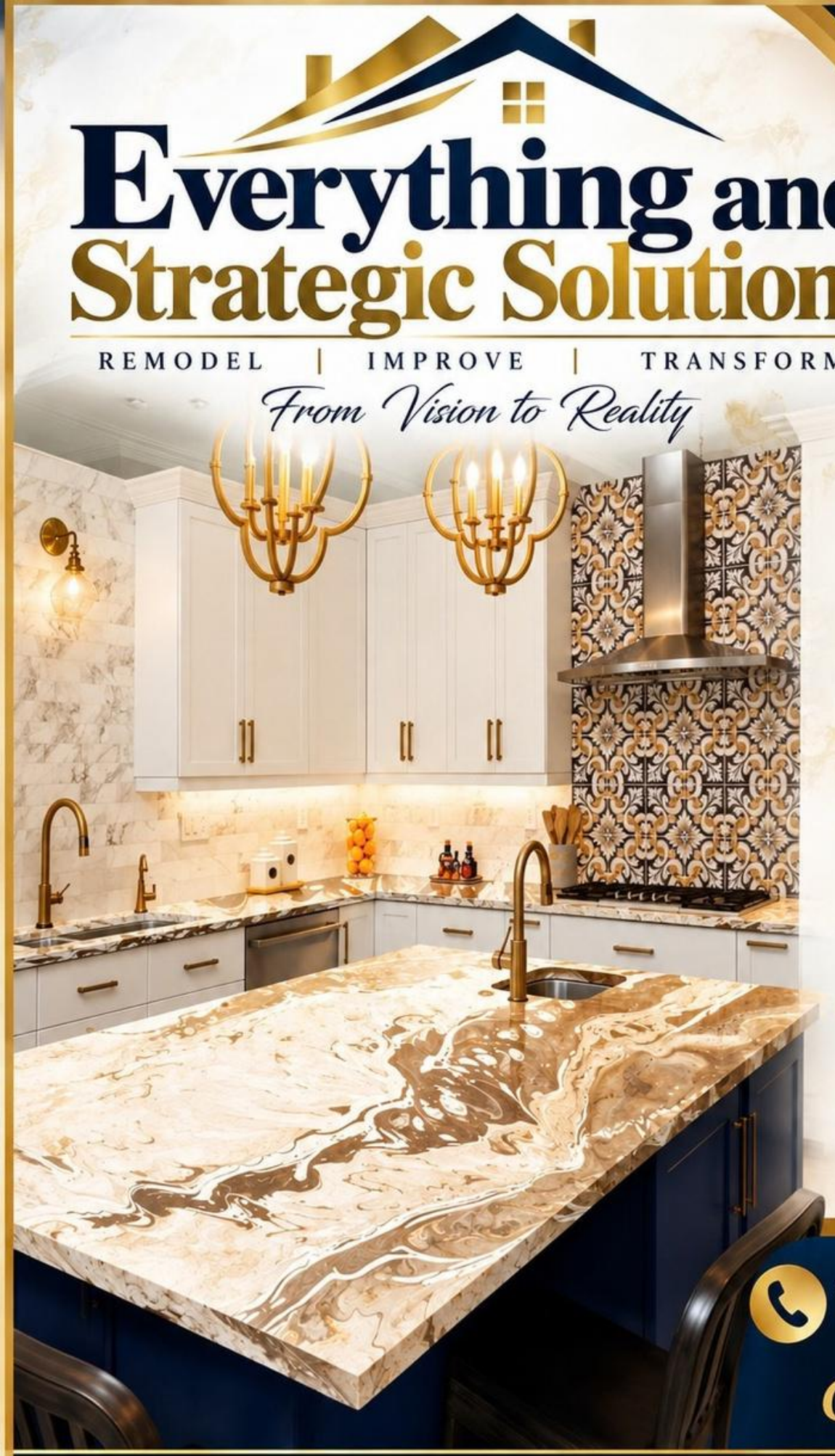
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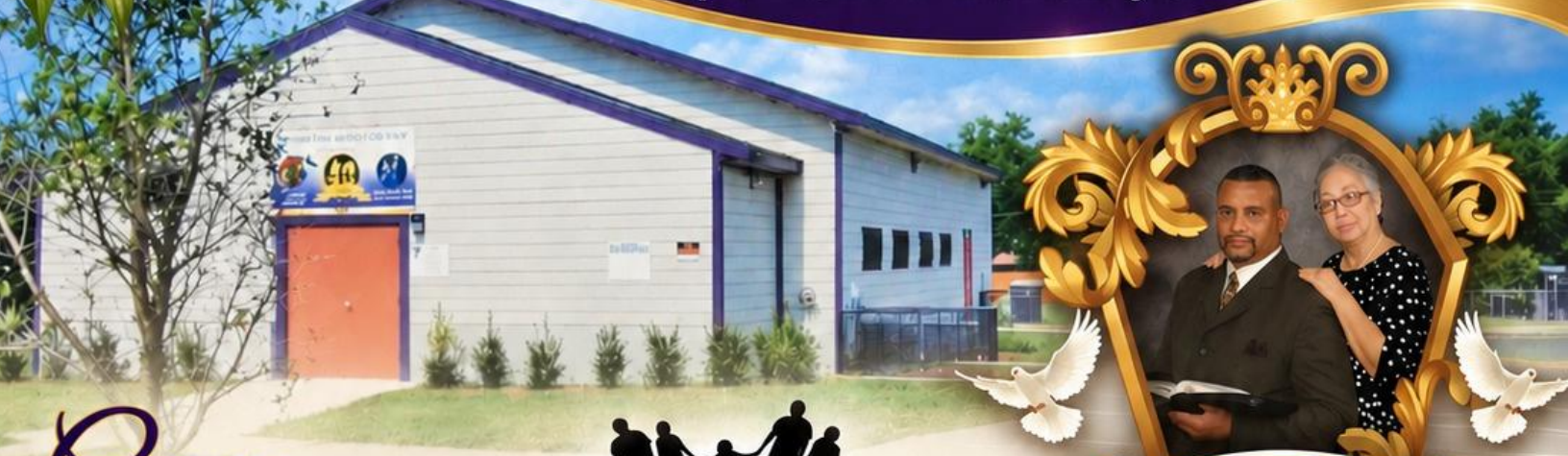
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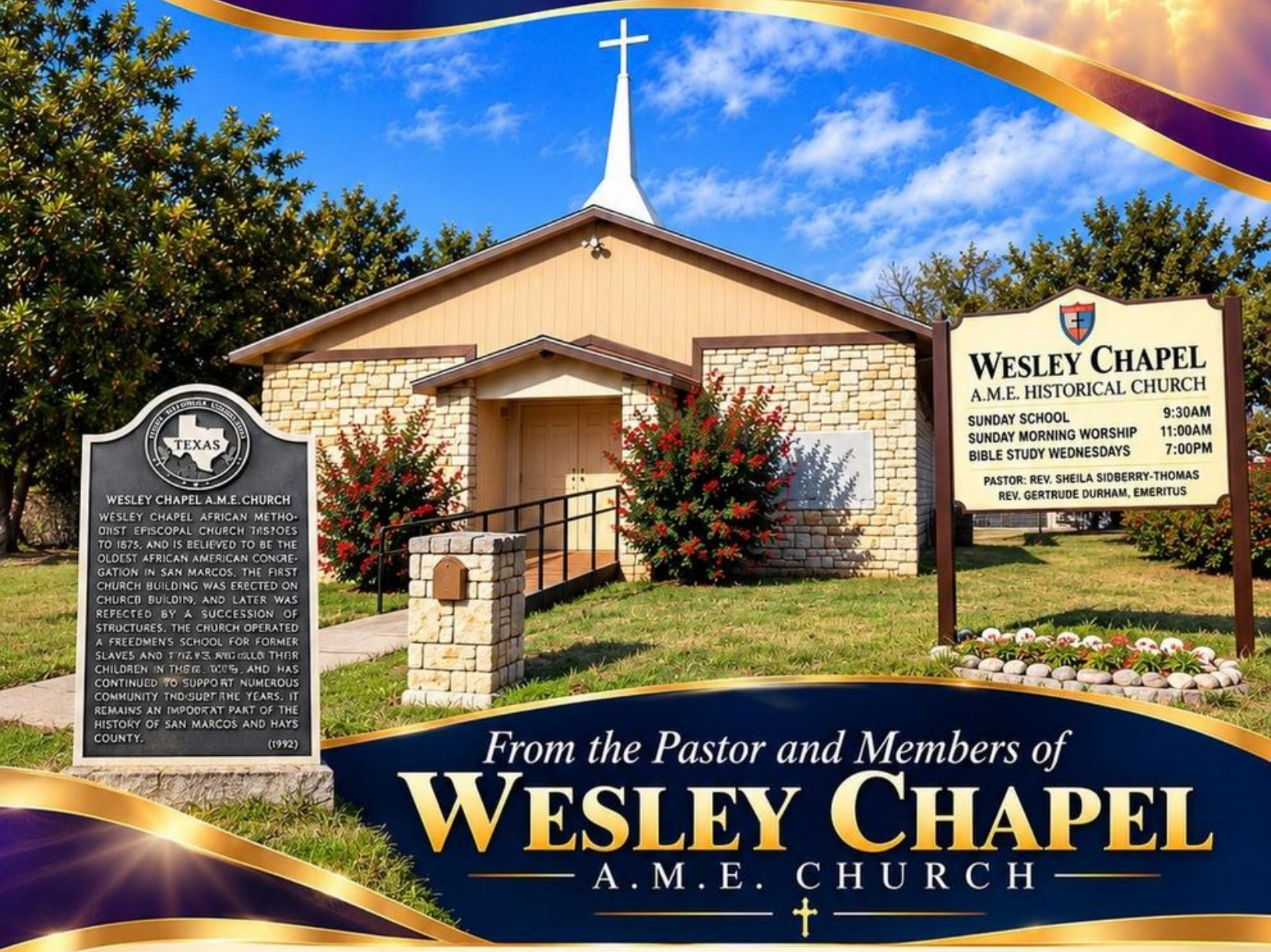
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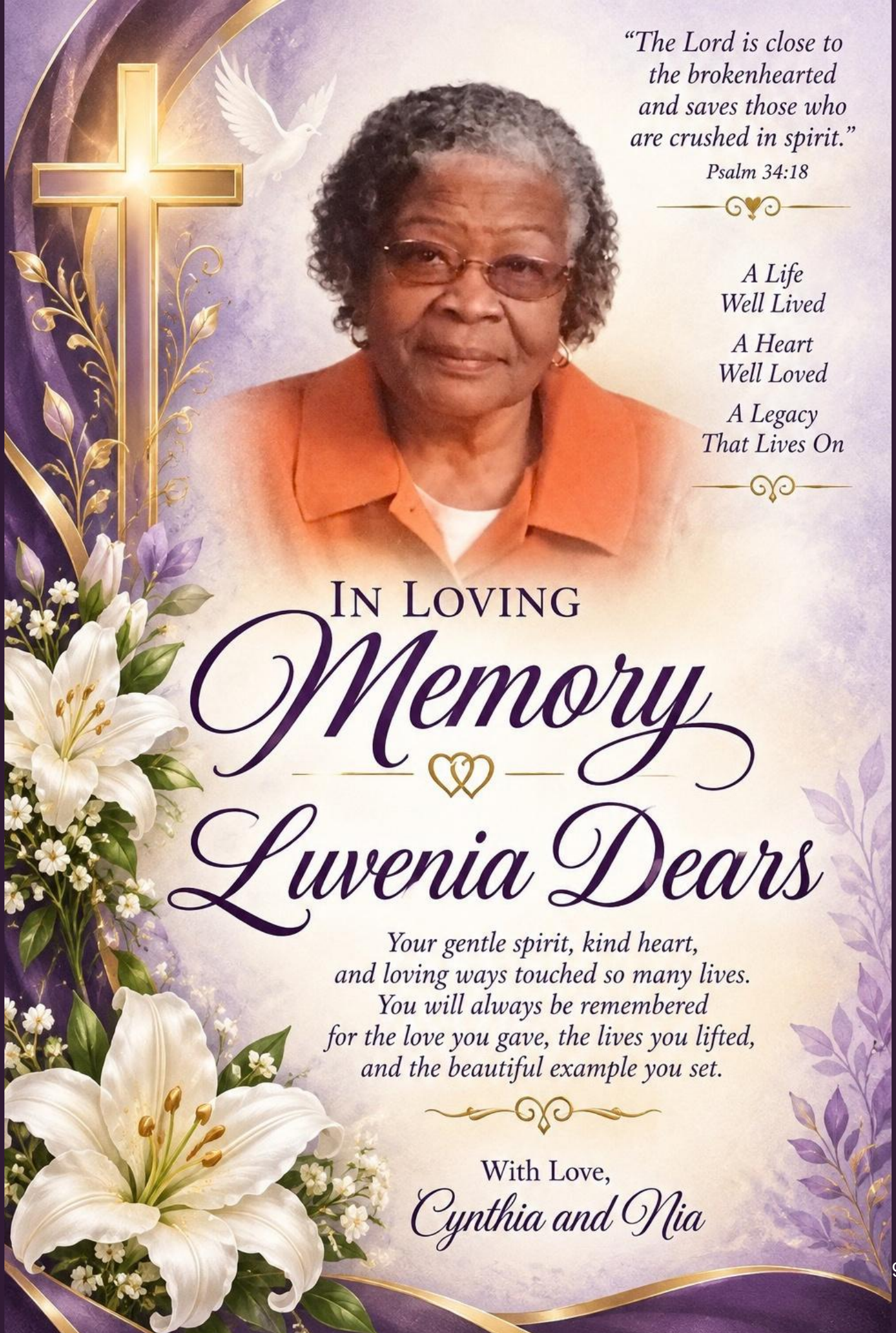
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WE ARE HERE TO SERVE YOU!



9/9/2026

MEMORIALS & TRIBUTES

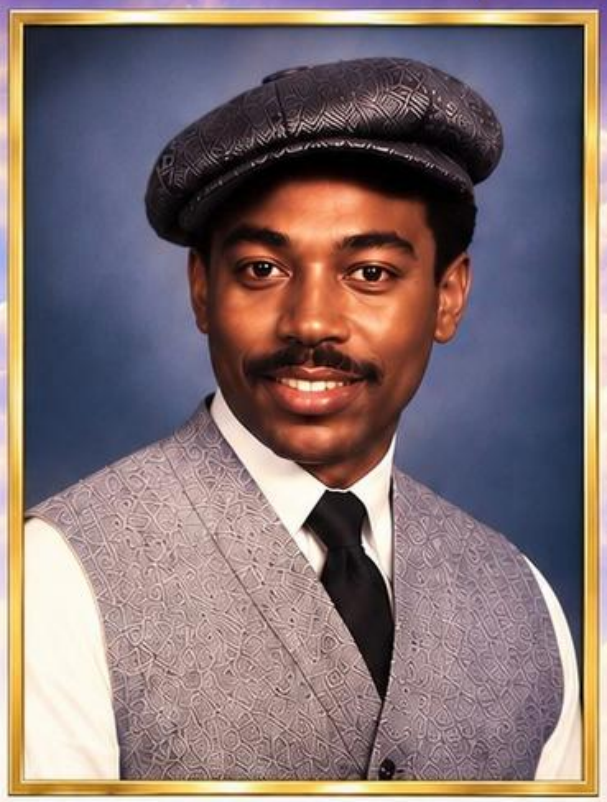

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."
Psalm 34:18
A Life Well Lived
A Heart Well Loved
A Legacy That Lives On
IN LOVING
Memory
Luvenia Dears
Your gentle spirit, kind heart, and loving ways touched so many lives. You will always be remembered for the love you gave, the lives you lifted, and the beautiful example you set.
With Love,
Cynthia and Nia

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Two Lives ~ One Legacy

Forever
In Our Hearts





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HUSBAND AND FATHER

A Life of Faith, Family and Purpose

JOHN GILBERT DOWNING

SON AND BROTHER

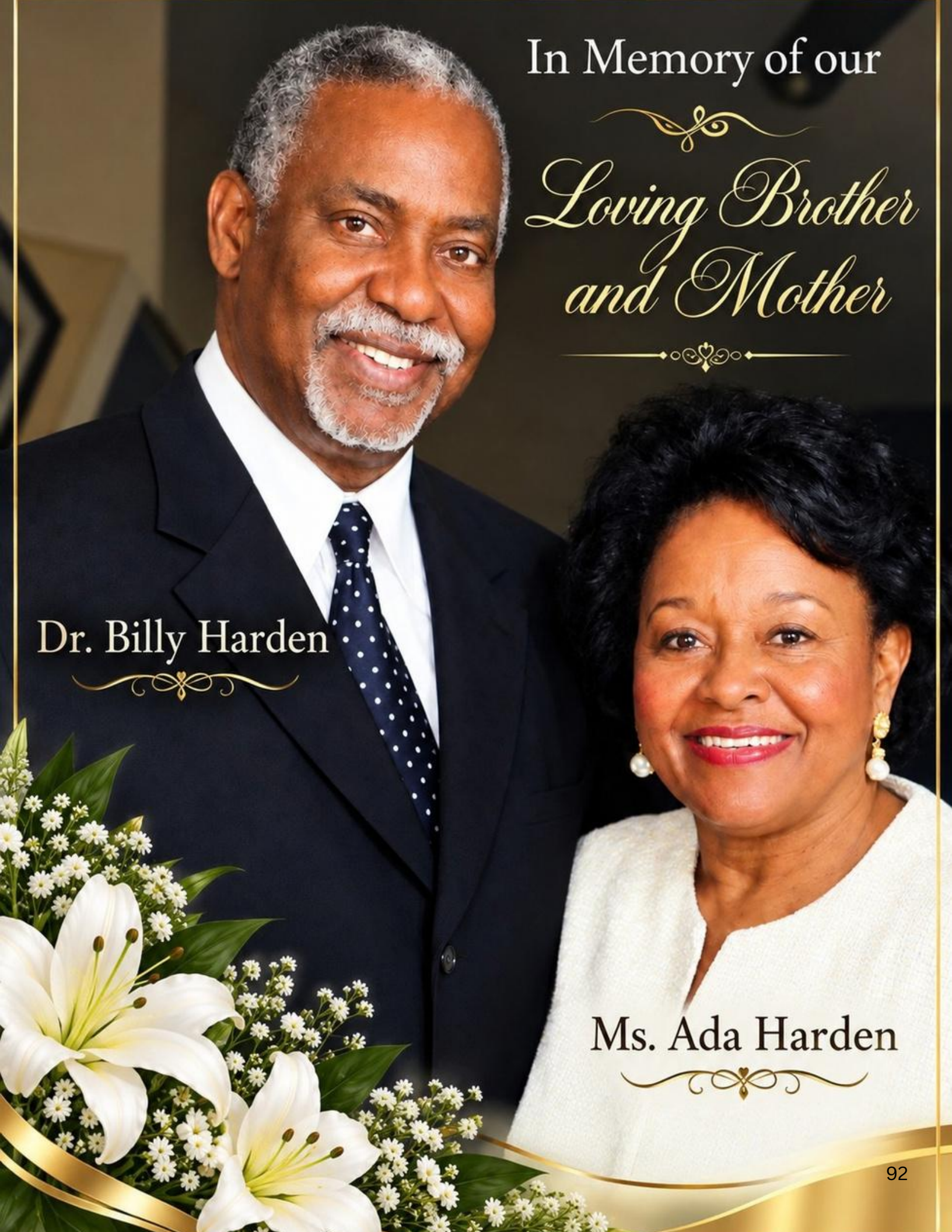
John 14:6

"Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

FROM YOUR LOVED ONES

Jewel and Edward

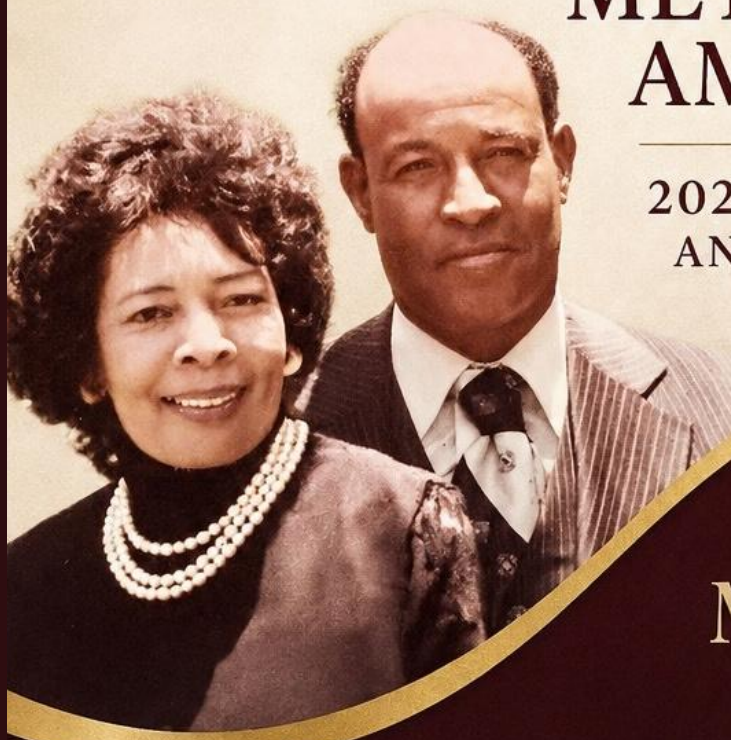
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In Memory of our
Loving Brother and Mother
Dr. Billy Harden
Ms. Ada Harden

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Memorial Honor for

BROTHER MILTON BRYANT LEE, SR.

Pictured with his wife

Mozelle Medearis Lee

Best known at Metropolitan AME Church as:

- A FAITHFUL SERVANT LEADER OVER 50 YEARS
- STEWARD BOARD CHAIRMAN
- SENIOR CHOIR MEMBER
- PRAYER WARRIOR

Milton loved his church and his walk and purpose in life was to trust God in all things as a faithful servant of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Graciously honored by his only son

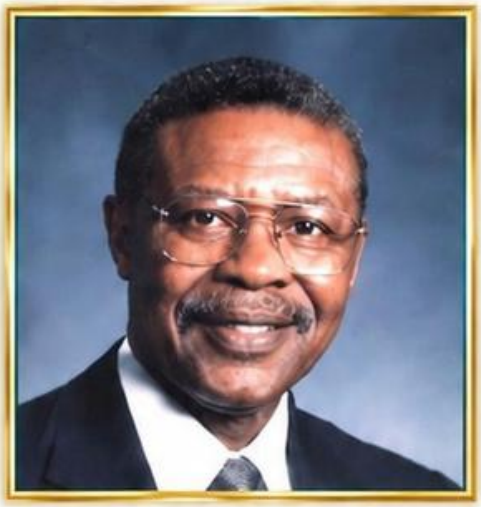
Milton Bryant Lee, Jr.

and daughter-in-law

Sarah Ann Lee.

In Loving Memory
of

Gerald F. Henderson



Forever in Our Hearts

A Life Well Lived

Your Smile

Though your smile is gone forever,
And your hands we cannot touch,
Still we have so many memories,
Of the ones we loved so much
Your memory is our keepsake,
With which we'll never part,
God has you in His keeping,
We have you in our hearts.
Sadly missed, but never forgotten.

~ Author Unknown ~

It's hard to believe it has been 17 years on September 11th!

We miss you,

Carrie, Verda, Gerald M.,
Valerie (Desmond), Edna;
Your Grand, Great-Grand and
Great-Great-Grand Children

FAITH
FAMILY
MEMORIES
ALWAYS

IN LOVING MEMORY

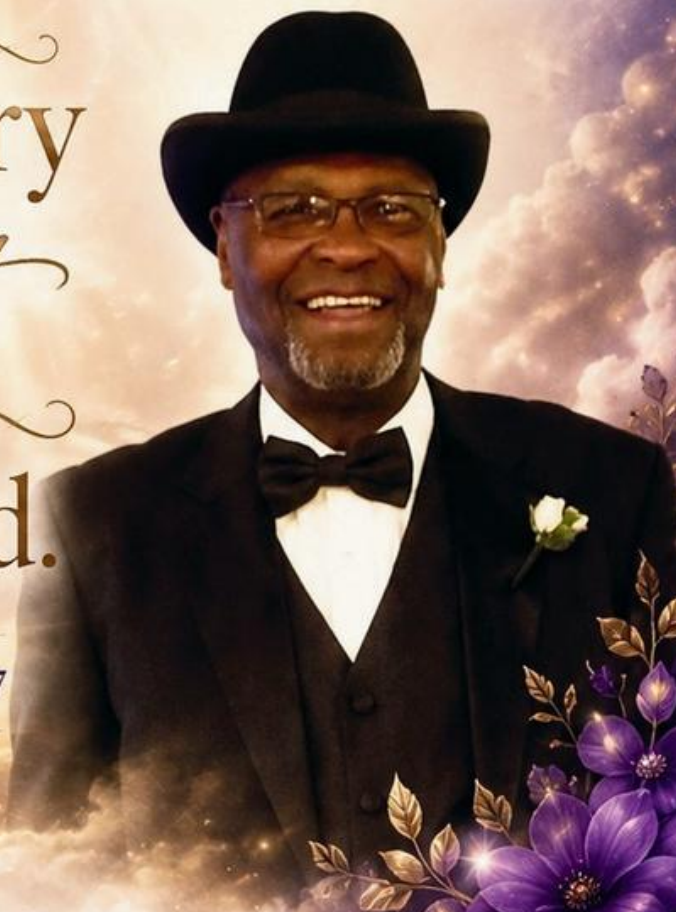
Jennifer "Jen" Johnson

09/21/1984 – 12/26/2022



Vernon "Deacon" Carathers

12/11/1938 – 04/14/2019



The memory of the *just* is blessed.

PROVERBS 10:7

Two lives. Two generations.
One family forever changed by the love they gave us.

Though we no longer see your faces or hear your laughter,
the love, lessons, faith and memories you left behind
remain woven into our family.
We carry you with us—in the stories we tell,
the lives you touched, and the love that continues
from generation to generation.

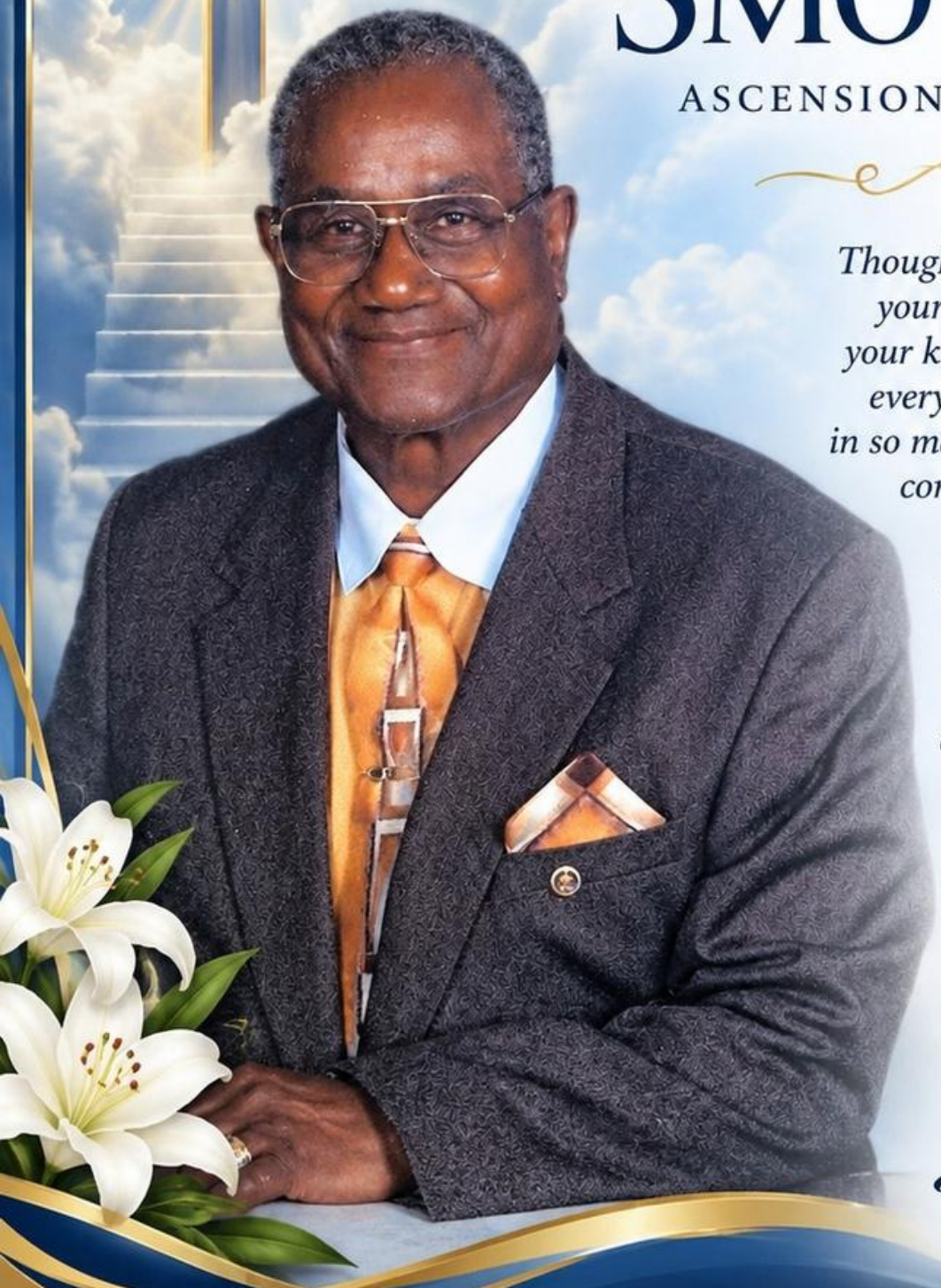
WITH EVERLASTING LOVE,

Marian Carathers & Family

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Eural A. SMOTHERS

ASCENSION — JUNE 14, 2013



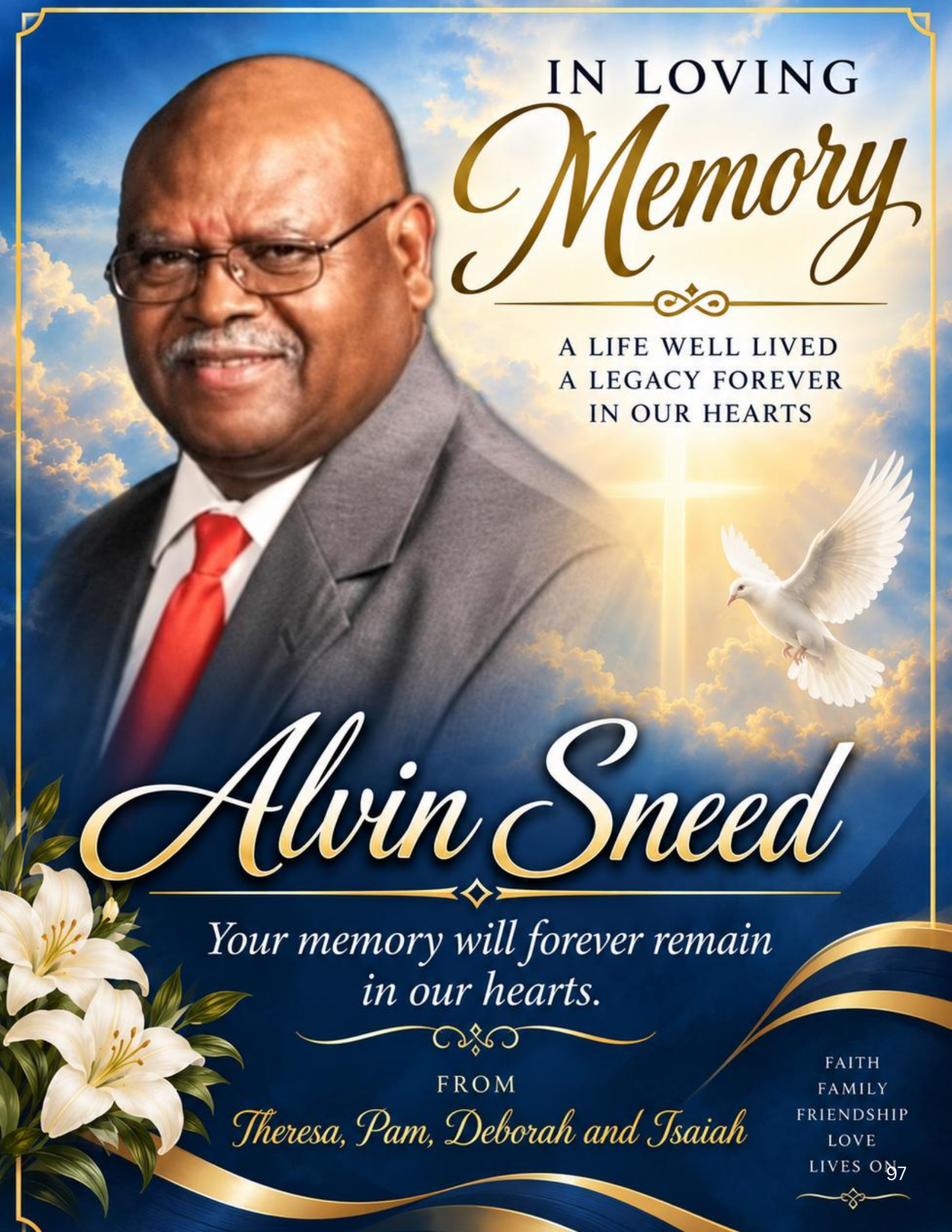
Though the years have passed, your love, your wisdom and your kind heart remain with me every day. You were a blessing in so many ways, and your memory continues to be a treasure.

Your life made a difference. Your legacy lives on. You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure.

"Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted."
— Matthew 5:4

With Eternal Love,
Your Loving Wife,
Nettie Smothers

FOREVER LOVED • FOREVER REMEMBERED • ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS


IN LOVING
Memory
A LIFE WELL LIVED
A LEGACY FOREVER
IN OUR HEARTS
Alvin Sneed
Your memory will forever remain
in our hearts.
FROM
Theresa, Pam, Deborah and Isaiah
FAITH
FAMILY
FRIENDSHIP
LOVE
LIVES ON


"Well done, thou good and faithful servant..."
Matthew 25:21
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Alphaye Washington
Your life was a beautiful example of faith, strength, kindness and unwavering love. You touched so many lives with your gentle spirit, warm heart, and willingness to serve. Your presence IS deeply missed, but your legacy will live on in all of us.
FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS
From the Washington Family

Precious Memories
Lingering Still

WARM OUR HEART AND ALWAYS WILL

Opal Crawford Wheelock
Ascended
December 10, 1996

Gwendolyn Ruth Lawson
Ascended
November 6, 2015

Fannie Ruth Bolden
Ascended
January 25, 1985

Alphaye Elizabeth Washington
Ascended
July 4, 2023

Calvin Reeves Bolden
Ascended
June 13, 2002

Our family **CHAIN** *is broken and nothing seems the same,*
but as **GOD** *calls us one by one, the* **CHAIN** *will link again.*

Your daughters and sisters
Ida Lois King
Ruby G. Bolden MD

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Betty Ann DARDEN

April 15, 1943 - June 11, 2026

2026



•The family of Ms. Betty Darden would like to thank the Metropolitan AME Church family

•for your kindness you showed her Brother, Nathaniel Darden, for the loss of his sister and the Mother of Ivory Williams.

•Acts of kindness and your going out of the way to let us know we were not alone. As we go

•through this time we will remember the the time you took to care. We appreciate you and we will forever be greatful.

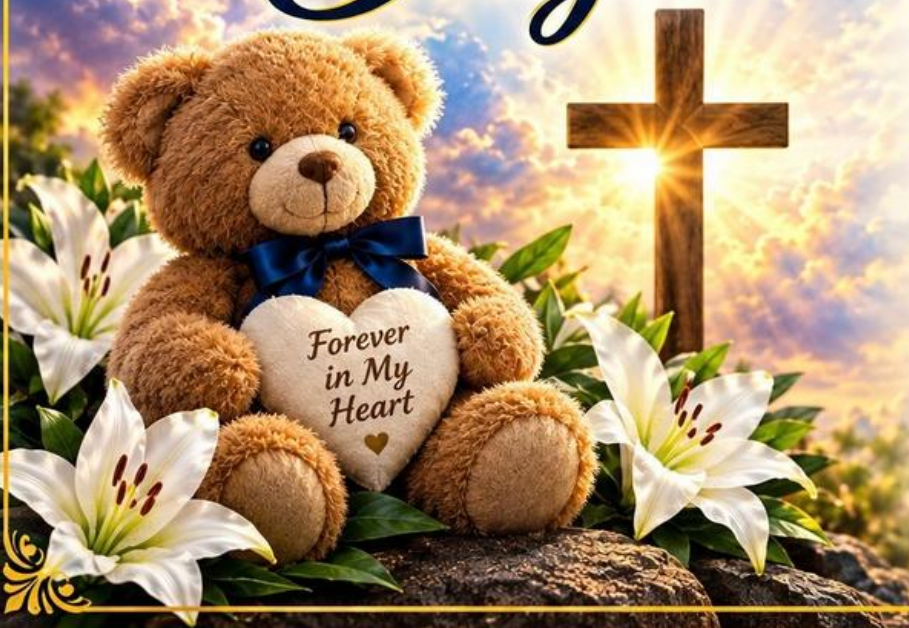
•May God continue to bless your branch of Zion.

•Sincerely

•The Family of Ms. Betty Darden (Ivory Williams and Family)

In Cherished Memory of

Benjamin & Sergio



The purity of your love and the light of your smiles remain my greatest blessing. Though you are no longer by my side, you live on in every thought and occupy the deepest corners of my heart.

No words can truly capture the depth of this absence, yet I carry your spirits in every breath I take and every memory I hold dear.

While losing you both is my life's most profound sorrow, having loved you will always be my greatest joy.

The pain of losing you both is immeasurable, but the privilege of having you in my life is a joy that will never fade.

Though parting with you brought the deepest heartache, sharing life with you remains my greatest joy.

Resting in God's peace
Your Loving Mother

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