

The Family Tribute

*A smile for all, a heart of gold.
One of the finest this world could hold,
Never selfish, always kind
These are the memories he leaves behind...*



Mr. John Franklin Alexander, 64, of Vero Beach, Florida, departed this life on Thursday, May 14, 2020, at 630-24 Place South West, Vero Beach, Florida, following an extended illness. He was born in Iredell County on May 6, 1954, and was the son of the late Mrs. Lucy “Bea” Alexander and his fathers, Johnny Byers and Willie O. T. Chambers.

He attended Morningside School and later went to the Job Corps, the Marines and worked for the lawn service. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Florida. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Otis John Alexander and Jeff Byers; his grandparents, Blanche Flowers Alexander, Carl Alexander, Viola Tate, James Tate, Melvin Harwell Alexander; the parents who helped raised him, Lula Mae Thompson Hairston and Harvey Lee Hairston.

He leaves to cherish the memory of his life, his wife, Vivian Alexander of the home; his sons, Shannon Alexander, Tujaun Miller, of Statesville, and Lavell Alexander of Vera Beach, Florida; his daughters, Tonisha Alexander of Vera Beach, Florida; six sisters, Mary Alexander, Alisha Kimbrough, Tandra Chambers, and Anissa Chambers, all of Statesville, Cora Cauthen of Mt. Airy and Ozell Turner of South Carolina; five brothers, Thomas (Freda) Chambers of Harmony, Shannon (Treva) Byers of Statesville, Marcus Byers of Winston-Salem, Leroy Hairston of Statesville, and James Hairston of Mt. Airy; a special nephew, Anthony (Patrice) Chambers; special nieces, Tonisha (Johnathan) Daniels of Statesville; Lesley (Jermaine) Spears of Raleigh; two aunts, Betty (Joe) Barnes of Statesville and Evangelist Grace Dean Tate of Harmony; special thanks and hat’s off to brother-cousin-friend, James Oakel; friends, James Hyde; and special nephews; other relatives and friends.

*As long as life and memory last...
We will remember thee.*



Rutledge and Bigham Mortuary

Sunday, May 31, 2020

3:30 p.m.

Elder Christopher E. Daniels, Officiating
Elder Thomas Chambers, Eulogist

The Order of Service

- The Processional
- The Invocation
- The Opening Selection
- The Scripture Readings
 - Old Testament Jermain Spears
 - New Testament Elder Christopher Daniels
- The Prayer of Comfort..... Assistant Pastor Tosha Corpening
- The Special Remarks (*Limit two minutes please*)
- The Acknowledgments
- The Commemorative Presentation.....Funeral Director
- The Candle Lighting Mary, Tonisha, & Lesley
- The Solo Bishop Jamie Mack
- The Eulogy..... Elder Thomas Chambers
- The Solo: “*Safe In His Arms*”Tandra Chambers
- The Recessional

*I thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new.
I thought about you yesterday, and days before that too.
I think of you in silence, I often speak your name.
All I have are memories, and your picture in a frame.
Your memory's my keepsake, with which I'll never part.
God has you in his keeping, I have you in my heart.*

Remembering the Life of
Mr. John Franklin Alexander



A Gift Given

November 6, 1954

A Gift Returned

May 14, 2020

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