

## *Pallbearers*

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## *Honorary Pallbearers*

Lucy C. Laney Class of 1958



## *When Tomorrow Starts Without Me*

When tomorrow starts without me, And I'm not there to see. If the sun should rise and find your eyes, All filled with tears for me; I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today, while thinking of the many things, we didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, as much as I love you, and each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too; but when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand, that an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand, and said my place was ready, in heaven far above, and that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love; but as I turned to walk away, a tear fell from my eye, for all my life, I'd always thought, I didn't want to die. I had so much to live for, so much left yet to do, it almost seemed impossible that I was leaving you. I thought of all the yesterdays, the good ones and the bad, I thought of all the love we shared, and all the fun we had. If I could relive yesterday, just even for a while, I'd say good-bye and kiss you, and maybe see you smile; but then I fully realized, that this could never be, for emptiness and memories, would take the place of me. And when I thought of worldly things, I might miss come tomorrow, I thought of you, and when I did, my heart was filled with sorrow. But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled at me, from His great golden throne, he said, "This is eternity, and all I've promised you. Today your life on earth is past, but here life starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, but today will always last, and since each day's the same way there's no longing for the past. You have been so faithful, so trusting and so true. Though there were times you did some things you knew you shouldn't do. But you have been forgiven and now at last you're free. So won't you come and take my hand and share my life with me?" So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart, for every time you think of me, I'm right here, in your heart.



## *Acknowledgements*

The family expresses gratitude to The Augusta University Health Cancer Center, The Augusta University Health Vision Center, Addus Homecare, Caretakers, Beulah Grove Baptist Church, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated, and Zeta Xi Omega Chapter.

*"I have fought the good fight, I finished my course, I have kept the faith."*  
- II Timothy 4:7

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A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

# *Mrs. Emira Eagle "Lyman" Bryant*

Sunrise  
August 26, 1939

Sunset  
April 13, 2019



Friday, April 19, 2019  
11:00 A.M.

BEULAH GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH  
1434 Poplar Street  
Augusta, Georgia



Reverend Dr. Sam Davis, Pastor  
... Officiating ...

# Obituary

EMIRA EAGLE “LYMON” BRYANT, the firstborn child of the late Daisy Taylor Eagle and the late Napoleon Eagle, was born in Warrenton, Georgia on August 26, 1939. The family moved to Augusta, Georgia, when she was very young.

Mrs. Bryant was baptized at Mount Zion Baptist Church. After returning from college, she joined Beulah Grove Baptist Church to worship with her family. While her health permitted, Mrs. Bryant was an active member of Beulah Grove. She worked with Vacation Bible School for many years. She assisted with purchasing flowers for the sanctuary for the 1st Sunday worship services. She was also a member of the Willie Mae Howard Missionary Circle (formerly, the Business and Professional Missionary Circle), for which she served as chairperson for several years.

Mrs. Bryant received her early education at Charles T. Walker Elementary School. She graduated from Lucy C. Laney High School in 1958 and Albany State College in 1965. She was a first-generation college graduate.

Mrs. Bryant was employed by the Richmond County School System (RCSS). Mrs. Bryant taught at W.S. Hornsby Elementary School for thirty years. During her tenure, she taught second, third, sixth, and seventh grades. She also had the opportunity to teach computer-assisted courses and Title I mathematics. She was recognized by the RCSS Title I Program for service and dedication to Title I students. She retired in 1995.

Mrs. Bryant was active in professional and civic organizations. She was a member of the American Federation of Teachers, Patient and Family Advisory Council at Augusta University Health, Augusta Area Cultural Society Incorporated, Richmond County Retired Educators Association, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated, Zeta Xi Omega Chapter.

Emira was first wed to Frankie Lymon (1967), who preceded her in death. There were no children born to this marriage. Later in life, she was introduced to her husband, Leroy Bryant Sr., and they were married in 2001. They enjoyed retirement - taking family trips, visiting family and friends, traveling to new places, and bird watching from their kitchen window.

Mrs. Bryant was an amazing and beloved wife, sister, aunt, niece, cousin, godmother, stepmother, friend, and teacher. Throughout her life’s journey, she lovingly and generously touched the lives of many. She loved cooking and sharing her culinary creations with family and friends. She was a voracious reader and was always happy to find new and exciting books and ideas to share. Poised and stylish, she was down-home and always willing to offer a word of encouragement and praise. Gone before her: maternal great-grandmother, Clara Taylor; paternal grandparents, Rosa and Jesse Eagle; maternal grandparents, Mattie and Sammie Taylor; parents, Daisy and Napoleon Eagle; siblings, Sylvester Eagle, Mildred Blocker and Evelyn Uretta Spencer; brother-in-law, William Blocker; and nephew, Rodney Hill.

Celebrating her rich life and cherishing her memory are: loving husband, Leroy Bryant Sr.; two sisters, Helen (Ransom) Hill and Rosbin (Clarence) Ivery; sister-in-law, Eleanor Eagle; nieces and nephews, Pammie (Kevin) Jimmar, Deltrye (Henry) Holt, Brodrick Eagle, Bradford Eagle, Randall (Michelle) Hill, Willie (Zaneta) Ivery, Tracy Ivery, Tonya (Christopher) Lindsey and Mekayla (Terrence) Murphy; great-nieces and nephews, Kevin and Dallas Jimmar, Henry IV and Jared Holt, Marcus and Na’Arah Hill, Brandon and Racquel Eagle, Bre’lyn and Madelyn Eagle, Alayah, Briahna, and Ciarah Hill, Lauryn and Peyton Ivery, Gabrielle Hawkins and Michael Lindsey and Clinterone and Terrik Maxwell; great-great-niece, Laila Thurmond; three aunts, Jessie Hartfield, Darnelle Strother and Lena Ivey; step-children, Wayne Bryant, Wanda Walker, Julius (Cheryl) Bryant and Judith (Perry) Mason; godchildren, Xavier Welcher, Jacquelyn Johnson and Sabrina White; life-long family friend and deacon, William Howard; and a host of cousins and friends.

# Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Selection ..... Choir

Scriptures

Old Testament ..... Reverend Harvey Andrews

New Testament ..... Reverend Henry Holt, III

Prayer ..... Dr. Jeffrey Flowers

DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE, AU HEALTH

Reflections | Expressions of Comfort (1-2 Minutes Each)

*As A Friend/Church Member, Deacon William Howard*

*As A Friend/Coworker, Dr. Verma Curtis*

*As A Friend, Ms. Thomasina Grant*

*Lucy C. Laney Class of '58, Ms. Bernice Bogan*

*As a Teacher, Ms. Janice Allen Jackson*

*As A Teacher, Mr. Joe Wright*

Solo ..... Minister Brandon Lynn

Acknowledgements and Resolution ..... Minister Jean Callaway

Obituary (READ SILENTLY) ..... Musical Selection by Henry Holt, IV and Jared Holt

Solo ..... Minister Brandon Lynn

Eulogy ..... Reverend Dr. Sam Davis

Recessional

Interment ..... Mt. Olive Memorial Gardens

Deans Bridge Road

Hephzibah, Georgia

Committal ..... Reverend Dr. Sam Davis

*- Repast -*

(Immediately following the Interment)  
BEULAH GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH  
FELLOWSHIP HALL