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**CELEBRATING
THE LIFE AND
LEGACY
OF
THE HONORABLE
BRUCE B. MOUNT
“A Gentle Giant”**

December 7, 1961 – January 29, 2018

“Mount Up!”

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Saturday, February 3, 2018 • 3:00 PM

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church
412 East Kennedy Boulevard, Eatonville, Florida 32751
Willie C Barnes, Pastor

Interment
Eatonville Memorial Gardens – Eatonville, Florida

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THE HONORABLE

Bruce B. Mount

A Time To Be Born – On December 7, 1961 in Orlando, Florida, **Bruce B. Mount** was born to his parents, the loving Evelyn Mount Zeigler and the late Jimmy James Bush. He was the third of five children, and a proud “Momma’s Boy” who along with his siblings was raised in the admonition of The Lord in the 1st Black Incorporated Municipality in the United States of America, Eatonville, Florida, **“The Town That Freedom Built.”**

A Time To Learn – A young Bruce received his formative education in the public schools of Orange County, and was a graduate of Edgewater High School, Class of 1979. He was always very athletic and thoroughly enjoyed the discipline of learning the game of football while he played for the Eatonville Rockets. Bruce also took up running track early on while attending Lockhart Jr. High School. It was during this time in his life that some incredible lifetime friendships with **“The Crew”** would be established.

A Time To Grow – After high school Bruce matriculated to Bethune Cookman College where he continued in his zest for Track and Field, while earning a B.S degree in Business Administration. Even during this season of his life, Bruce continued to nourish his relationship with his family and friends, while setting the lofty goal of living an exceptional and effective life of a Passionate Servant Leader. Bruce’s heart’s desire was to impact the lives of many for positive change, young and old alike.

Mr. Mount was so very clear about this call on his life, that everyone that knew him knew about his mission. They also knew that there was only one place on earth that he desired to serve, and that was in the big, little town of Eatonville, Florida, the place he affectionately referred to as **“The Ville.”**

A Time To Love – While still at BCC, during a weekend get-a-way back home, Bruce laid eyes on the beautiful Winifred Rackard, and he was smitten. The two were wed in Holy Matrimony on May 7th, 1986, and enjoyed a lifetime of marital bliss until *“life did them part”* on March 2, 2015. Bruce and Winnie’s marriage was a great example to all. He was a loving and dedicated husband, father to Bruce Jr., Shana, and Bryan, grandfather to Bailey and Bryan Jr., and everybody knew it. When you saw Bruce or Winifred, you saw the other . . . together they built a legacy of love. Bruce embodied the concept of two becoming one, the symbol of unity. Winifred’s untimely death left Bruce devastated, and yet he continued to be a genuine **“Gentle Giant”** for many.

A Time To Labor – Bruce was no stranger to hard work and invested a total of 25 years, during two tours with WFTV Channel 9 as both an audio and technical engineer respectively. In addition, he was the owner / operator of Mount Up Productions, where he provided sound and audio needs for concerts and festivals, to include the world-renowned ZORA Festival in Eatonville. But his labor certainly did not end there. The Honorable Bruce B. Mount also enjoyed a very fruitful political career that expanded over a period of 23 years and included being elected to Eatonville’s City Council, as Vice Mayor, and as Mayor of his beloved hometown.

Mr. Mount diligently labored over preserving not just the history of Eatonville, but it’s infrastructure as well to include water/sewer, improved streets, lighting, traffic signs, and regulations. We see this manifested in the Gateway Initiative, by which the Town Arch that stretches over Kennedy Boulevard greeting each visitor and resident was established, an initiative that he deemed well worth the labor it took.

A Time To Serve – It was long before Mr. Mount was officially elected as a public servant that he started to serve. As he focused on being a servant leader that operated with a spirit of integrity, it became more of a lifestyle for Bruce. In keeping with his mission from years past, he mentored many youth, and oversaw the largest MLK Parade in all of Central Florida for over a decade. His love and concern for all of Eatonville’s citizens incited him to take action that would impact the lives of all. Health Initiatives such as **“Walk & Talk,”** and **“The Mayor’s Challenge,”** garnered so much deserving attention that talk show host Dr. Oz featured the Town of Eatonville and these initiatives on his television show. Bruce was a member of Alpha Phi Omega and Omega Psi Phi Fraternities, and Isaiah Lodge #10.

A Time To Love Some More – *“Bruce loved his family fiercely, his three children, and his late wife Winnie,”* said one of his co-worker at Channel 9, Vanessa Echols. Bruce was the epitome of love and respect. He was sacrificial in his giving and as a dad—he was the very best anyone could ask for. Bruce was a strict disciplinarian alright, and yet he knew how to balance that by assuring his family always had lots of fun. He knew how to make them all laugh!

As mentioned earlier, Bruce was a proud Momma’s boy and would daily call his mother and greet her with a quirky, *“Chello Darling”* to which she always responded, *“Good Morning Mr. Mayor.”* It was no secret among his siblings Steve, the late Adolphis, Tangie, and Rhonda, that Bruce was their mother’s favorite child. Admittedly, while his siblings were sometimes defiant, Bruce always loved and honored his mother in all his ways. Nevertheless, he and his older brother Steve were really close, and could often be seen talking over breakfast at The Fairbanks Diner, one of their favorite spots.

On December 9th he coordinated a big family gathering whereby everyone would be celebrated, as it included the celebration of Birthdays, Anniversaries, Retirements, and Christmas. This celebration was a hit for all and another mission accomplished.

A Time To Laugh – Bruce was a storyteller, the resident DJ, and he and Winnie knew how to throw the best New Year’s Eve party. Together with **“The Crew,”** a group of friends and couples cultivated from childhood, there were lots of opportunities to laugh together as they traveled together. And then there was the family band he organized, Fantazz, that produced many laughs for years to come. An even though Bruce enjoyed laughter, he knew that life was no joking matter and therefore often sought to inspire and motivate his children with the following quotes, *“The elevator to success is broken, so you are gonna have to take the stairs,”* and *“The world does not have room for mediocrity.”*

A Time To Mourn – He was preceded in death by **wife** – Winifred Katrina Rackard Mount; **father** – James Lee “Jimmy” Bush; **brother** – Adolphis Mount; **grandparents** – Reverend Prince & Johnnie Mount; **mother-in-law** and **father-in-law** – Donald & Malinda Rackard; **sisters-in-law** – Brenda Williams, Carolyn McCrimmon, and Irma Jean Dorsey.

A Time To Remember – He leads behind to cherish many memories of a life well-lived: his **sons** – Bruce (Shayla) Mount Jr. and Bryan Mount; **favorite daughter** – Shana Mount; **granddaughter** – Bailey Mount; **grandson** – Bryan Mount Jr.; **parents** – Evelyn & Flynn Zeigler; **brother** – Steve (Frances) Mount; **sisters** – Tangie Kaigler, Rhonda (Shaunacey) Zeigler Mack, and Angela Bush Gordon; **sisters-in-law** – Helen (Arthur) Tomlinson, Rosetta Elijah, Lynn (Robert) Smith, Laura (Trevor) Whyte, and Julie (Heath) Watkins; **brothers-in-law** – Donald Rackard Jr., Charles (Tonja) Rackard, Wesley “Keith” (Tracey) Rackard, and Dwayne (Malinda) Rackard; **godchildren** – Morris & Johnathan Williams, D’mya & De’shaun Barnes; and **close Family friends** – The Williams, The Bookers, The West, Kerry Brown, Billy Jack, Quentin Rozier, and a host of **aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives, and very special friends.**

Yet we have this assurance: Those who belong to God will live; their bodies will rise again! Those who sleep in the earth will rise up and sing for joy!

– Isaiah 26:19_{NLT}

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OFFICIATING / EULOGIST

Pastor Willie C Barnes

Macedonia MB Church – Eatonville, FL

3:00 P.M.

ORDER OF SERVICE

FEBRUARY 3, 2018

Processional

Invocation..... Pastor Arnold Porter
New Bethel A.M.E. – Altamonte Springs, FL

Lessons from the Scripture

Old Testament Pastor Ronald Critton
Beth TeHillah Ministries – Casselberry, FL

New Testament Rev. Tony Robinson

Ministry in Music Macedonia Mass Choir

Reflections *(limit your remarks to 2 minutes each, please)*

As a Friend – Kerry Brown, Willie Jackson, and Quentin Rozier

As a Friend – “The Crew”

As a Community Servant – Commissioner Samuel B. Ings
City Of Orlando, District 6

As a Classmate – Morris West & Phil Seamore

Resolutions and Acknowledgments Clarice Hopkins
Church Clerk

Special Tribute..... Bruce and Winifred’s Kids

A Visual Legacy *(created by the Family)*

Ministry in Music..... Macedonia Mass Choir

Words of Comfort Pastor Willie C Barnes

Recessional



INTERMENT

Eatonville Memorial Gardens, 2121 Brook Drive, Eatonville, FL 32751

REPAST

Immediately following the interment, the Family invites you to join them for a repast here at Macedonia MBC.



“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there will be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away.”

– Revelation 21:4

Active Pallbearers

Wilbur North / Dean Mosley
Morris Williams, Jr. / Morris West
Charles Rackard / George Ramsey

Honorary Pallbearers

Michael Booker / Kerry Brown / Billy Jack
Heath Watkins Sr. / Trevor Whyte
Steve Mount / Reginald Robinson
Mitchel Tomlinson Jr. / Arthur Tomlinson Sr.
Wesley Rackard / Dwayne Rackard
Quentin Rozier / Alan Pickett
Phil Seamore / John Mount
Morris Williams III

Flower Attendants

Friends from “Walk & Talk”
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QUOTES FROM MAYOR BRUCE B. MOUNT

“The world does not have room for mediocrity.”

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In Appreciation

The family of The Honorable Bruce B. Mount wishes to extend genuine gratitude and appreciation to all who found so many comforting ways to convey condolences, acts of love, heartfelt sympathy, uplifting words, supporting prayers, or whatever acts of kindheartedness you expressed during this time.

Please accept our sincere gratitude and know that your love and support have meant more to us than mere words could ever express. May God’s blessings rain upon each of you!

We take solace in 1 Corinthians 2:9.....

*“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man,
The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”*

– the Family

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