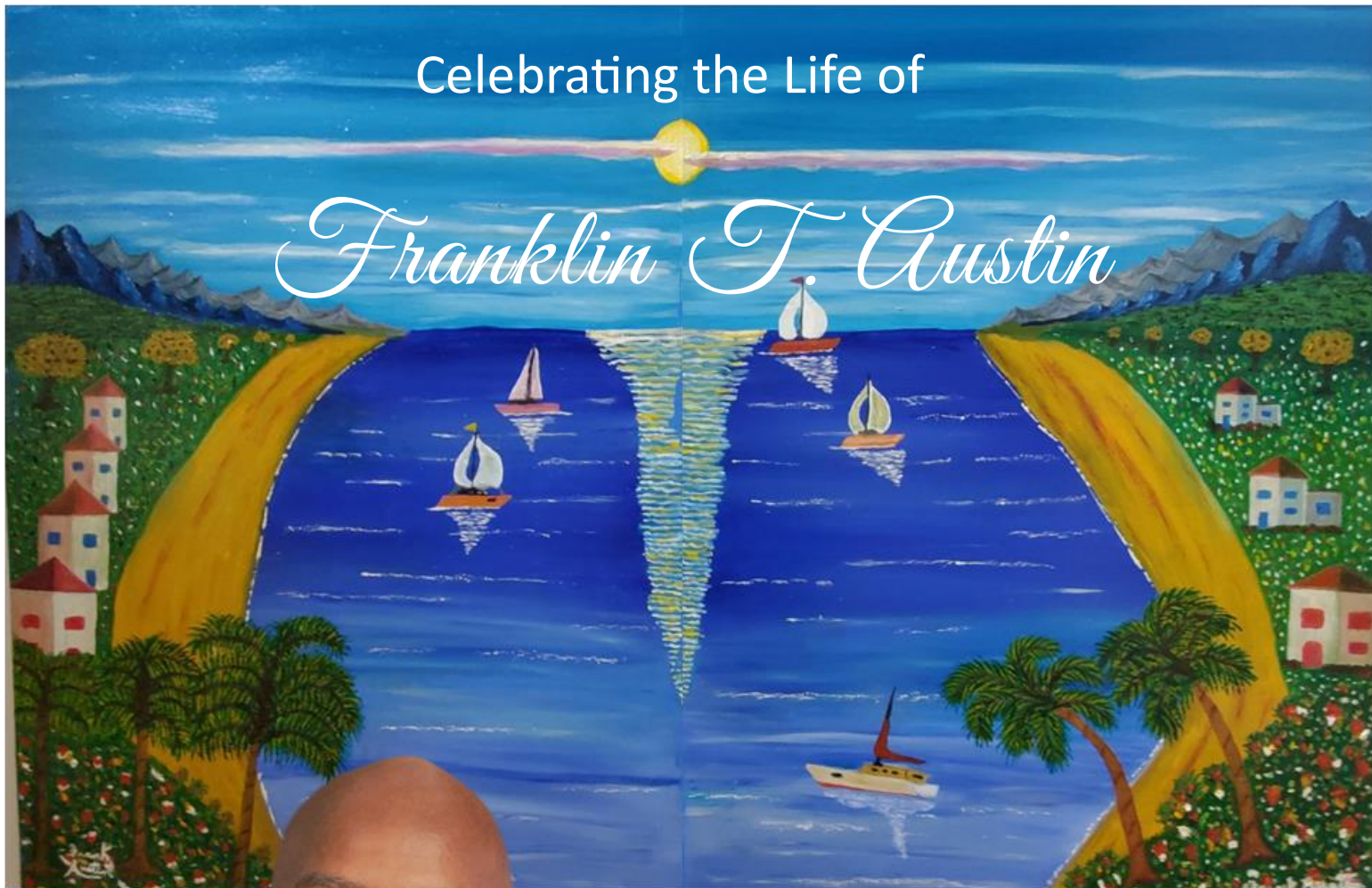


Celebrating the Life of

Franklin T. Austin



Memorial Service
Saturday, October 22, 2022
11:00 a.m.

Antioch Baptist Church
6531 Little Ox Road
Fairfax Station, VA 22039

Obituary

Franklin Theodore Austin, fondly known to family and friends as Frank, departed this life on Monday, September 12, 2022, following a brief illness. Frank, the only child of Lorraine Austin Beatty, was born in Washington, D.C. He attended D.C. public schools where he showcased his athletic abilities in football and track and field, graduating from McKinley Technology High School in 1959. After graduation from high school, Frank matriculated at both the Washington Teachers College, (now, University of District of Columbia) in Graphic Arts, and Howard University in the field of Physical Education. He also studied History and Sociology at George Mason University while on sabbatical leave later in his career.

Frank's distinguished career spanned over 40 years beginning with the Federal Government, first in a government printing office. He continued on to the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) as a National Security analyst and finally moved to the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) as a Senior Geospatial Subject Matter Expert specializing in national overhead and airborne imagery reconnaissance. Concurrent to his government employment, Frank also served as a reservist for the United States Air Force as well as working as a part-time licensed real estate agent in the DMV area. After his retirement from the government in 2004, he accepted a consultant position with Booz Allen Hamilton supporting the U.S. European Command until 'hanging his hat' and leaving the workforce in 2007 to pursue other interests.

Frank was a man of faith and a dutiful member of Antioch Baptist Church in Fairfax Station, Virginia where he served in several areas to include the Scholarship, Community Awareness, Security, 25th and 30th Anniversary, and Count Team ministries. He was affectionately known to some as the 'Tally Man' for his skills and dedication to task. Frank was well known as a sharp dresser and was often complimented on his stylish hats.

He was a devoted family man, husband, father and grandfather with a wry, witty sense of humor, who was always good for a corny joke or two to keep everyone in stitches! His many interests included history, aircraft, realty, automobiles, photography, and physical fitness. Ten years after leaving the workforce, Frank discovered his innate artistic talent and began painting. His artwork ran the gamut from scenic backdrops to still life, abstracts, penciled etchings, and realism. He commissioned a few pieces and shared others with immediate family and close friends.

Frank leaves to mourn his loving wife, Lori, of nearly 33 years, as well as his beloved children, Miriam Gregory (Percell), Millicent Dent, and Marcus Austin from his previous marriage to the late Marcia Austin; six grandchildren, Ganzie Dent, Jr., Kieran Gregory, Geordan Dent, Kyle Gregory, Kori Gregory, and Marcus Austin, Jr.; along with a host of family, extended family, friends and Ginger, the family pet.

Lovingly Submitted

Order of Service

Deacon Levon "Rick" Anderson, Officiating

Processional

Scripture Reading Rev. Bernard Snowden

OLD TESTAMENT: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

NEW TESTAMENT: 2 Corinthians 3:1-4

Prayer of Comfort Deacon Samuel Harris

Musical Selection Percell Gregory

Acknowledgements Maria Pernell

Reflections/Tributes Rev. Dr. Sterling Morse (Family)
Jimmy Jones (Ministry)
Harvey Jones (Friend)

Silent Reading of Obituary Instrumental Music

Musical Selection Mobile Joy
"Hold to God's Unchanging Hand"

Eulogy Rev. Dr. Melvin E. Jones
Executive Pastor, Antioch Baptist Church
Fairfax Station, VA

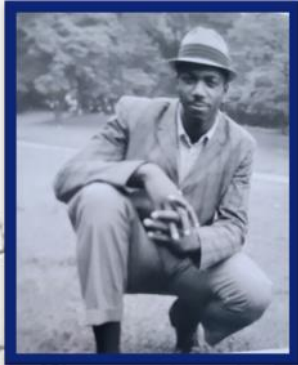
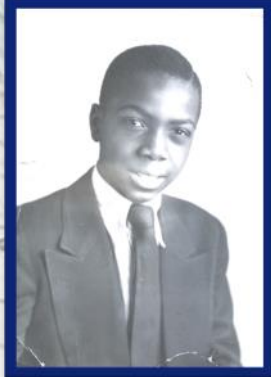
Benediction Rev. Dr. Melvin E. Jones

Recessional "Goin' Up Yonder"

Please join the family for repast immediately after service in the Ministry Center.

TOWER

Death is a tower
To which the soul ascends
To spend a meditative hour—
That never ends.
*From the Collected Poems of
Langston Hughes*



My Soul Shall Live with Jesus

LOUISE KING

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L. K. *Slow, with spirit*

1. I have heard of a man-sion That is bright-er than the sun,
2. Oh some-time my way seems dreary And I'm sink-ing in de-spair, And some
3. Then some-time my load gets heav-y And I know not what to do, But I
But I

day I'm goin' to dwell there When my works on earth are done, For I know my time is
call up - on my Sav-ior For I know He'll an-swer pray'r, Yes I know my Sav-ior
think a-bout my Sav-ior And I'm sure - ly go - ing thro', For I know that He will

not long In this sin-ful world of pain, Then my soul shall rest with Je-sus, With the
liv - eth And He knows just what I do, And I'm go - ing home to Je-sus, I've got
guide me All a-long this pil-grim way, I am go - ing home to glo-ry, I shall

CHORUS

Sav - ior, He's the King.
heav - en in my view. O yes my trou-bles will be o-ver When I reach the
make the goal some day.

oth-er shore, Then my soul shall rest with Je-sus In that man-sion ev - er - more.

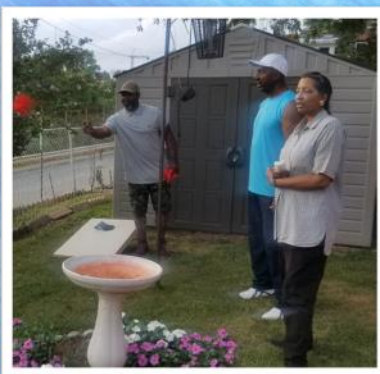
His Journey's Just Begun

Don't think of him as gone away; his journey's just begun
Life holds so many facets – this earth is only one.
Just think of him as resting from the sorrows and the tears
In a place of warmth and comfort,
Where there are no days and years.

Think how he must be wishing that we could know today
How nothing but our sadness can really pass away.
And think of him as living
In the hearts of those he touched...
For nothing loved is ever lost, and he was loved so much!

- Ellen Brenneman

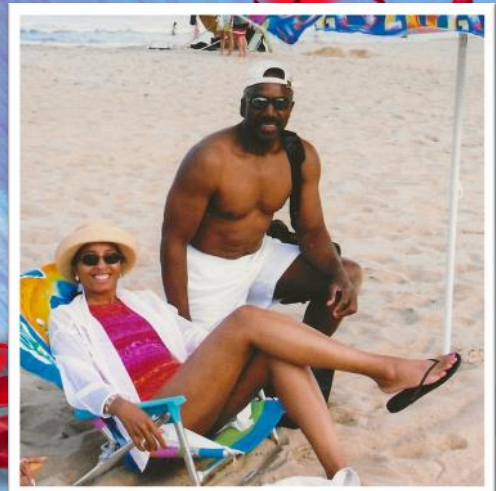






Life with my beloved Frank





Frank's Art Gallery





AUTUMN NOTE

The little flowers of yesterday
Have all forgotten May.
The last gold leaf has turned to brown.
The last bright day is grey.
The cold of winter comes apace
And you have gone away.

From the Collected Poems of Langston Hughes





Acknowledgements

The family is grateful for everyone's prayers, love, and support, along with the many visits, cards, and kind gestures extended to us on Frank's homegoing. We would like to express our special thanks and appreciation to friends Harvey and Deborah Jones, who helped assist and care for Frank during the last few months of his illness.

The Austin Family

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