

## The Family Tribute

**Franklin Garry Mott**, son of the late Bishop James and Overseer Naomi Mott, was born October 7, 1946 in Iredell County, North Carolina passed from this earthly life on Sunday, September 22, 2019. Frank was preceded in death by his sister Bernice Brown and brother Dalton Mott.

In 1964, Frank graduated from Morningside High School, Statesville, NC and later completed the required classes at Winston-Salem Barber College to acquire his NC Barber's License in 1965. He was a member of Bethlehem Apostolic Church, Statesville, NC and one of the lead psalmists in the Inter-church Choir where he melodiously sang to the glory of God under the direction of his late aunt, Ms. Willie McDowell.

In his late 20's, he moved from North Carolina to Maryland where he worked at Brunning Paint Company for many years. Frank worked for a variety of companies in Baltimore, MD, Washington, DC and Northern Virginia areas where he acquired many skills and worked faithfully until his retirement in his late 60's.

Frank was an easy-going, generous and peace-loving man. Along with other activities, his favorite past-times included singing, watching sports and WeTV, and hanging with friends at "The Clubhouse" in Southwest Baltimore close to where he lived.

Frank was a loving father and loyal friend with an undying fervor for music. His life's passion of singing and spreading the love of Jesus through Gospel music will be a legacy that he leaves with us all.

Frank leaves to cherish his memory, his siblings, Deacon Samuel "Sam" (Gay) Mott, Linda Hammons, and Deacon Furman (Ann) Mott, all of Statesville; his son, Rodney (Sheila) Dalton, the children from his union with Diane; Sheila (Damon) Spence of Baltimore, Md, Gregory (Amy) Rhoney of Winston-Salem, Ivan (Alease) Mott and Michael (Lasonya) Mott, and Kerwin Mott, all of Baltimore, Md, and through his lifelong friendship with Cheryl; Andre (Patrice) and Charlotte. He also leaves to mourn twenty-two grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren, along with a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends including Henry McClelland.

He was affectionately known as Granddaddy by his grandkids and Pops. Frank leaves to his children the legacy of the love of music as they all have embraced their musical gifts as God-given. He not only loved to watch sports, but he was a great basketball player and was well known in his community for talent in both basketball and boxing.

*As long as life and memory last...*

**We will remember you!**

## A Celebration of Life for

*Mr. Franklin Garry Mott*

**Rutledge and Bigham Mortuary  
Statesville, N. C.**

**Saturday, September 28, 2019  
Bishop Deborah Walls, Officiating  
Elder Ricky Flowers, Eulogist**

## The Family Visitation

**12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

The Processional Selection: *"Lift Him Up"* .....Sung by the Family

The Moments of Sharing: *(Friends may visit with the Family)*

## The Order of Service

**1:00 P.M.**

The Invocation ..... Bishop R. Shields

The Selection ..... Written by Rodney Dalton and Family

The Scripture Readings ..... Bishop Wilford Walls

Old Testament: *Psalm 46:1-4*

New Testament: *I Thessalonians 4:13-18*

The Prayer of Comfort .....Deacon Samuel Mott

The Silent Reading of the Obituary with Selection

..... Jarrod Hammons

The Remarks *(Limit two minutes please)*

♥ Deacon Samuel Mott

♥ Others

The Acknowledgments and The Commemorative Presentation

.....Funeral Director

The Selection..... Children and Grandchildren

The Eulogy.....Elder Ricky Flowers

The Recessional Selection ..... The Family

*In the procession to the cemetery, please remember to turn on your headlights, take caution at all intersections and fasten your seatbelts for safety.*

## At The Belmont Cemetery

*The Gathering of the Christian Community*

*The Ritual of Consignment*

*The Prayer of Benediction*

*The Final Departure*



Celebration  
of *Life*  
for  
Franklin G. Mott

*A family is a circle of love, not broken by a loss  
but made stronger by the memories.  
We are forever blessed that God connected us  
Death leaves a heartache only God can heal  
Love leaves a memory no one can steal  
The loss is immeasurable  
but so is the love left behind*



*Casket Bearers*  
Relatives and Friends

*Flower Bearers*  
Relatives and Friends

Make a  
*Joyful* noise  
Unto The  
*Lord!*



*With Our Thanks*

...that we through the patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope, (Romans 15) God has given us our church family, neighbors and dear friends, to help us as we go forward. **God's Word has been manifested through** your many expressions of sympathy and support; **we praise God from whom all blessings flow.** Thank you for honoring the memory of our beloved Franklin for remembering us during his illness and passing. In our risen Lord, **we have peace that passes all understanding.**  
The Family

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*A Gift Given*  
October 7, 1946

*A Gift Returned*  
September 22, 2019

Saturday, September 28, 2019  
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The Mary B. Bigham Memorial Chapel  
*Rutledge and Bigham Funeral Home*  
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