



*Celebration of Life*  
*for*

*Pastor Cornell Martin*

Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church  
Pulaski, Tennessee



Saturday, January 27, 2024

1:00 p.m.

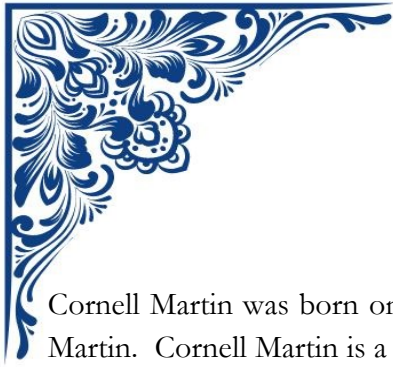
Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

315 Winchester Road, NE

Huntsville, AL 35811

Dr. O. Wendell Davis, Pastor/Officiant





## Reflection of Cornell's Life

September 20, 1954 ~ January 21, 2024

Cornell Martin was born on September 20, 1954 in Huntsville, Alabama to the late James and Mary Agnes Martin. Cornell Martin is a husband, father, grandfather, pastor, community organizer, and former owner of Martin's Masonry, Inc. for 40 years. Cornell has served on many boards throughout the city while trying to enhance the City of Huntsville and Madison County community, which led him to start Operation Clean Streets and a Community Neighborhood Watch initiative.

Cornell is the Founder and CEO of 501c3 Non-Profit Organization, Chill Huntsville and Stop the Violence, in Huntsville, Alabama. Also founding Chill Talk Podcast, which is dedicated to those that may be thinking about committing a crime. In addition to being the Founder and CEO of a Non-Profit organization, he hosted a Podcast, Vent-Stration. The Vent-Stration Podcast is a place where one can vent their frustrations by calling in on a live podcast.

Since retiring from the construction industry, Cornell loved the work that he did while serving others and the community. Cornell was the pastor of Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church located in Pulaski, Tennessee. Every Friday, Cornell was found at his Non-Profit Organization, Chill Huntsville and Stop the Violence feeding the homeless and the helpless throughout the City of Huntsville, Alabama.

Cornell was preceded in death by four sisters: Julia Mae Wherry, Eleanor Watkins, Ormelia Boone, Glenease Strong, and Sue Berta Martin; three brothers: Homer L. Martin, Joe D. Martin, Johnnie Martin, and Willie J. Martin ("Bubba"); two sons: Lamarin Ford, Sr. and Ricky Maurice Fletcher.

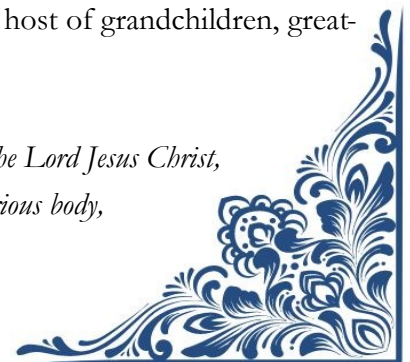
Cornell accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior in March of 1979 at Union Chapel M.B. Church. Just four short months later, he preached his first sermon in July of 1979.

Cornell loved the Lord, his friends, classmates, and his family. He could be found eating in the best restaurants in the city, at home catching up on his favorite TV shows, and traveling the country with the 6 Club. Out of all of his many traveling ventures, nothing compared to traveling to Chicago, IL to visit his favorite cousins, Donald and Sabrina Moore. He was also a member of the Chicago Idlewilder's, Inc.

Pastor Cornell leaves his legacy of love to be cherished by his devoted wife of 30 years, First Lady Norma Martin, daughter, Andrea Martin, son, James Vinson; his niece, who he affectionately called his daughter, Aretha McNealey; bonus sons: Demond, Travis, Dennis, and Ishmael; brothers and sisters: Charlie (Mae) Martin, Ronnie (Laura) Martin, James (Catherine) Hambrick, Rosie Pickett, and Martha Leslie; daughter in-law, Keisha Ford; mother-in-law, Mabel Linza White; brothers and sisters in love: Barbara (Gene) Jackson, Eddie (Sandra) Woods, Teresa White, Nathan White, and Melissa Hester, and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, other relatives and dear friends.

*"For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,  
who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body,  
according to the working by which  
He is able even to subdue all things to Himself."*

~Philippians 3:20-21 NKJV~





# Order of Service

*“And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!”*

~Romans 10:15 KJV~

## Prelude

Processional ..... Clergy, Family, Friends

Opening Prayer ..... Reverend Marvin Malone  
Progressive Union Missionary Baptist Church  
Huntsville, Alabama

## Scripture Readings

Old Testament ..... Pastor Robert L. Malone  
Greater First Timothy Baptist Church  
Louisville, Kentucky

New Testament ..... Pastor Wallace Steele  
New Birth Missionary Baptist Church  
Huntsville, Alabama

Musical Selection ..... Brother Randy Gaines

## Reflections and Tributes (2 minutes, please)

As a Pastor’s Friend ..... Pastor Stanley Garrett  
Temple of Praise, Pulaski, Tennessee

As a Pastor’s Friend ..... Pastor Jerry Reeves  
Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, Leighton, Alabama

As a Family Member ..... Mr. Emmanuel and Evangelist Cynthia Igboin

As a Pastor ..... Brother Casey Byno, Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, Pulaski, Tennessee

Resolution and Acknowledgements. .... Sister Johnnie Clift

Musical Selection ..... Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church Choir

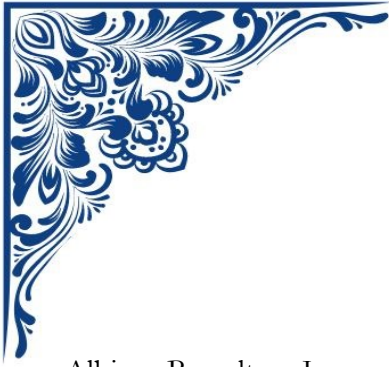
Eulogy ..... Dr. O. Wendell Davis

Musical Selection ..... Choir

Closing Prayer ..... Minister Tavarius Henderson

Mortician ..... Royal Funeral Home, Inc.

Recessional ..... Clergy, Family, Friends



## Honorary Pallbearers

Travis Howard

Donald Moore

Gerald Martin

George Patton

Earl Timmons

## Active Pallbearers

Albines Brazelton, Jr.

Demond Garrett

Eric Holden

Ishmael Jones

Yumond Edwards

Jarvis Hampton

Donald Hurt

Chad Martin

## Flower Bearers

Brandy Bonamente

Tangela Ford

Jessica Martin

Dr. Krisshonna Brown

Aretha McNealey

Perrion Roberts

Avis Crutcher

Asia McNealey

Angelia Wherry

Teresa Crutcher

Judy Malone

Belinda Wherry Williams

Trina Edwards

Deborah Martin

Carolyn Wherry

## Acknowledgements

The Martin Family acknowledges with sincere gratitude the many expressions of sympathy shown during the illness and passing of Pastor Cornell Martin. Your prayers, visits, phone calls, cards, food, floral tributes, gifts, and other acts of kindness have been an immense source of comfort to us and will never be forgotten. A special thanks is extended to the staff of Huntsville Hospital Hospice and special neighbors and friends.

May God continue to bless each and every one of you.

~The Family~

## Interment

Valhalla Memory Gardens

698 Winchester Road

Huntsville, Alabama 35811

## Repast

Boone-Lacy Fellowship Hall

Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

Final Arrangements Entrusted to:

Royal Funeral Home, Inc.

4315 Oakwood Avenue, NW

Huntsville, AL 35810

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