

# Pallbearers

## From hearse to grave

Jon Crosby  
Wayne Morton Sr.  
Wayne Morton Jr.  
Robert Flornoy  
Robert Morton  
Jimmy Morton

# Acknowledgement

The Crosby family wishes to express their heartfelt appreciation to the many friends, family and love ones who shared words of comfort during our time of bereavement. Special thanks to the Staff of Mayo Clinic, Florida.

# Interment

Jacksonville National Cemetery  
In Jacksonville, Florida

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4315 North Main Street  
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# *Celebration of Life For*



# *Sgt. Bobby Bland Crosby*



September 13, 1957 – September 4, 2018

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Samuel C. Rogers Jr. Memorial Chapel

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## Reflections of The Life of Sgt. Bobby B. Crosby

**A Time to be Born:** Bobby Bland Crosby was born September 13, 1957 to Willa Faye Thomas and Rev. Charlie J. Crosby in Jacksonville, Florida.

**A Time to Live:** He attended the public schools of Duval County and graduated from William M. Raines High School in 1976. After graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served a 20-year career with an honorable discharge as Sergeant.

**A Time to Love:** Bobby married and to the union three children were born. Later, he met his life partner, Donna Hicks, who loved him dearly.

**A Time to Serve:** Growing up in a Christian home where the love of God, family, church and school were of importance, Bobby attended Trinity Baptist Church and in later years he attended Zarephath Tabernacle.

**A Time to Depart:** Bobby fought a good fight. He received excellent healthcare and had the support of many loving and devoted family members and friends. He finished his course, kept the faith and departed this life on September 4, 2018 at Mayo Clinic, Florida with family members by his side.

**A Time to Cherish Memories:** Bobby was preceded in death by his father, Rev. Charlie J. Crosby, Second father, Jimmie Morton, his Grandmother, Crosena Lawhorn, and his sister, Elvira Crosby.

Bobby's life will be lovingly remembered by his mother, Willa Faye Cohen; Step mother, Effie Campbell; Life partner, Donna M. Hicks; Children, Angel Henderson (Marchand), Jon Crosby (Katie), Crosena Crosby (Durell); Step-children, Autrell Foster (Willie), Lekecia Hicks; Siblings, James Morton, Dale Morton, Wayne Morton, Sandra Crosby; Grandchildren, Roymel Thomas, Jyrah Thomas, Raniya Francis, Harrison Henderson, Haven Henderson, Jayceon Griffith, Skylar Thomas, Kannon Crosby; a host of other relatives and sorrowing friends.

## Tribute to My Son



People ask me if I'm alright, I say today, I don't know about tomorrow. I would like to tell you about my son. I love my son. I didn't tell people how I felt about him, I told my son. I may be wrong but I feel like my son has been born again. His body was so sick and in so much pain which I couldn't do anything about. I feel my son flew away to a peaceful place. For the first time in his life he's got a future of unconditional love and happiness. A place where he can think about his reward for serving his master. My son would tell me how much he loved the Lord, and did the things the Lord asked of him. That is why my heart is at peace. For 60 years, my son and I had a coming together of heart and mind. You will never know what peace is until the Lord gives it to you. That's what he did for me. My son's body is still, but his soul and spirit lives on in happiness and love. Willa Faye

## Tribute to My Dad



So many words were left unspoken, so many things I wish I had said. Your last words to me were I love you. There is nothing stronger nor greater than love. You are my hero turned angel and I'll forever cherish the moments I had with you. The fight you fought is nothing short of commendable. As you look down upon me, guide me. Lead me in the direction pleasing to the Lord you served so faithfully. Forever and always your Chrissy Belle. ~ Crosena





# Great is Thy Faithfulness

“Great is Thy faithfulness,” O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

### Chorus

“Great is Thy faithfulness!” “Great is Thy faithfulness!”  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—  
“Great is Thy faithfulness,” Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!



# Order of Service

The Rev. Willie McLaurin, Officiant

Processional.....  
Prayer.....Rev. Willie McLaurin,  
Associate Pastor, St. Andrew AMEC  
Scripture.....

### Reflections

As A Friend.....Mr. Robert Flornoy  
As A Sibling.....Ms. Sandra Crosby  
As A Grandchild.....Ms. Kennedy Spencer  
Acknowledgements.....Mrs. Lillie Sullivan  
Solo.....“Give Myself Away” .....Ms. Elizabeth Sullivan  
Words of Comfort.....Rev. Toby Johnson,  
Zarephath Tabernacle, Jacksonville, Florida  
Recessional.....

*Remember sadness is always temporary. This, too, shall pass.*

*~ Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*