

Order of Service

Rev. Louis C. Kirkland, Presiding

Processional

Selection

Invocation Minister

Scripture Minister
Old & New Testament

Selection Toshika Johnson

Acknowledgments

Reflections (*Two Minutes Please*)

As a Friend Shawn Walker
As a Family Member Arrie Dell Rogers
As A Co-Worker Thomas McNeil

Selection Jackie Bryant

Words of Comfort Rev. Louis C. Kirkland
Mother Midway AME

Recessional

Interment

Edgewood Cemetery
4519 Edgewood Drive
Jacksonville, Florida 32219

Repast

The Legacy Building
1725 Oakhurst Avenue
Jacksonville, FL 32208 (near Edgewood Library)

Pallbearers

Anthony "Tony" Allen Keith Kirkland
Dorsey Hutchison Willie J. Kirkland
Anthony Kirkland Shawn Walker

Flower Attendants

Friends of the Family

Honorary Flower Attendants

True Vine Chapter #181
Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church Ushers

Our Thanks

We praise God for your presence here today, your strength and inspiration for the facing of this hour and all acts of kindness shown to us during his illness and during our time of bereavement. Our hearts are so full of love and gratitude to all of you. We thank God for friends like you ALWAYS.

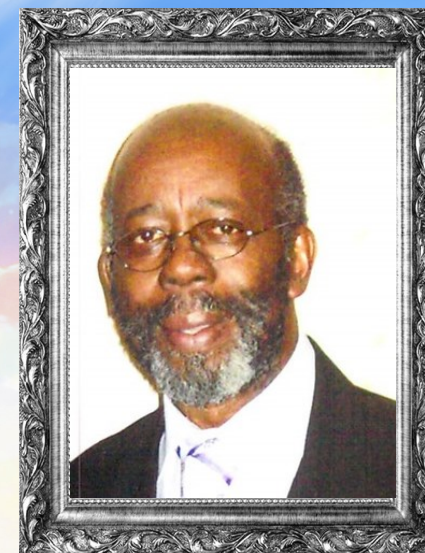
~The family of the late **Brother Bobby Joe Kirkland**
A.K.A. "Soul Train"



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Mr. Bobby Joe Kirkland

February 25, 1945 — September 7, 2017

Service

11:00 AM, Saturday, September 16, 2017

Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church

Pastor Herb Anderson

2407 S. L. Badger Jr. Circle
Jacksonville, Florida 32209

Reverend Louis C. Kirkland, Officiating



Reflection of Bobby's Life

Mr. Bobby Joe Kirkland affectionately called "SOUL TRAIN" was born on February 25, 1945 in Newville, Alabama to the union of Bozzie and Corrine Kirkland. He attended the public schools in Newville, Alabama. Bobby accepted Christ in his life as his Lord and Savior during his early childhood.

Mr. Kirkland departed this life on Thursday, September 7, 2017, 6:36 p.m., at St Vincent's Hospital, Jacksonville, FL the Lord called one of his angels. He was preceded into the heavenly gates by his parents, Bozzie and Corrine Kirkland; his loving brother, Marvin Kirkland; daughter, Mary Ann Kirkland; and his precious grandson Geraud Smith.

On March 19, 1963, Bobby was united in Holy Matrimony to the love of his life, Eunice Mae Corbitt. To this union two beautiful daughters were born. They enjoyed each other's love for fifty-four years, six months, seven days and eighteen hours, where they resided most of their life in Jacksonville, Florida.

Mr. Kirkland loved his family and work. He was employed with Ryder Truck PIE for twelve years and Yellow Freight Company for thirty-one years, after which he retired in 2007.

Mr. Kirkland leaves to cherish his legacy and celebrate his precious memories: a devoted wife, Eunice M. Kirkland; daughter, Patricia F. Kirkland; granddaughter, Latrice Smith; great-grandchildren, Rodney Oates and Jermaine Fossett; brothers, James David Kirkland (Gloria) and Willie E. Kirkland (Lena); sister, Gwendolyn Allen; mother-in-law, Annie P. Corbitt; three brother-in-laws; eleven sisters-in-laws; two godsons; nieces, nephews, a host of other relatives and friends rejoicing to have shared his love.

Don't weep for me, I took God by His hand. He told me "Come on my precious angel" Let me take you to the Promise Land.

Family



In the month of October, 1965, I began my employment with Ryder Truck Lines as a casual worker. At that time I was not old enough to become a regular or become bonded.

On my twenty first birthday, February 25, 1966, I begun my thirty day probationary period as a full time worker and was assigned to the loading dock as a checker until April 16, 1973. From that point I worked as a road driver until December 13, 1990 when Ryder went out of business.

For the next three years I worked as a casual out of the Teamsters union hall.

On November 3, 1993, I began a thirty day probationary period with Yellow Freight and continued my employment with them until I retired on August 15, 2007.

I've worked a total of forty one years as a Teamster with thirty four of those years as a road driver. At the end of my driving career, I had logged in over three million (3,000,000) miles with only two accidents. Now I'm retired and ready to go fishing.

Bobby Joe Kirkland