

*Active Pallbearers*

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK

Robert Alexander, Jr.  
Richard Johnson  
Leroy Glenn  
Gary Lewis  
Randolph Grayson  
Kenneth Maillard  
Larry Harmon  
Dante Peterson

ORLANDO, FL

Granville Anderson  
Bobby Rankin  
Joseph Brooks  
Milton "Chip" Slaughter  
Michael Caldwell  
Ivory Sneed  
Charles Jackson  
RJ Stevenson

*Honorary Pallbearers*

Clergy of the Oklahoma State Conference  
Clergy of the Central Florida Conference

*Interment*

Highland Memorial Park Cemetery  
Ocala, Florida

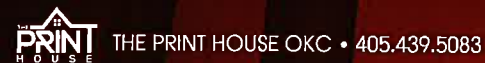
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"We Care" II Timothy 4.8



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*Special Thanks  
and Acknowledgements*

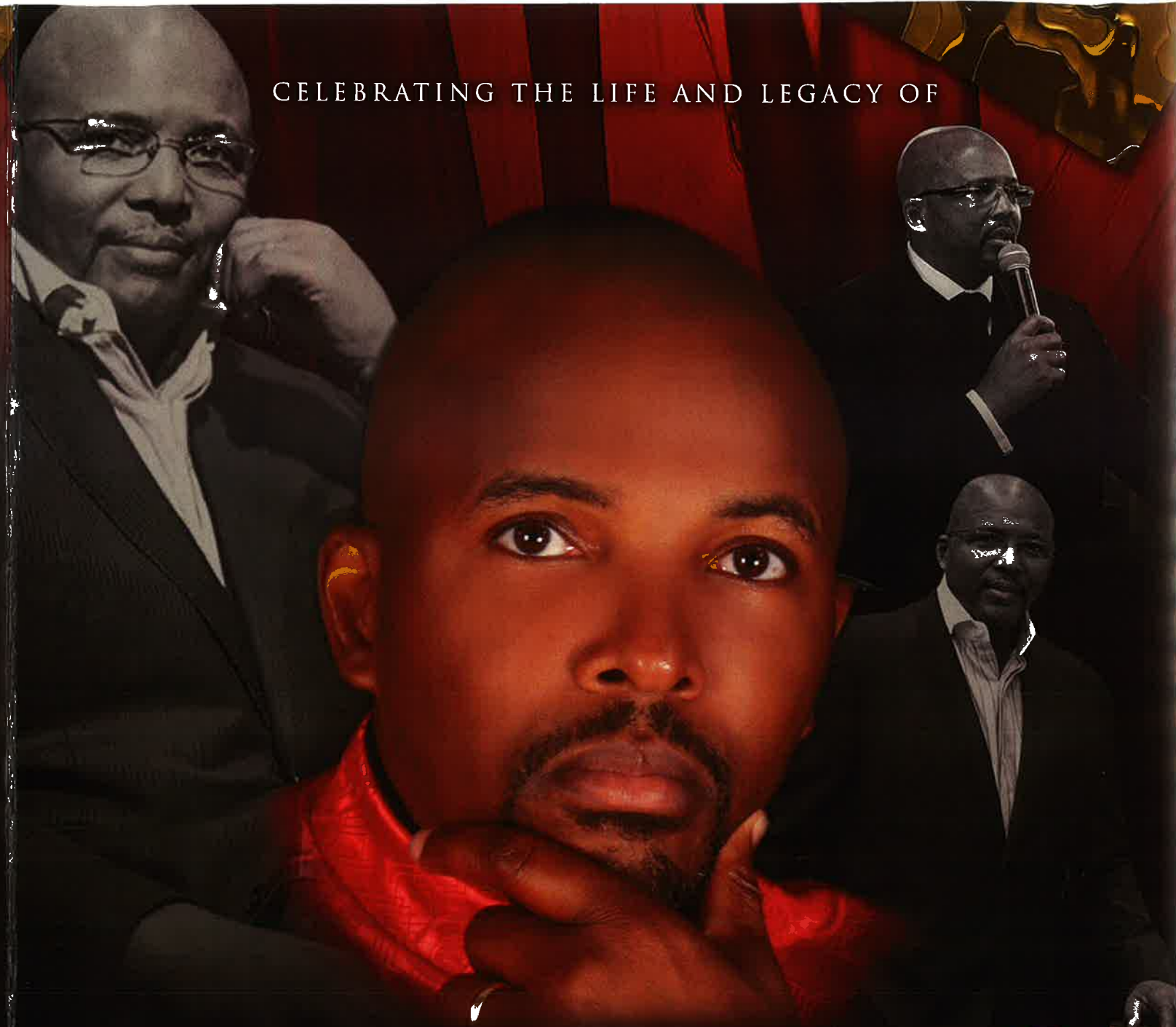
Our family wishes to acknowledge your loving support during our time of bereavement. You continue to show many acts of kindness through your prayers, words of comfort, phone calls, personal visits from near and far, and giving gifts to cherish Dana's memory and care for our family.

We are forever grateful and blessed to have you as our family and friends.

Thank you for being there for us.

May God richly bless you,  
*The Crawford Family*

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF



REVEREND

*D. LaFol*

CRAWFORD

FEBRUARY 21, 1963 - JUNE 8, 2021



REVEREND

*D. Lavel*  
CRAWFORD

It was February 21, 1963, when the sunset shone on the rise of Dana Lavel Crawford -- the beginning of a legacy. Being raised by his loving parents, Frank E. and Elsie B. Crawford, Dana spent his childhood in the country (Kendrick, FL) with his grandfather, Herbert "Dee" Brown. There he developed his country-boy style of dress, including wearing cowboy boots. If Dana wasn't riding horses, he'd be running with his posse of uncles, cousins, and sister (Cedric, Phillis, Jo Jo, Robin, and Traci) all over Ocala. If he was lonesome, however, one could experience Dana's focus on and love for music. He started playing the trombone in middle school, then fell in love with the drums at Forest High School. His musical accomplishments included travel to Ecuador through membership in the All-American High School Marching Band and a seat with the Central Florida Community College Symphony. Dana's creativity extended with his rise as a staff photographer for the Forest High School yearbook. True talent and hard work then followed him to the historic Florida A&M University. It was meant to be that he study music and be part of the greatest, famous, often imitated but never duplicated "Marching 100," where he earned the title of section leader.

Dana had a rare and good ear for music, but always a never-ending melting-heart for Stephanie, his wife of 34 years. She made him moonwalk if he could, developing into the six beautiful children (Dana Jr., Tangiere, Christin, Chelsea, Morgan, & Jessica (Deceased) that followed. There were countless cruise vacations, family road trips across the country, an effort to complete a 50 state bucket list, and even a daring sky-diving trip. Dana lived a life well spent, mixing his love for family and adventure. There was never a dull moment.

Dana was raised by his church family at Zion United Methodist Church. He was called to the ministry in February of 1992. Having already been baby-vest baptized and filled with the Holy Spirit, and with the guidance of his Father in Ministry and mentor, Bishop Samuel L. Green, Sr., Rev. Crawford served for five years as associate minister and Director of Evangelism and Membership at St. Mark A.M.E. Church, Orlando, FL.

Dana's visionary teaching challenged the human condition of everyone he met to believe God is truly able.

# Order of Service

*Oklahoma City, OK*

*Processional*

*Song of Celebration*  
Celebration Mass Choir

*Invocation*

Rev. Tyrone Broomfield

*Celebration of the Word*  
Old Testament

Presiding Elder Harvey G. Potts

*Epistle*

Presiding Elder Ruth Holmes

*Gospel*

Rev. Marcellus Fields

*Ministry of Music*  
Celebration Mass Choir

*Reflections*

Rev. J. A. Reed

Rev. George Young

Rev. W. R. Norful, Sr.

Rev. Laswanique Gray

Bro. Kenneth Maillard

Crawford Children

*Resolutions and Acknowledgements*

Sis. Tiffany Tolefree

*Ministry of Music*  
Celebration Mass Choir

*Words of Comfort*

The Rt. Rev. Michael L. Mitchell  
Presiding Bishop, 12th Episcopal District

*Solo*

Morgan Crawford

*Eulogy*

The Rt. Rev. Samuel L. Green, Sr.  
Presiding Bishop, 7th Episcopal District

*Recessional*

*Orlando, FL*

*Processional*

*Song of Celebration*  
Celebration Mass Choir

*Invocation*

Rev. Terence Gray

*Celebration of the Word*  
Old Testament

Rev. Clarence Honor

*Epistle*

Rev. Carol Mack-Harrell  
Pastor, Zion United Methodist Church  
Ocala, FL

*Gospel*

Rev. Marcus Green

*Ministry of Music*  
Celebration Mass Choir

*Reflections*

Presiding Elder J. O. Williams

Rev. Jimmy King, II

Sis. Marcia Cotton

Bro. Cedric Kent

Crawford Children

*Resolutions and Acknowledgements*

*Words of Comfort*

The Rt. Rev. Michael L. Mitchell  
Presiding Bishop, 12th Episcopal District

*Selection*

*Sis. Stephanie Crawford*

*Eulogy*

The Rt. Rev. Samuel L. Green, Sr.  
Presiding Bishop, 7th Episcopal District

*Recessional*





There is a bond you cannot see,  
 for it's not bound with twine.  
 It's formed from strands within our souls  
 this love that's yours and mine.  
 When I went home to be with God,  
 you must now understand,  
 I took with me this bond of love,  
 and I still hold that strand.  
 So look now at my photograph.  
 The smile you'll quickly see.  
 But only hearts can see the strand  
 that's binding you and me.  
 Enjoy the precious memories  
 although we are apart.  
 We'll share more joys again one day,  
 I believe that with all my heart!



His invaluable lessons touched the lives of many members and visitors of Mt. Pleasant A.M.E. Church in Fruitland Park, FL., 1997 thru 1999, Greater Mount Olive A.M.E. Church, Merritt Island, FL., 1999 thru 2002, Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church, Oakland, FL., 2002 thru 2008, Mt. Moriah A.M.E. Church, Cocoa, FL, 2008 thru 2010, and Bethel A.M.E. Church, Little Rock, AR., 2010 thru 2014. He served as the District Secretary of the Daytona Beach District, Conference Secretary of the Orlando Florida Conference, and Statistician for the Central Florida Conference. Dana also served as a board member of the Anvil Development Corporation and as an advisory board member of the Orlando Neighborhood Improvement Corporation. Dana was also a proud member of the NAACP and, most recently, the 12th District accountant.

Dana traveled to Africa twice, where he participated in Evangelism Crusades covering three countries. He served as Section Leader of Street Evangelism for the Department of Church Growth and Development of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. During his tenure in the 11th Episcopal District, he was recognized as "Pastor of the year" from the Young People's Division. While serving at Mt. Moriah, he was recognized for his leadership amongst the business leaders in the August 2010 edition of "Space Coast Magazine" in Brevard County, Florida.

Humbled by the opportunity, Dana and his family gratefully accepted the transfer and appointment to serve as Senior Pastor at Avery Chapel A.M.E. Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in November 2014. The motto Dana carried with him, to "Equip and Empower People for Victorious Living," became a major tool he used to guide countless souls to the ever-open door of Christ. Gaining the love and respect from many, Dana's

light became a strong, gravitational pillar for every community he served.

While serving at Avery, expanded ministries were formed such as a Community Block Party, an After School Feeding Program, Partnership with Regional Food Bank, Avery Community Outreach, and a working relationship with ministers of all denominations.

Dana profusely believed in his heart that, "as long as there is breath in your body, there is hope for your soul." On June 8, 2021, after a five-year battle with cancer, Dana breathed his last breath and put on his new robe of glory.

*God saw you getting tired  
 When a cure was not to be  
 He wrapped his arms around you,  
 And whispered, "Come to me"  
 You didn't deserve what you  
 went through so  
 He gave you needed rest,  
 God's Garden must be Beautiful  
 He only takes The Best*



