



Mrs. Juanita E. Bryant

May 11, 1957 - October 8, 2025

Juanita Bryant was born May 11, 1957, in Inkster, Michigan. She was the daughter of the late J.C. Ligans and Henrietta Roberts Barksdale Ligans. Juanita, affectionately known as "Nita", received her education in Wayne County. She was a high school graduate of Inkster High School. Later on in life, "Nita", becoming a resident of Newport News, Virginia, furthered her education, becoming a student and graduate of Kee Business College. She was formerly employed with Arc of The Peninsula, now known as Versability.

At an early age, Juanita's journey with Jesus began at Smith Chapel A.M.E. Church, where she was a member until relocating to Texas. While in Texas, Juanita met and married Robert Lee Bryant and joined Grace and Truth Apostolic Church in Dallas, Texas, under the leadership of Pastor Joel D. Pace. She served here faithfully. There was nothing she wouldn't do for the work of the Lord and the ministry. She relocated to Virginia, and "Nita" became a member of New Bethel Cathedral COGIC in Hampton, Virginia, under the pastorate of Bishop Melvin L. Austin, who called her "My Songbird."

Juanita was known for her cooking, singing (as she sang with the legendary Donald Vails and The Choraleers), love of coloring, and again, her love of COOKING. She will be sorely missed by all.

On October 8, 2025, God saw fit to bring sweet rest to Juanita, ending her journey of illnesses and ailments. Though she is resting beyond our sight, we find solace in the scripture, "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord." She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Lee Bryant; father, J.C. Ligans of Hope, Arkansas; mother, Henrietta Roberts Barksdale Ligans of Inkster, Michigan; and sister, Eugenia Orr of Inkster, Michigan.

Left to cherish her memories are three daughters: Valerie Bryant, Domineke Bryant, and Robin Bryant; five grandchildren: Zy'Leigh N. Bryant, ZaKiya J. Williams, Zaiden D. Marable, Domarrion Smith, and Landon Bryant; sisters: Paula Kelsey of Virginia and Charis Barksdale of Michigan; brother, Willie Ligans of Arkansas; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Transformation Life Center
151 Wythe Parkway
Hampton, VA 23661

All Flowers are to be delivered to the church.

Service

OCT 18. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

EJ

“ To Ellen and Cora your Michigan Mass Family & Elder Spencer Junious are standing with and praying for you. We love you

Elder Spencer Junious - October 18, 2025 at 01:10 AM

MM

“ My prayers are with the family doing this difficult time sister Brian was a great person who had an incredible voice may God give the Brian family strength during this difficult time 🍷🙏🌸🕊️🎵

Michael McIntyre - October 17, 2025 at 08:41 PM

RH

“ Valerie, Dominique and Robin. I'm so sorry for the loss of your Mother. Juanita and I worked together at City Credit Union in Dallas, TX for many years. She was such a sweet person. She will be missed. RIP my friend. Love Reta.

Reta Harris - October 12, 2025 at 01:58 AM

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“ Sorry For Your Loss



Thomas Widgeon - October 11, 2025 at 06:52 AM