



Beale Rance

April 7, 1926 - August 27, 2007

Family hour will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 4, 2007 at Bethel A.M.E. Church 535 Cathay Street, with the funeral commencing at 11:00 a.m. Pastor P. David Saunders will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call on Monday, at the Browne's Mortuary, 441 N. Jefferson Ave. from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. Beale Hollinger Rance was born April 7, 1926 to Eddie Walter Rance and Alvin Hollinger Rance in Ozark, AL. They preceded him in death. He passed from this life on August 27, 2007 at the Alpha and Omega House, Bridgeport, MI at the age of 81 years. Beale accepted the Lord, his Savior at an early age when he joined Friendship A.M.E. Church in Ozark, AL. As a young man, Beale moved to Saginaw, MI where he met Odahlia Ledford. They were married June 30, 1951 in Second Baptist Church in Ypsilanti, MI. She survives him. To this union of 56 years was born three sons, Kelvin Ledford (Grace) Rance of Latana, FL, Ronald Hollinger (Patricia) Rance and Jerrold Van Rance, both of Saginaw, MI. Beale joined Bethel A.M.E. Church, Saginaw, MI in 1948 and remained a very faithful and involved member for 59 years. He was a church trustee over 30 years, an original member of Bethel's Educational Center, a class leader and also a group leader of the Tuesday Night Bible Class. He chaired several fund raisers to support Bethel Church. Beale remained active with Bethel until his health failed him. Beale's educational pursuits included graduation from D.A. Smith High School, Ozark, AL and he also attended Alabama State College in Montgomery, AL. Beale chose a profession that complimented his personality

and his creativity to become a successful insurance agent. He was employed by United Insurance as an agent and manager. He was later employed by State Farm Insurance until his retirement in 1995. He was the first black to serve and retire after ten years of service on the Saginaw County Road Commission. Beale served the Saginaw Community by joining groups and organizations whose goals were to assist others in meeting their needs. Some of them included being a charter member of Ruben Daniels Scholarship Fund, the Frontiers Club of America, a life member of NAACP, Lord member of the Top Ladies of Distinction and served on the board of OIC, then he relaxed by playing a good game of golf. We thank God for Beale's service to the Saginaw area citizens. Beale Rance will be missed by many who knew him. He also leaves to cherish memories ten grandchildren, Kelvin A., Jason Beale, Joshua, Andre, Shayla, Amanda, Dwight, Kashara, Janise and Jerrold V. Rance II. He will also be greatly missed by his sisters, Norma R. Russell, Chattanooga, TN, and Mrs. Ruby (Rev. W.D.) Flowers, Ozark, Al; one sister-in-law, Mrs. Grace (Cornelius) Reeves, Ypsilanti, MI; many nieces, nephews, a host of loving cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his brother, Thomas J. Rance; two sisters, Myrtice Harper and Eunice Newman.

Tribute Wall

BL

“ *Odelia and family we were sad to hear that Beale passed. May you find comfort in reading John 14.*

Berlin & Bobbie Lockhart - August 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ *To the Rance family sorry to hear of your loss. May God bless and keep you.*

Para Redeemer - August 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *May you find comfort in reading Psalms 23. My sympathy is with you Odelia and family.*

Mamie Gissendanner - August 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ *Mrs. Rance, Jerry, Ronnie, & Kevin, and family, I'm wishing you strength- to keep going, peace/comfort- in celebrating his life, and vision- to see him in every soul of your offsprings. Mr. Rance was so fun and full of life, he loved laughing, kidding, a good game of spades! haha! I'll miss those times. He's someone that will always be remembered!
with lots of love,
Beverly Robinson-Rolack*

Beverly Robinson-Rolack - August 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM