



Alfred Norwood "Frog" Bivens

March 12, 1920 - November 18, 2012

The legacy of Alfred Norwood Bivens began on March 12, 1920 with his mother, Laura Spence, and his father, Norwood Bivens. His earthly journey ended and heavenly rest began on Sunday, November 18, 2012 at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury, Maryland.

Born and educated in Somerset County, Maryland, "Frog", as he was affectionately known by all, was a lifelong member of the former Macedonia, now New Macedonia Baptist Church, under the leadership of Bishop Isaac Jenkins, Sr. As long as his health permitted, he served faithfully with the Gospel Choir, Male Chorus and Deacon Board.

"Frog" or "Uncle Frog" as he became known by everyone around him, enjoyed all kinds of music, especially quartet singing and he loved to sing whenever given the opportunity. His favorite hymns were "The Last Mile of the Way" and "I Got Rid of My Heavy Load." He was an original member of the Pilgrim 5 with whom he traveled faithfully until he was no longer able.

On June 10, 1967, Alfred and the former Martha Collins were united in Holy Matrimony. Their union was blessed with three children—Evette, Chekesha and Craig.

Fun-loving, happy-go-lucky, easy-going and even-tempered all describe the gentle giant we knew as “Frog.” or “Uncle Frog.” He loved all kinds of sports, especially bowling, swimming, fishing and playing cards. Baseball was his passion and he played league ball with teams from Oaksville and Quintown as long as he could. “Frog” had a natural love for people and he never met a stranger.

Precious memories of their loved one will be cherished by: his wife of 45 years, Martha Bivens; 3 children—Evette Curtis (Walter) of Westover, Maryland, and Chekesha Grooms and Craig Smith, both of Salisbury, Maryland; 4 grandchildren—Austin, Morgan, Camryn and Szcai; his sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Wanda and Harlon Melton of Capitol Heights, Maryland; special friends, Allen Jones and Francis Lee Jones and a host of other family members and friends.

“Frog” was preceded in death by 3 sisters—Eff, Willie and Molly and 5 brothers—Gus, Tom, Raymond, Edward and Frank.