

Acknowledgement

We wish to acknowledge with sincere thanks and appreciation the many thoughtful words, smiles, telephone calls, text messages, flowers, cards and prayers extended to us during this difficult time. May God's richest blessings be bestowed upon each of you.



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The Life and Legacy
Firefighter

Jesus Joy
July 28, 2022

Our Joy
June 11, 1991



Bryant Keith
MCGOWAN

The Rock Church
3401 Holmes Avenue Huntsville, AL 35816
August 10, 2022 10:00 AM

Life Well Lived

Bryant Keith McGowan, a devoted son, made Tonja Peoples' eyes sparkle for the very first time on June 11, 1991. As Daron Johnson's only son, Bryant was deeply cherished. Bryant often shared meals, laughs, and celebrations of Alabama and Cowboys' football wins with his grandmother Annette Jones, uncles, aunts, cousins and friends. It was a house divided at grandma's when Alabama and Auburn squared off annually during the Iron Bowl!

As a child, Bryant relished playing outside with his younger brother, Jourdan, and cousins. As he grew, he awakened his talent and passion for sports; this molded his already athletic mind and body to create a star studded track and football experience in high school. The University of West Alabama followed and rewarded his skill and hard work as a four-year starter winning a division championship. Bryant closed out his college career in 2013 securing a Bachelors of Science in Exercise Science, a field of study that came naturally to him.

An Alabama native, after college feeling an itch for change, Bryant relocated to Atlanta, Georgia and became a certified personal trainer. Atlanta was a time of growth, a first home purchase [at 25 years old!], and a chance encounter with the love of his life and bride Jeanette. Not surprisingly, they met at the gym, and they married August 17, 2018. Their faith in God was an integral part of their connection. They regularly attended church together, served in the children's ministry, and were never ashamed to share their faith with anyone. If you knew Bryant or spent any time with him, then you knew he was sure to pray before every meal.

As Bryant matured, his yearning and determination to provide for his family intensified. He established himself as a leader and motivator for both his family and friends. He was plotting a pivot and intended to execute! As key entrepreneurial ventures came together, Bryant moved himself and Jeanette to Huntsville, Alabama to begin Firefighter academy to fulfill a personal desire and meet a professional goal.

Fast forward to just three and a half months after starting fire academy, and here we are today. Tonja will never get to witness Bryant's essence in his children's eyes. Jeanette and Bryant will never get the chance to purchase their dream home together. He cannot call or embrace his grandmother or godchildren nor discuss his future endeavors with his brother and close friends.

Although Bryant didn't get the opportunity to bring his deepest hopes and dreams to fruition, he was admired and deeply loved by his friends and family alike. He was called husband, son, grandson, brother, cousin, nephew, teammate, friend, and Uncle B. A man of God, a humble man, a powerful black man, a peaceful man, and a wise man...his life and legacy will always live on in our hearts

Order Of Service

Welcome - Captain Hunter Robinson

Opening Prayer - District Chief Reginald Roberts

Music – Huntsville Fire & Rescue Pipes & Drums

Speaker - Jourdan McGowan

Speaker - Deputy Chief Derrick Stuckey

Speaker - Pastor Rusty Nelson, The Rock Family Worship Center

Speaker – Fire Cadet Bradley Morris

(Slide Show Provided by the Family)

Speaker - Pastor T.C. Johnson, St. Luke Christian Church

Bell Ceremony – Huntsville Fire & Rescue Honor Guard

Closing Prayer - District Chief Reginald Roberts

Flag presentation – Huntsville Fire & Rescue Color Guard

Dismissal – Huntsville Fire & Rescue Honor Guard