

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

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# Charles Sampson Bing, Sr. "Prof"

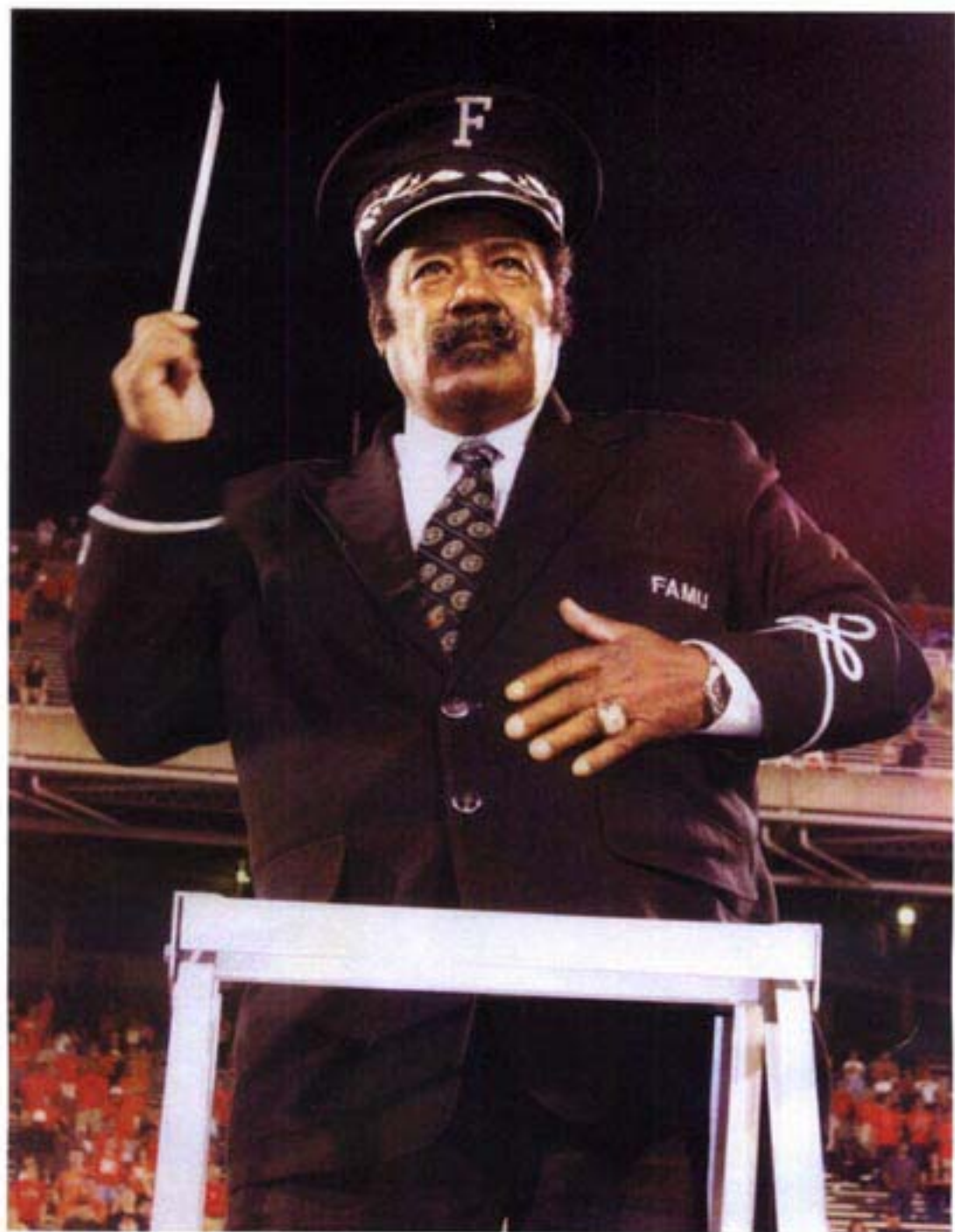
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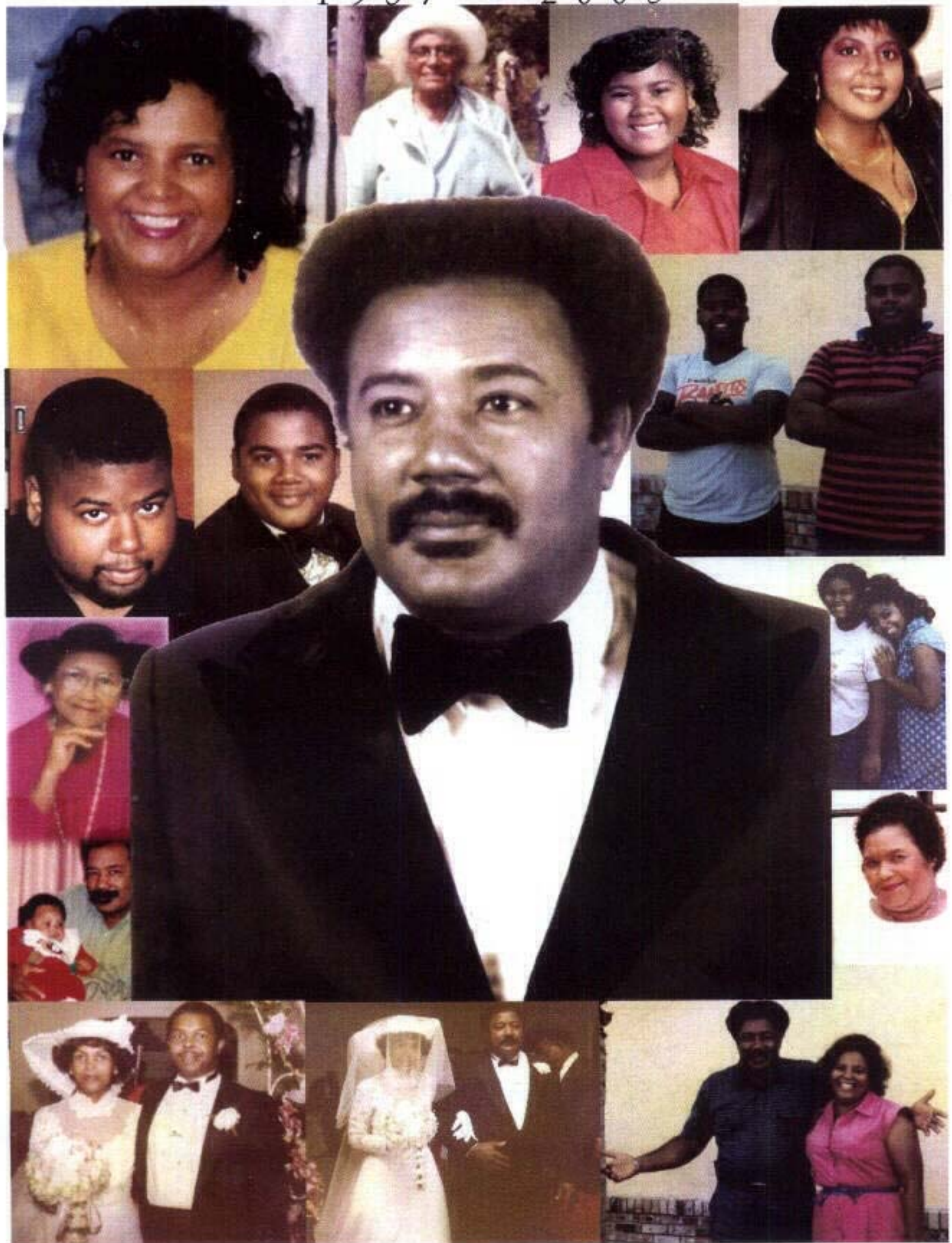
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Rev. Dr. John F. Green, Officiant  
the Right Rev. Adam J. Richardson, Eulogizer





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# “ So Much To So Many”



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of  
Charles Sampson Bing, Sr.

*As I look upon the years, The time I've spent on earth,  
I recall both joy and tears, And evaluated life's worth.*

*Did I serve God along the way, And help my fellow man?  
Or did I think of my self, And fail to understand.*

*I passed through this way but once, Accepting all life's gifts  
I earnestly tried to do my share, To show my thanks for His.*

**Charles Sampson Bing, Sr.**, a man of strong conviction, belief in God, the good of humankind and excellence, and a sincere lover of family and music, was passionate, caring, discreet and diligent in the use of resources. Charles Bing, the husband, father, sibling, educator, colleague, friend and student advocate lived the life of a servant leader, always giving a helping hand and sharing his knowledge and experience in a positive and innovative way. A glimpse of his life can be viewed through his famous quotes which depicted his philosophy of life:

***Your family is really all that you will ever have!***

Charles Sampson Bing, Sr. was born November 6, 1937, to Ida and Johnny Bing in Plant City, Florida. He was the third child and one of ten of Mother Ida's children. His father preceded him in death before he was born. However, Charles' innate fatherly instincts moved him to assume the role of father to his siblings, relatives and many other individuals throughout his lifetime.

He was an exceptional father in many different ways to his children, Melody, Valerie and Harmon and a devoted husband to his supportive wife, Betty for thirty-nine years. Family was important. His family was extensive and far reaching. Many were blessed as he generously provided housing and financial assistance so that they could further their education and/or move on to new heights in their lives.

***You won't find many true friends during your life time. If you find one, you are lucky!***

Prof Bing, as he was affectionately called, provided guidance, mentorship and affection to his students and acquaintances as he attempted to ignite the inner strength required for survival and excellence. He was an outstanding role model for his children and hundreds of others. DeAnna Carpenter commented that "He was very sweet and kind, and always had something positive to say." Antonio C. Drayton observed that "He was a really, really smart person and a dear friend of mine." Renee Gordon recalls that "He was so passionate and wanted to bring it out in everybody else." Charles Bing was a friend in need and a friend indeed!

***The Man Upstairs always looks out for me!***

Charles Bing's compassion and concern for others came from his Christian background, which began in his home under the watch care of Mother Ida, and was certified when he accepted Christ and was baptized at Mt. Zion M.B. Church in Tildenville, Florida. He unashamedly loved, esteemed, and cherished God, as well as the many people he encountered throughout his life. The way he handled difficulty, faced and progressed through life was indicative of his faith and the fact that his steps were ordered by God and the presence of God was within him.

***Education is the only way out!***

Charles Bing attended the public schools in Plant City, graduated from Jones High School in Orlando, Florida and subsequently attended Florida A&M University on a music scholarship. He



earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Music Education in 1960. While an undergraduate, he was awarded the *Outstanding Bandsman Award* and listed in *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities*. He received the Masters Degree in Music Education from Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana and did further study at the University of Illinois. He received a scholarship to attend the first Cumberland Forest National Music Camp at Morehead State University. For Charles Bing, education was not only a way out; it was a way up the career ladder.

*It's not what you make, but what you do with what you make!*

Charles Bing used education to pursue and share his musical acumen extensively. Upon his graduation in 1960 he was hired to teach in the Florida A&M University Music Department where he worked diligently with unyielding pride for 45 years. He progressed through the faculty ranks to Associate Professor; served as coordinator of student advisement, chairman of instrumental music, associate director of the Marching and Symphonic Bands, director of the University Pep Band, and director of Brass Ensemble and Lower Brass Winds for the Symphonic and Marching Bands. He was a staff member of the FAMU Marching "100" Summer Band Camp and a founding member of the FAMU Chamber Brass Players.

A conductor extraordinaire, he served as guest conductor throughout the southern United States, conductor of the Florida A&M University ROTC Band, and director of Lower Brass Winds in the McDonald's All American High School Band. Additionally, he served as adjudicator and clinician for many competitions, and guest trombonist and consultant throughout Florida, Georgia and other southern states.

Professor Bing was distinguished because of his extraordinary work ethic, dignity and humility. Thus, he received numerous awards. Among them were Outstanding Service Awards for conducting the ROTC Band by the FAMU Military Science Department, as assistant director of the Symphonic and Marching Bands, and as director of the University Pep Band. He was recipient of the 1993 *Florida A&M University Teacher of the Year Award* and subsequently one of the first recipients of the *State of Florida Teacher Incentive Program Awards*. Among his most cherished moments was the establishment of the *Charles S. Bing Scholarship for Outstanding Musicianship*, which was initiated in 2004 by the Marching "100" Alumni Band Association.

Professor Bing's legacies reached beyond the campus of Florida A&M University through the students he helped to mold and shape, as well as the intellect and wisdom that he shared with his peers. Antonio C. Drayton, head drum major of the "Marching 100" attested that *He had a wealth of knowledge.* Dr. Julian White commended him for being "the glue that held the band and the band staff together." The Tallahassee Democrat Newspaper noted that he was a "Professor who expected Perfection." All of these characteristics permeated his membership in the Music Educators National Conference, Florida Music Educators Association, College Band Directors National Association, Kappa Kappa Psi Band Fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Florida College Music Educators Association, Florida Bandmasters Association and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Music Fraternity.

Charles Sampson Bing honored God by using his gifts and serving his fellow man well. He leaves many comforting and cherished memories to his dedicated wife, Bettye Bing, daughters: Melody Bing, Valerie Bing (Tory); son, Harmon Bing (Theresa); grandchildren: Christopher, Brittany, Destinee, Jai, Charlea, Jalen and Gianna; mother-in-law, Bernice Butts; Godmother, Annie Felder; siblings: Samuel Bing (Lula), Arthur Wright (Audrey), Carrie Hoffman, James Wright, Bernice Robinson (Robbie), Elva Adams, Marjorie Sledge and Vickie Felder; favorite nephews: Reginald Windham (Linda) and Ernest Hoffman; and a host of other devoted nieces, nephews, cousins, colleagues and friends.



# ORDER OF SERVICE

Rev. Dr. John F. Green, Presiding  
Senior Minister, Bethel AME Church

Processional Florida A&M University Marching "100" Band  
"Elsa's Procession to the Cathedral" Wagner/arr. Sarjeant  
"Total Praise" Smallwood/arr. Sarjeant

Opening Hymn "I'll Fly Away" - #601 AAH Florida A&M University Concert Choir  
Mr. Charlie Toomer, Director

Prayer of Comfort Rev. William Proctor  
Associate Minister, Bethel AME Church

Scriptures  
Old Testament - Psalm 90:1-12 Dr. Richard Mashburn  
Associate Pastor, Bethel M.B. Church  
New Testament- Revelations 21:1-7 Rev. Lawrence Barriner  
Former Campus Minister, Florida A&M University

Selection "His Eye Is On The Sparrow" Charles Gabriel Mrs. Dennine White, Flutist  
Mr. Delando Williams, Accompanist

Reflections (2 minutes please) Dr. Lucious Wyatt  
Chairman, Department of Music, Prairie View University

Mr. Joe Bullard  
Voice of the Marching "100"

Mr. Linard McCloud  
Director of Bands, Burke High School

Dr. Shaylor L. James  
Assistant Director of Bands, Florida A&M University

Dr. Julian E. White  
Director of Bands, Florida A&M University

Selection "I Wanna Be Ready" arr. James Miller Florida A&M University Concert Choir  
Dewitt Cooper, soloist

Resolution/Acknowledgments Mrs. Dorothy P. Williams  
Classmate, Florida A&M University, 1960

A Tribute Mr. Michael Simmons  
Member Marching "100"

Music - Florida A&M University Marching "100" Band  
"Order My Steps" Glen Burleigh  
Genleah Crawford, soloist  
"Lassus Trombone" Henry Fillmore (Prof Bing's Favorite)



Eulogy

Bishop Adam J. Richardson  
Presiding Prelate, Second Episcopal District  
African Methodist Episcopal Church

Recessional

Florida A&M University Marching "100" Band  
"O Happy Day"  
"FAMU Spirit"  
"I'm From FAMU"

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## *I Did It My Way*

And now, the end is near; and so I face the final curtain.  
To my friends, I'll say it clear, I'll state my case, of which I'm certain.

I've lived a life that's full. I've traveled many highways;  
But More, much more than this, I did it my way.  
I've loved, I've laughed and cried. I've had my share of winning and losing.  
And now, as tears subside, I find it all so amusing.

What is a man, what has he got? If not himself, then he has naught.  
To say the things he truly feels; and not the words of one who kneels.  
The records show I took the blows - And did it my way!





### *A Prayer from the Family*

Heavenly Father, we thank you for blessing us with our earthly father, husband, brother, grandfather, uncle and cousin even for what appears as only a short period of time.

Lord we realize that he is now in your care for eternity and that we must be obedient and release him unto you, and we appreciate your for your grace and assistance through this difficult adjustment period.

Jehovah, we also express gratitude to you for the many colleagues and friends and their provision of prayers, support and strength throughout our ordeal, and we request that you provide them accordingly with abundant blessings. *Amen!*







## HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Dr. Junious D. Brown  
Dr. Robert Flakes  
Dr. William P. Foster  
Sylvester Jones  
Sylvester Rogers

Dr. Ronald Davis  
James R. Ford  
Victor Gaines  
Martin Robinson  
Samuel Washington, Jr.

Nelson Bennett

## ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Dr. Shelby Chipman  
Geoffery Horn  
John Robinson  
Charlie Toomer

Diron Holloway  
Dr. Shaylor James  
Lindsey Sarjeant  
Dr. Julian White

Johnny Williams

## FLOWER ATTENDANTS

Sigma Alpha Iota

Tau Beta Sigma

## THANK YOU

Friends are those who never seem too busy to lend an ear, do a thoughtful deed or speak the words of caring that you need. In time of need, special friends are always there in mind spirit, and most of all, close in heart. We the family of the late Mr. Charles S. Bing thank God for friends like you. God spoke to us through your words and comforted us through your kindness. Thank you for sharing with us in this celebration of a rich life. We are blessed and know that joy cometh in the morning!  
God Bless each of you is our prayer!

*The Bing Family*

## INTERMENT

Rest Haven Cemetery  
Tampa, Florida

## ARRANGEMENTS

Wilson Funeral Home  
3000 North 29<sup>th</sup> Street  
Tampa, Florida 33610