



## Rev. Dr. Langston Clinton Bannister

November 22, 2019

The Reverend Doctor Langston Clinton Bannister, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, mentor, teacher, pastor, colleague, neighbor and friend passed from this earthly life on Friday, November 22, 2019. Langston was born on December 8, 1933 in Wake Forest, Virginia to Frank Bannister, Sr. and Revella Harrison Bannister. Langston began his lifelong education in a one room schoolhouse. He pursued intellectual excellence as he completed degree programs at Tuskegee University, and next serving his country in the US Air Force. A Master's degree from San Francisco State University and a Doctorate from the University of Massachusetts followed. Langston served students of the University of Toledo as a professor for 30 years and was instrumental in the expansion of the Education Sociology Department. It was during this time that Langston spent a year with his family on sabbatical in Oslo, Norway working in an International Management Program for Educational Change. He also conducted workshops in Indonesia. While at UT he served as Senior Pastor of Third Baptist Church for 18 years. In retirement, Langston completed a three year Spiritual Formation program which enhanced his work as a mentor, lecturer and community leader. Langston was particularly sought out by pastors as a mentor. He was passionate about helping others, and was observant in knowing who was in need of assistance. He shared his gifts and his love generously, welcoming many young people into his own sphere to help them reach their goals and use their talents. He inspired his own family to seek higher levels of achievement through

education.

Langston was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Frank, and sister Dorothy Bannister Brown.

Left to cherish his memory are his devoted and loving wife of 59 years, Elizabeth; daughters, Angela Bannister, Carla (Nate) Bond, Michelle (Sean) Williams; son, Alan (Patekka) Bannister; grandchildren, Kai and Nate Bond, Sean, Jr., Ian, and Seth, and Cranston Bannister.

Friends may join the family for visitation on Monday, November 25th, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Dale-Riggs Funeral Home Chapel at 572 Nebraska Avenue. A Celebration of Life will take place on Tuesday, November 26th at 11:00 am at Warren AME Church, 915 Collingwood Boulevard, Rev. Otis Gordon Jr. pastor, and the family will receive guests at 10:00 am, interment Historic Woodlawn Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

SG

“ *Sharon Green Gaines lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Langston Clinton Bannister*



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**Sharon Green Gaines** - December 31, 2019 at 01:03 PM

SG

*To Bettye and the entire Bannister Family, I was so saddened to hear of Dr Bannister's transition. I respected him as one of the great icons in our Toledo history. I enjoyed his intelligence, wisdom, wit and take no prisoners attitude. My sincere condolences and prayers to you at this most difficult time. May God give you the strength to go on but never forgetting his love. Love all,  
Sharon Green- Gaines  
Los Angeles, CA*

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**Sharon Green Gaines** - December 31, 2019 at 01:10 PM

RW

“ Hey cuzin Betty and family just received the great coming home news that your beloved husband has join God as his righteous right hand man. He was the special one who delivered Gods message many times at our family reunion. For every reunion that you and your family missed you were always in my thoughts. and no one could bless a meal like cuzin Lange. My mother Geraldine always said you and Lange was one of her favorite cousins. Even so we go on with our lives and we disconnect the most important thing is to remember the best times we all had together and to cherish those who are no longer with us and to take the goodness and love that our elders shared with us and keep spreading it in our family and to others. I like to say one other thing to you cousin Betty as I received the news I was crying then I went to look at the wedding picture of you and Lange that was pasted on a box. I loved the picture so its been on my picture shelves for 10years I took it down just to look at both of you feeling another one leaving us! A lonely feeling and I got a sudden chill and I know that cousin Lange hadn't left us totally yet because he had me open the box for the very first time and there are many prayers folded up, and you pick one to read when your down and out. The first word of encouragement I unfolded read:Deuteronomy31:3.6.-8 It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed. I know that was my spiritual message from The Reverend Doctor Langston Clinton Banister my sweet loving cousin. My tears have now turned to joy. Please keep in touch cousin Rosslyn ( [jazzyrozzi@gmail.com](mailto:jazzyrozzi@gmail.com)) 323 939-5106. Sending air kisses and Big hugs to all of you.

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**Rosslyn Wright** - November 26, 2019 at 11:53 AM

JR

“ Truly a Great Man of God! Thank You so very much Rev Bannister for the Glowing tribute at My Mom's homegoing! God Bless the family!



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**JEWELL ROLLEN** - November 26, 2019 at 11:24 AM

CD

“ I am yet remembering him his calm yet strong demeanor his unwavering faith and devotion his ease and sense of humor. Dr. Rev. Bannister has touch numerous lives ! I will tell of those lives touched nearest to me. This is who baptized my son and blessed my daughter. He was the one that noticed you and made you feel special.

He was the one my daughter endeared even as a toddler stating "I want my pastor" during the transion of the Rev.Dr. exiting, from our then church, Third Baptist. She was only age 4!

To say he'll be missed is an understatement! He was well loved!! My prayer is the peace and comfort of God for his wife, children, grandchildren, and all of the lives he poured into throughout his lifetime. I take joy in knowing that he is now in the presence of our Lord God. Let the family feel all the love and prayers. In Jesus's name.

Capucine Dickerson & children

Armand; Aaliyah

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**Capucine Dickerson** - November 25, 2019 at 11:06 PM

DB

“ Our dearest Betty. How do we say how sorry we are to hear about Langston’s passing. We want to share our deepest sympathies you and to your faithful family. Though we only knew Langston for a short time, we were immediately enamored by his peaceful and cheerful countenance and quiet courage. We keep him in a special place in our memories, and hold you in our heart with love during this time of loss. With love in Christ, Denzil and Mary Jean.

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**Denzil Bell** - November 25, 2019 at 05:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Langston Clinton Bannister.



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November 25, 2019 at 03:56 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Langston Clinton Bannister.



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November 25, 2019 at 02:36 PM

JE

“ *I will miss LC. He is the only one who stilled called me Jessie Mae. Bettye and family you are in my thoughts and definitely in my prayers. With much love! Jessie*

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**Jessie eaves** - November 25, 2019 at 01:34 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Langston Clinton Bannister.*



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November 25, 2019 at 12:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Langston Clinton Bannister.*



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November 25, 2019 at 10:49 AM



“ *Marquita & Paul Chong purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rev. Dr. Langston Clinton Bannister.*



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**Marquita & Paul Chong** - November 25, 2019 at 10:45 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Langston Clinton Bannister.*



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November 25, 2019 at 09:01 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Langston Clinton Bannister.*



November 24, 2019 at 11:28 PM



“ *We love you and will miss you*  
  
*Deacon & Mrs Herbert Scurles*



**Herbert Scurles** - November 24, 2019 at 07:07 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Langston Clinton Bannister.*



November 24, 2019 at 06:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Langston Clinton Bannister.*



November 24, 2019 at 05:20 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Langston Clinton Bannister.*



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November 24, 2019 at 01:30 PM



“ *Marty Sumlin Turner lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Langston Clinton Bannister*



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**Marty sumlin Turner** - November 23, 2019 at 09:21 AM