

A Hero's Welcome

By: Robert Longley

*Time to come home dear brother
Your tour of duty through
You've given as much as anyone
Could be expected to do.*

*Just a few steps further
The smoke will start to clear
Others here will guide you
You have no need to fear.*

*You have not failed your brothers
You dearly gave it all
And through your selfless actions
Others will hear the call.*

*So take your place of honor
Among those who have gone before
And know you will be remembered
For now and evermore.*

Pallbearers

Kelvin L. Bonnette
Kristopher Burton
Bjorn McKie

Kenneth Burton, II
Antonio McKie
Brian McKie

Floral Bearers

Nieces

Acknowledgement

We, the family of MSgt. (Retired USAF) Robert Lee Bonnette, Sr., wish to express our heartfelt appreciation for the many acts of kindness and encouraging words shown to us during our time of bereavement. May God continue to bless each of you.

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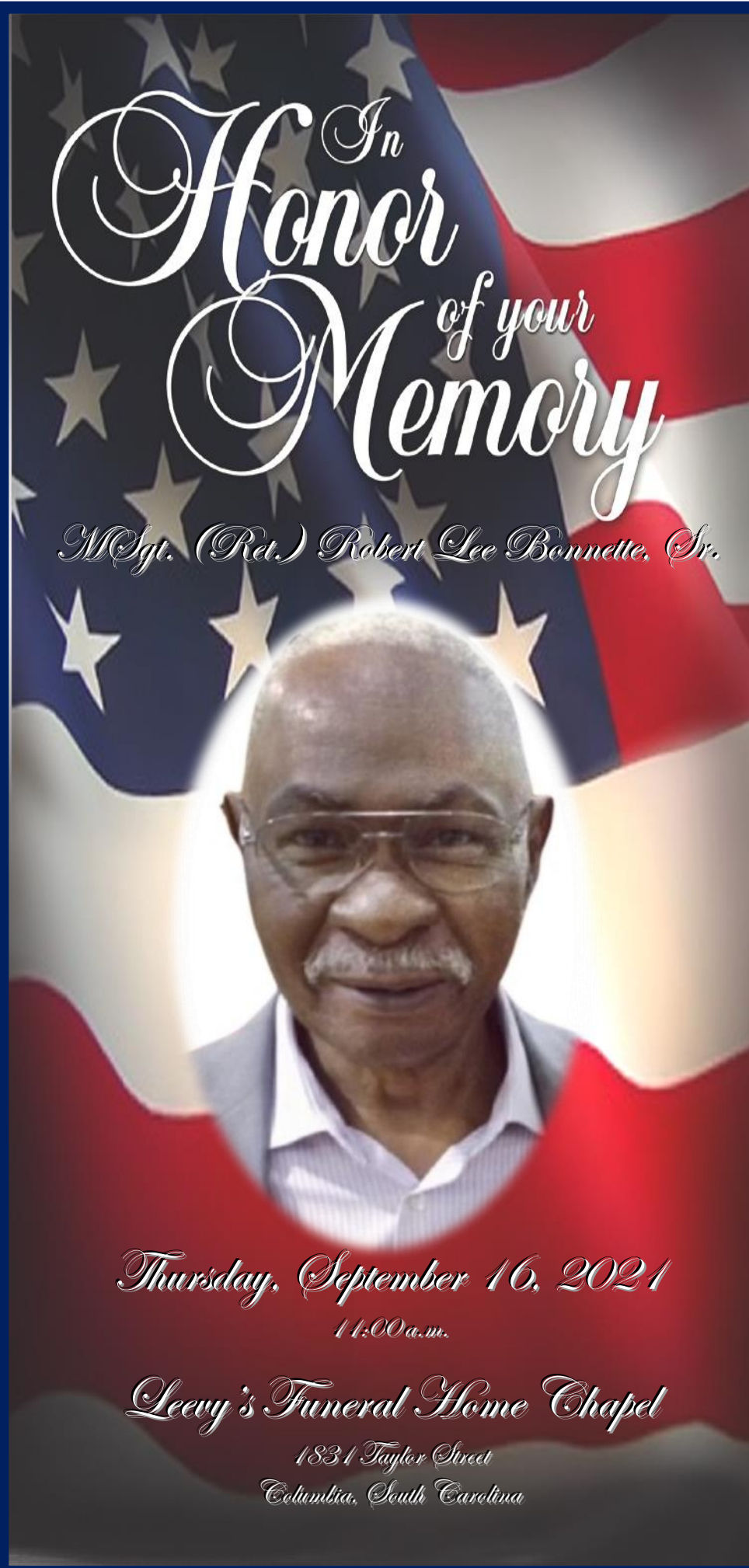
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In Honor of your Memory

MSgt. (Ret.) Robert Lee Bonnette, Sr.

Thursday, September 16, 2021
11:00 a.m.

Leevy's Funeral Home Chapel
1831 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Obituary

MSgt. (Retired USAF) Robert Lee Bonnette, Sr., was born in Neeses, South Carolina on February 17, 1945. He departed this life on September 10, 2021 in West Columbia, South Carolina. He was a son of the late Sylvia (Blume) and Jefford Bonnette, Sr.

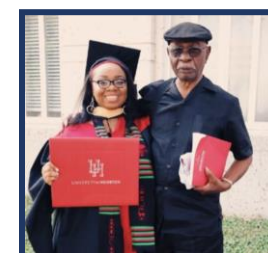
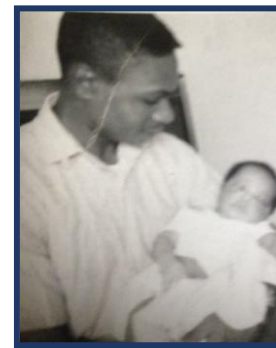
As a teenager, Robert relocated to Columbia, South Carolina. He was the first of his immediate family to graduate from high school. He was a proud graduate of Booker T. Washington High School, Class of 1964. He remained active with the Alumni Association until his death.

Robert retired from the United States Air Force in 1986, after 22 years of distinguished and honorable service as a Jet Engine Mechanic. After retiring from the Air Force, he continued with his passion for fixing things. He worked for Rick Hendrick Honda in West Columbia, South Carolina and Carmax in Irmo, South Carolina until his retirement in 2007. He enjoyed everything about cars and it was evident in his model car collection, classic car restorations and his love for racing.

He was preceded in death by nine siblings: George Blume, Ervin Bonnette, Jefford Bonnette, Jr., Jestine Pralour, Macon Bonnette, Henry Bonette, Rudolph Bonnette, Joyce Henry, and Jannette Bonnette-Walker.

MSgt. (Retired USAF) Robert Lee Bonnette, Sr., leaves to cherish his precious memory: his wife, Vivian McKie Bonnette of 30 years; one son, Robert Lee Bonnette, Jr., of Little Rock, AR; two daughters, Sylvia Bonnette James, Naperville, IL and Sonja Michelle Jacobs, Irmo, SC; two granddaughters, Bria Bonnette, of Houston, TX and Danielle James, of Columbia, SC; one grandson, Robert James, of Washington, DC; one brother, Clarence (Ann) Bonnette, Orangeburg, SC; sisters-in-law, Edna Bonnette, of Columbia, SC and Sandra McKie, of Columbia, SC; brothers-in-law, Emmett Lee Walker, III, Bronx, NY, Michael L. Henry, of Bartlett, TN, Heyward (Carolyn) Mckie, of Chesapeake, VA, Albert (Violet) Mckie, Melvin (Jerald), Morris, and Bernard (Beverly) McKie, all of Columbia, SC; a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

Processional..... Mr. Marcus Robinson
 Prelude
 Opening Hymn..... “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”
 Scriptures.....Minister Dietra Bonnette-Jenkins
 Old Testament – Ecclesiastes 3:1-4
 New Testament – Romans 8:35-39
 Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Schrendria Robinson
 Solo..... “I Won’t Let You Fall”.....Minister Crystal R. Myers
 Remarks.....Mr. Clarence Bonnette
 Video Tribute
 Words of Comfort.....Ms. Sylvia Bonnette James
 Recessional..... “I’ll Fly Away”
 Postlude



Interment

Bush River Memorial Gardens
5400 Bush River
Columbia, SC 29212