

*A True Soldier*

*Being a soldier isn't always on a battlefield*

*You fought private, you fought openly*

*You created your own strength*

*that God personally gave to you*

*You showed every aspect of a soldier*

*When you cried out loud*

*To making others proud*

*To pulling yourself together*

*To showing that deep everlasting love forever*

*To lending a helping hand*

*To taking a tall stand, that showed you were the man....*

*The man that never gave up.*

*A Soldier that now has his wings*

*A Soldier that is now with our king.*

*A Soldier that impacted lives*

*and now is in our dreams.*

*Forever & ever & ever & ever a True Solider.*

*I love you Eternally*

*-Shante & Aava*

*Pallbearers*

Nephews and Friends

*Floral Bearers*

Nieces and Friends

*Acknowledgement*

We, the family of the SSG (Ret.) Jessie Wilkes, Jr., 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.

**Services Entrusted To:**

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*Home Going Service*  
*Celebrating the Life*  
*of*

**SSG (RET.) JESSIE WILKES, JR.**



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021  
11:00 A.M.

LEEY'S FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL  
1831 TAYLOR STREET  
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

PASTOR PATRICK A. HARVIN  
-OFFICIATING-

## Obituary

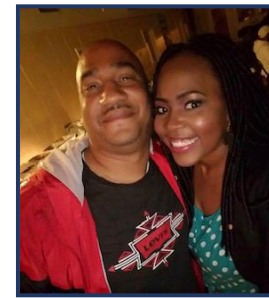
SSG (Ret.) Jessie Julian Wilkes, Jr. was born February 19, 1973, in Chester, South Carolina. He was the son of Jessie, Sr. and Janice M. Wilkes. He departed this life on Saturday, September 11, 2021.

Jessie accepted Christ at an early age, and was baptized at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church. Jessie received his formal education in the Chester County Schools. After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army. He served in Logistics, and was stationed in several areas such as: Oklahoma, Korea, Afghanistan, and Kuwait. Jessie retired with the rank of SSG with 21 years of service. He graduated from Limestone College, where he received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management and Marketing, and Associate's Degree in Liberal Studies. He graduated from Webster University, where he received a Master's Degree in Business Management. Jessie was a former employee of Wm. Jennings Bryan Dorn Medical Center, in Columbia, SC.

He was preceded in death by: his father, Jessie J. Wilkes, Sr., and a brother, Andre D. Mack.

SSG (Ret.) Jessie Julian Wilkes, Jr. leaves to cherish his precious memory: his daughter, Shante M. Brandon, of Greenville, SC; mother, Janice M. Wilkes, of Rock Hill, SC; one brother, Charles T. Mack, of Rock Hill, SC; two sisters, Lia Y. Mack, of Rock Hill, SC and Natasha M. (Erik) Smith, of Blythewood, SC; one grandchild, Ava, whom he loved dearly; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends (including several special friends, Brenda Robinson, Donnell Feaster, Napolean Mills, and Jamar Patterson), all of whom will miss him dearly.

## Memories



## A Service of Remembrance

Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn..... "Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior"

Old Testament – Psalm 23.....Mr. Ivan Peacock

New Testament – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18....Mr. Trimone Hall

Prayer of Comfort

Solo....."The Lord's Prayer" ..... Ms. Janice M. Wilkes

Remarks.....Mr. Napolean Mills  
Mr. Jamar Patterson

Poem.....Ms. Shante M. Brandon

Solo

Words of Comfort.....Pastor Patrick A. Harvin

Recessional

Postlude



*Committal, Benediction, and Interment*

1:00 p.m.

**Fort Jackson National Cemetery  
4170 Percival Road  
Columbia, South Carolina**