

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid you see.
I took His hand when I heard His call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work, or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found the peace at the close of the day.
If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joys
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart, and peace to thee-
God wanted me now; He has set me free.*

As for me my life has already been poured out as an offering to God. The time of my departure is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. And now the prize awaits me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteousness judge, will give me on the day of His return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to His appearing.

2 Timothy 4: 6-8

Pallbearers

Damon White
Dexter Bassard
Rodericke Bassard
Torrence Bassard

Floral Bearers

Nieces and Friends

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. James Hershal Bassard, would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to all who have shown comforting expressions of love, sympathy, and prayers, during the passing of our loved one. Our hearts will always be grateful for your kindness, as we pray for a special blessing to be bestowed upon each and every one of you.

Services Entrusted To:

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Home Going Service *Celebrating the Life* *of*

MR. JAMES HERSHAL BASSARD



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2021

12:00 NOON

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES CATHOLIC CHURCH
2229 HAMPTON
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

FATHER MICHAEL OKERE
- OFFICIATING -

Obituary

The journey of James Hershall Bassard began on March 3, 1932, and continued for 89 years. He was born in Columbia, SC, to John and Gladys Butler Bassard. He departed this life on Friday, November 19, 2021.

He attended Booker T. Washington High School. He continued his education at both South Carolina State University and Benedict College.

Later, he joined the United States Air Force, and while stationed in Bermuda, he met his late wife, Winifred Leola Darrell Bassard. His career continued after the Air Force, as a surgical technician with the V. A. Hospital, from which he retired. James' career experiences also included working several years with United Event Staffing.

James and Leola became members of Saint Martin de Porres Catholic Church, where he became a member of the Knights of Columbus. He was a founding member of the Knights of Columbus. James also was a founding member of the Townsmen Club.

James enjoyed bowling, golfing, flying airplanes, and was very proud of his saltwater and freshwater aquariums. One of his most enjoyable moments was playing and interacting with his grandchildren. He touched the lives of many, and took great pride in his daughter, son, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews for their accomplishments.

Mr. James Hershall Bassard leaves to cherish his memory: his daughter, Cindi R. Bassard of Columbia, South Carolina; son, Kenneth (Carol) Darrell, of Cornelius, North Carolina; brother, Alphonso (Lavern) Bassard, of Columbia, SC; sister, Phyllis Bassard Hutchinson, of Elgin, South Carolina; granddaughter, Briana Hence, of Columbia, SC; two great-grandsons, Walter and Gary Hence; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends, all of whom will miss him.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

Prelude

Processional Hymn..... "His Eye Is On The Sparrow"

Opening Prayer

First Reading – Job 29: 23-27.....Ms. Pamela Hollis

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 27..... Ms. Janine Greene

Second Reading – Revelation 14: 13.....Ms. Briana Hence

Alleluia Verse Ms. Cindi Bassard

Gospel Reading

Homily.....Father Michael Okere

Intercessions

Prayers of the Faithful

Offertory Hymn "Blessed Assurance"

Communion..... "Lord's Prayer"

Committal and Benediction

Recessional Hymn "I Can Only Imagine"

Postlude

