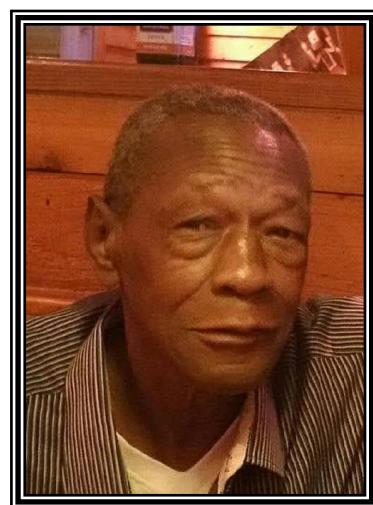


A Daughter's Cry

Tear drops fall as I gaze in the sky
Continuing to ask myself why Lord why
You were my rock, my protector and friend,
the one I could count on through thick and thin
You gave me life and taught me how to fight,
knowing one day you would be far gone out of my sight
While the memories are fond, this pain is real,
but I must press on because it is what you instilled
Daddy I'll always love you and carry your name,
although my life will never be the same
I know you'll keep your promise and save a spot for me
as one day I too shall be free free free....

Your First Born,
Barbara (Shon)



Pallbearers

Ballard Family

Floral Bearers

Adopted daughters and granddaughters

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Deacon David Franklin Ballard, 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.

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Home Going Service Celebrating the Life of

DEACON DAVID FRANKLIN BALLARD



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2021
1:00 P.M.

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

PASTOR IDA BOOKERT
-OFFICIATING-

Celebration of Life of Deacon David Franklin Ballard

Deacon David Franklin Ballard was born on October 30, 1952, in Columbia, SC. He was the youngest child of the late Peter Richard Ballard, Jr. and Pearlo Watson Ballard. He departed this life on Friday, December 24, 2021, in the comfort of his home with his family.

David was educated in the public schools of Richland County, South Carolina. His formal education was obtained in Richland School District One, where he attended Fairwold, Keenan, and C. A. Johnson High School. After completion of high school, David immediately began working as a cook, something he enjoyed doing until his health declined. David's career in residential and building construction and roofing began in the early 1970s. He mastered this trade through hands-on training with United Brick Work, under the instruction of the late Reverend Charles Jackson and Gordon Plastering. David was also a meticulous lawn care worker; he was employed by many families for the upkeep and beautification of their properties.

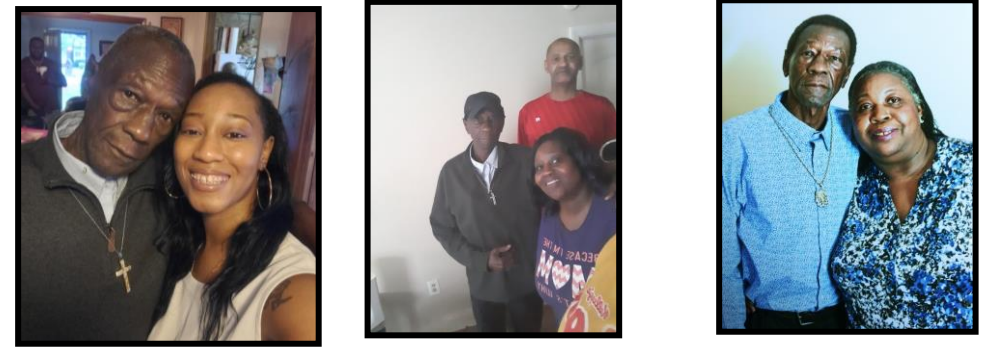
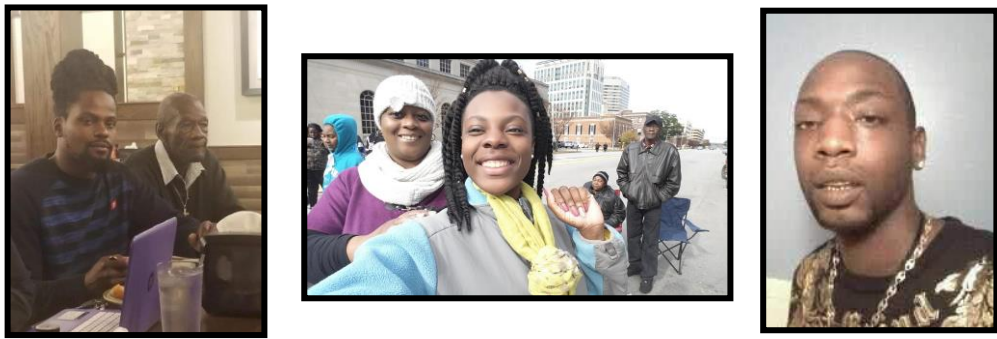
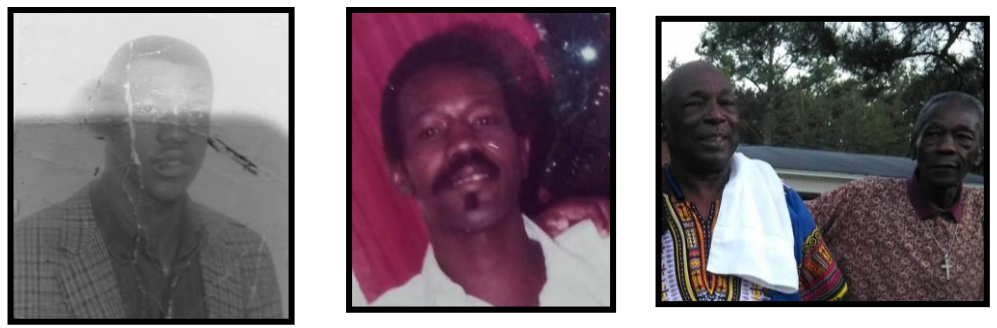
David was baptized at an early age at Gill Creek Baptist Church, of Columbia, SC. He later joined Grunter's Chapel Baptist Church, where he faithfully attended and sang on the choir during his young adult years. As the years would pass, David separated from the church, but never forgot the love of God. Seven years prior to his decline, David rededicated his life to Christ and joined Guiding Light Ministries, under the leadership of Pastor Ida Bookert. During these years, David allowed God to use him in a mighty way; he reunited with his wife and family, served as a Deacon, and worked faithfully in his church. Deacon Ballard lived his life as a new creature in Christ, with all old things left behind.

David enjoyed life to the fullest, never complaining and always sharing a positive word. He had an unprecedented way of expressing his love for others and a desire to be happy beyond understanding. David loved to fish, enjoyed singing, and was smooth on his feet. David was a great conversationalist but more important a great listener.

David was preceded in death by: his parents, Peter and Pearlo Ballard; brother, Richard Ballard; and sister, Sylvia Ballard Seals.

Deacon David Franklin Ballard leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Betty M. Ballard; daughters, Barbara Ballard (Cecil) Belton and Betty A. Ballard (Kenny) Edwards, both of Columbia, SC; sons, David L. Ballard and Cedric T. Abney, both of Columbia, SC; a brother, Robert (Michellene) Ballard, of Macon, Georgia; three brothers-in-law, Earnest (Caroline) Harrison, Samuel Harrison, Jr., and Ollie (Kim) Harrison, all of Columbia, SC; three sisters-in-law, Yvette Sumter, Yvonne Harrison, and Eloise (John) Edmond; two aunts, Queenester Prescott and Gayle Tucker, both of Columbia, SC; ten grandchildren; one great-grandchild; one baking in the oven; a loving group of supportive friends (NCAA), nieces, nephews, and cousins, all of whom will miss him.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

Reverend Broderick Prioleau, Presiding

- Prelude
- Processional
- Hymn of Praise..... "I Am Free"
- Scripture Readings..... Bishop Larry Jackson
 - Old Testament - Psalm 23
 - New Testament – 1 Corinthians 13:4-13
- Prayer..... Minister Gladys Young
- Musical Selection
- Remarks..... Mr. David Anderson
North Columbia Friends
Ms. Asia and Mr. Donovan Belton
Ms. Barbara Ballard-Belton
- Selection
- Words of Comfort..... Pastor Ida Bookert
- Recessional
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

**Lincoln Cemetery
4900 Farrow Road
Columbia, South Carolina**