

## *I Will Not Complain*

*For this I know you have shown me the way.*

*I learned to lean and trust on you every day.*

*I've had some hard days and I've had to shed some tears.*

*Staying in your presence took away all my fears.*

*Even when I choose the wrong things to do, you never gave up on me and you made my life new.*

*Irrespective of all my pain, with agony running through my veins, I looked to you and I dared not complain through your word I was sustained.*

*I won't complain, I learned to speak words of faith and hope instead, as I kept the thoughts of gratitude in my head.*

*I focused on what was before me and I thanked you daily for what I had, there was no room for me to be sad. You filled my life with so much love and all the manna that came from above.*

*I feasted on your word, as I gathered at the table daily, as I enjoyed the presence of You, my savior.*

*You promised me peace, you turned my sorrows to joy, my pain to deliverance, my morning to dancing and now I am rejoicing.*

*Written By: Patricia Livingston Randolph on Behalf of Michael Lavern (Bubba) Livingston.*



## *Pallbearers*

Cousins and Jagger Terrace Friends

## *Floral Bearers*

Missionaries, Friends, and Cousins

## *Acknowledgement*

We are forever grateful to you, for helping us during this very difficult time. Your kindness and concern for our family means a great deal to us. We say thank you, to everyone who sent a prayer, cards, flowers or made a call. Bubba's life here on earth is done, but memories can be brought up in recall. We appreciate all the love, and support you have extended, to us during this period of sadness. We are confident in knowing weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning. Your kind words and sympathy are felt by us all. It is our prayer, that God will richly bless you for rendering such great care. Again, we say thank you from the Livingstons!



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## *Home Going Services In Loving Memory of Mr. Michael Laverne Livingston*



*Thursday, March 31, 2022*

*2:00 p.m.*

*Second Nazareth Baptist Church*

*2300 Elmwood Avenue*

*Columbia, South Carolina*

*Reverend Johnny Ray Noble, PhD*

*-Pastor-*

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## Obituary

*I have fought the good worthy and noble fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. There is reserved for me the victor's crown of righteousness, which the Lord will award to me on that great day—and not to me only, but also to all those who have loved and longed for and welcomed His appearing.*

II Timothy 4:7-8

Michael Lavern Livingston of Columbia, SC, began life's journey on August 1, 1954. He was the son of the late Hamp Livingston Sr. and Willie Mae Stone Livingston. Michael, affectionately known as **Bubba** (nickname given to him by his grandfather William Stone) departed this life on March 24, 2022.

**Bubba** received his formal education in the public schools of Richland County-Columbia, South Carolina he was a proud graduate of CA Johnson high school, class of 1972. He furthered his education at Mansfield Business College, where he received training as a Certified Nursing Assistant, where he served in private home care for many years.

**Bubba** was a hard worker until his illness. He was employed with AVF Car Dealership, Davis Paint and Body Shop, and Puff Howard Towing Company.

**Bubba** was a lifelong member of Second Nazareth Baptist Church. He confessed Jesus as his Lord and Savior and was baptized at an early age. He served as a member of the Nurses Fellowship. He loved to sing and grew up singing in the Choir. He was faithful in attendance and enjoyed going to church and praising God up until his illness.

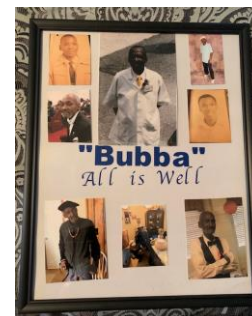
**Bubba** had natural artistic abilities. He enjoyed drawing, painting, wood craving, woodworking, pottery, sewing, landscaping, and cooking. He was known in the community for his fine artwork.

**Bubba** enjoyed serving his community, and always found ways to look out for the younger generation coming up behind him. He was a great support to many.

**Michael** was preceded in death by his wife Valarie Cook; his father, Hamp Livingston, Sr.; beloved brother, Reverend Willie James Rumph; his maternal and paternal grandparent.

Left to cherish his precious memories are; his mother, Willie Mae Stone Livingston, of Columbia SC; two sons, Ja'maal (Michelle) Mosely and Henry Golson; siblings, Geraldine Livingston, Cornell Livingston, Carolyn Livingston Hargrove, Hamp Livingston III (Patricia) Livingston, Sherri Livingston, Randy (Sylvia) Livingston, Tyrone Livingston, and Patricia (James) Randolph; one aunt Linda Seibels; special caring friends, Larry Daniels and James Allen; a host of grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives, all of whom will miss him dearly.

## Memories



## A Service of Remembrance

Musical Prelude

Processional.....“Going Up Yonder”

Viewing.....Funeral Directors

Old Testaments.....Reverend Flossie Livingston Montgomery  
Isaiah 40:28-29

New Testaments.....Deacon Moses Felder  
John 14:1-3

Prayer.....Reverend Willie C. Outlaw III, PhD, SNBC

Selection.....Sister Jenee' Moore, SNBC  
“It Is Well”

Special Tribute.....Representative Leon Howard  
Standing Committee Chariman, SC House of Representatives

Reflections.....Deacon Therin McCants, Family Deacon, SNBC  
Ms. Audrey, James, Friend/Jaggers Terrace  
Ms. Geraldine Livingston, Sister  
Mr. Cornell Livingston, Brother

Acknowledgements/Poem.....Ms. Patricia Livingston Randolph, Sister  
Selection.....Reverend Johnny Ray Noble, PhD  
“I Won't Complain”

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Johnny Ray Noble, PhD  
Selection.....Reverend Jimmy Duggan  
“May The Work I've Done Speak For Me”

Recessional

Postlude



## Committal, Benediction and Interment

Lincoln Cemetery  
4900 Farrow Road  
Columbia, South Carolina