

## *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.*

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

Manning High School Class of 1977

## *Floral Bearers*

Manning High School Class of 1977

## *Acknowledgement*

We, the family of Mr. Sylvester Jeremiah Cummings, would like to thank and extend our heartfelt gratitude for all the love that has been shown to us, during our time of bereavement. For the many expressions of kindness, visits, phone calls, cards, food, prayers, and comforting words, we say "Thank You."

## **Services Entrusted To:**

**Taylor Street Chapel**  
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# In Honor of your Memory

*Mr. Sylvester Jeremiah Cummings*



*Saturday, April 16, 2022*

*1:00 p.m.*

*Leevy's Funeral Home Chapel*

*1831 Taylor Street*

*Columbia, South Carolina*

*Reverend Tyrone Cummings*

*- Officiating -*

## Obituary

**A Time to Be Born** ... Brother Sylvester J. Cummings was born on March 7, 1959, in Manning, South Carolina. He was the ninth of twelve children born to the late Beauregard and Emma Lee Pugh Cummings.

**A Time to Grow** ... Sylvester grew up in the Manning Community, where he attended the public school system.

**A Time to Worship** ... Sylvester was baptized at Mount Zero Baptist Church, and worshiped there throughout his youth. He connected with a bible teaching church in every location he traveled to, serving as a Deacon and Minister.

**A Time to Love** ... Sylvester was married to Vera Shields Cummings for over 24 years. Although this union was not blessed with children, he was, however, blessed with three children, Cassandra Kerby, Michael Cummings, and Latora (Jaeson) Hedgepeth.

**A Time to Serve** ... For sixteen years, Sylvester served faithfully and honorably in the United States Army, and was a veteran of Desert Shield/Desert Storm. Sylvester was also employed by the State of South Carolina, Department of Corrections.

**A Time to Die** ... God called Sylvester home from his labor to reward on Friday, April 8, 2022, at the Veterans Hospital of East Orange, New, Jersey.

**A Time to Mourn** ... Fond memories of Sylvester J. Cummings will be forever cherished by: his wife, Vera Shields Cummings; his children, Cassandra Kerby, Michael Cummings, and Latora (Jaeson) Hedgepeth; grandson, Lorenzo Hedgepeth; his brothers, Beauregard (Hattie), of Fayetteville, NC, Clarence (Hattie), of Manning, SC, James (Monique), of Huntsville, AL, Charles (Terry), of Sumter, SC, Avance (Laura), of Augusta, GA, and Daryl (Kendra) Davis, of Miami, FL; one sister, Cornelia Broadi, of Thomasville, NC; one uncle, Timothy Pugh, of Wilmington, NC; a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, other relatives, and friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

## Memories



## Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn.....Musician

Viewing.....Funeral Directors

Old Testament.....Deacon John T. Pugh  
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

New Testament.....Deacon John T. Pugh  
John 14:1-6

Prayer.....Reverend Tyrone Cummings

Selection.....Musician

Remarks.....Mr. Marion Lemon, *Classmate*  
Deacon Charles Cummings, *Family*

Selection.....Musician

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Tyrone Cummings

Recessional

Postlude



## Committal, Benediction and Interment

**11:00 a.m., Monday, April 18, 2022**  
**Fort Jackson National Cemetery**  
**4170 Percival Road**  
**Columbia, South Carolina**