

Pallbearers

Stewards and Trustees of Bethel AME Church

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.*

Floral Bearers

Stewardess and Missionaries of Bethel AME Church

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Dr. David Belton Whaley, Jr., 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. A special thank you to Leevy's Funeral Home, of Columbia, South Carolina. We hold a special place in our hearts for the staff of Brookdale Senior Living and the Lighthouse Hospice Group. The outpouring of support has filled our hearts, and we pray a special blessing for each of you. Lastly, we would like to thank the Columbia Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi and Imperial Rental Services, of Columbia, South Carolina.

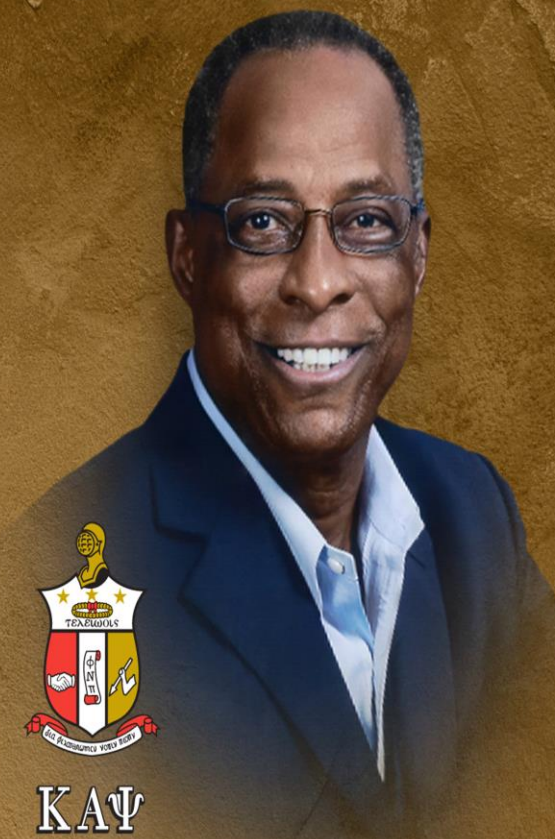


Services Entrusted To:

<p>Taylor Street Chapel 1831 Taylor Street Columbia, SC 29201 (803)771-7799 I. S. Leevy Johnson -Owner & Director-</p>	<p>Leevy's FUNERAL HOME Chris Leevy Johnson -President & Managing Director-</p>	<p>Lower Richland Chapel 9120 Garners Ferry Road Hopkins, SC 29061 (803) 776-6922 Leverette A. Williams, II -General Manager-</p>
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*Home Going Service
In Loving Memory
of*

DR. DAVID BELTON WHALEY, JR.



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2022
1:00 P.M.

BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH
819 WOODROW STREET
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

REVEREND DR. CAESAR RICHBURG
-PASTOR-

Obituary

Dr. David B. Whaley, Jr. was born February 10, 1943, in Columbia South Carolina, to the late David B. Whaley, Sr. and Mary Boles Whaley. He departed his earthly life on April 5, 2022, peacefully, surrounded by loving family. David was married to Lauretha Wilson Whaley on August 1, 1981. From this union, two children were born, Danielle Lavette and Kenneth David Whaley.

David was a graduate of C. A. Johnson High School, in Columbia, South Carolina. He earned his bachelor's degree from Allen University, in Columbia SC. While at Allen, he was actively involved in sports, and became a member of the Grand Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi. After graduation, David served in the United States Army. David furthered his education by earning a master's degree from North Carolina Central University, and the Ph.D. from Clemson University in 1991. David was a member of Bethel AME Church, in Columbia South Carolina.

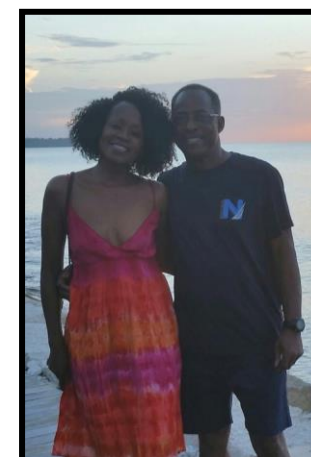
David had various jobs early in life, but he devoted most of his career to the students of Benedict College, in Columbia South Carolina. For over forty years he served many in roles at Benedict including: Assistant Professor, Department Chair, Assistant Dean, Associate Dean, and Vice President of Student Affairs. In addition, he served as an Adjunct Professor at Clemson University, while on sabbatical during 1986-1988. David received many awards and acknowledgements throughout his career. He is featured on the Columbia Housing Authority Wall of Fame for Outstanding Community Service and the Outstanding Leadership and Service to the Field of Recreation Award by South Carolina Recreation and Park Society. His career is epitomized by the mentorship and development of students into productive, active citizens.

David enjoyed outdoor sports, and spent many years teaching swimming to adults and children in the Columbia area. His love of teaching young people and sports led him to coach Pop Warner football, Meadowlake Youth Baseball, and the Drew Park Sharks Swim Team. In addition, he served as a Board member of the Columbia Chapter of the United States Youth Games. David was a lifelong athlete, competitor, and trash talker, which he channeled that into a love for golf with friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Mary Means; and brother, Eugene Randolph Whaley.

His memory will be forever cherished by his wife, Lauretha Wilson Whaley; daughters, Nichelle (Fred) Edmonson, of Atlanta, Georgia, Dawn (Michael) Whaley Maxwell, of Charlotte, North Carolina, Lynda (Micheal) India Sullivan, of Detroit, Michigan, and Danielle (Curtis Boyd) Whaley, of Columbia, South Carolina; son, Kenneth (Angel) Whaley, of Houston, Texas; nine grandchildren, Theodrick Hazley, Porscha (Jonathan) Freeman, Treazure (Lamar) Cannady-Foster, Alice Edmonson, Nicholas Edmonson, Malia Johnson, Ronald Johnson, Omulau Boyd, and Logan Whaley; ten great grandchildren; siblings, Juanita Johnson, of Columbia, South Carolina, Doris (Ronald) Mays, of Las Vegas, Nevada, Rosemond (Jesse) Beacham, of Columbia, South Carolina, and Audrey Jackson, of Tampa, Florida; a devoted lifelong friend, Willie "Buster" Canty, of Columbia, South Carolina; one aunt, Elizabeth McDuffie; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and caring friends, who will miss him dearly.

Memories



The Worship Service

*The Reverend Dr. Caesar Richburg, Pastor
Worship Leader*

The Gathering

The Prelude

The Processional....."Well Done"
Recording by: Detrick Hadden

The Hymn of Praise

The Invocation.....The Reverend Cole' Weathers
Assistant Minister, Bethel AME

The Liturgy of the Word:

The Old Testament.....Psalm 23.....The Reverend Betty Wannamaker
Congregation Life Minister, Bethel AME

The New Testament.....John 14:1-3.....The Reverend Norman Duckett
Associate Minister, Bethel AME

The Ministry of Music....."Please Prepare Me".....Mr. Curtis Boyd, Jr.

Reflections of Life.....Sister Ruby Brown, Class Leader Bethel AME
Mr. Willie Washington, Athletics Director, Benedict College
Mr. Willie "Buster" Canty, Friend
Ms. Danielle L. Whaley, Daughter

The Ministry of Music....."I Understand".....Mr. Micheal Sullivan

The Eulogy.....The Reverend Thomas Davis
Former College Minister, Benedict College

Recessional....."I Wish I Knew How It Would Be To Be Free"
Recording by: Nina Simone

Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

10:00 a.m., Thursday, April 14, 2022

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