

Our Tribute

*When we needed a friend to hold our hand or
to listen to our problems,*

You were there.

When times got tough and the going got rough,

You were there.

When our days were happy and gladness filled our hearts,

You were there.

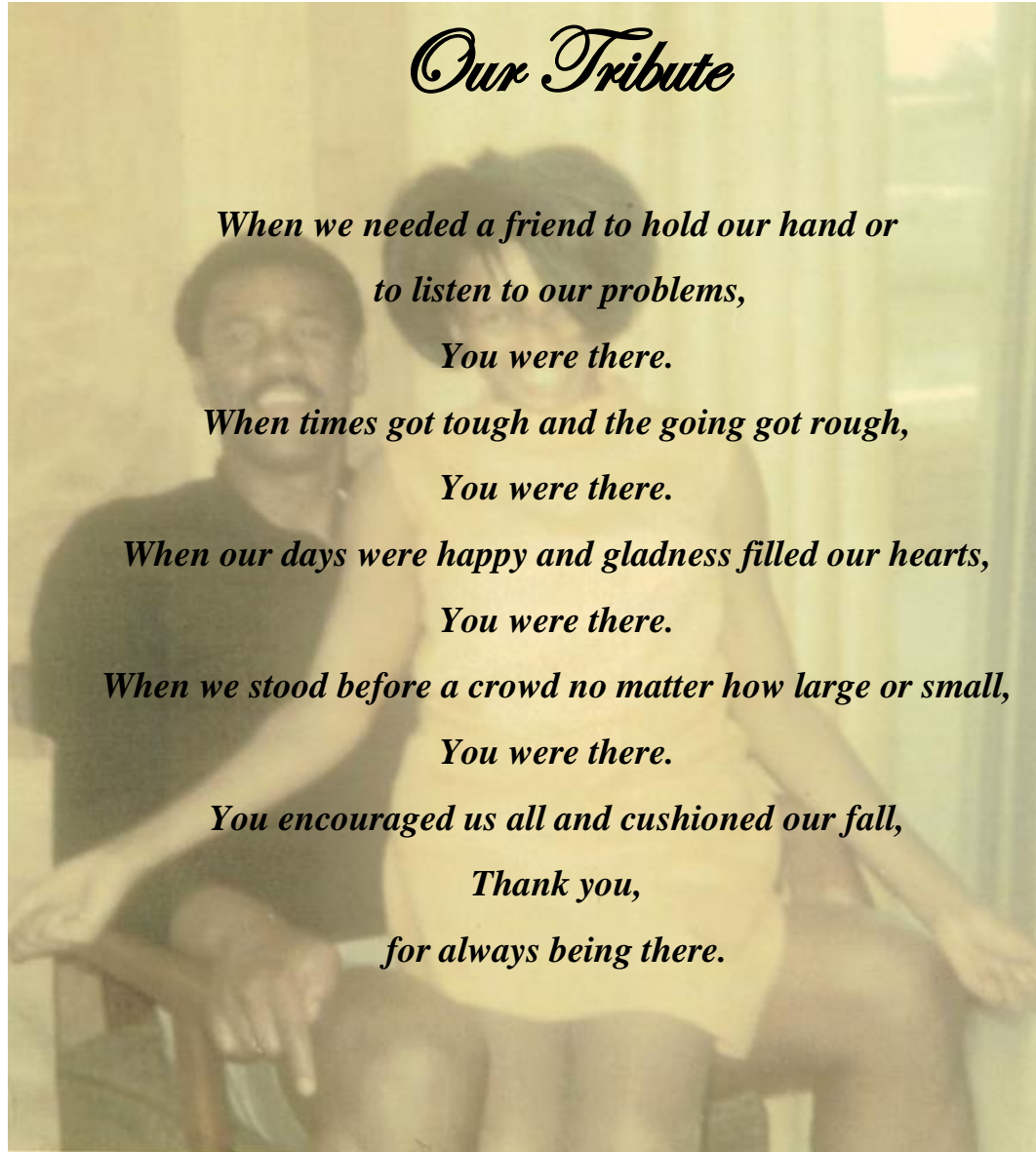
When we stood before a crowd no matter how large or small,

You were there.

You encouraged us all and cushioned our fall,

Thank you,

for always being there.



Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. Nolan Edward and Dr. Vivian Snelling Brackett, wish to express our sincere gratitude to each of you for the many loving and wonderful acts of kindness rendered, during the passing of our loved ones. May God bless each of you with His grace and mercy, we pray.

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MEMORIAL SERVICES

Celebrating the Life and Legacy of



Mr. Nolan "Buster" Edward

Dr. Vivian Snelling

BRACKETT

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022 AT 3:00 P.M.

LEEVEY'S FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL

1831 TAYLOR STREET • COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

REVEREND DR. CHARLES B. JACKSON, SR.
-OFFICIATING-

*Reflections of the Life
of
Mr. Nolan "Buster" Edward Brackett*

Mr. Nolan Edward Brackett was born June 18, 1942, in New York City, New York, to Nolan and Lillian Brackett. On Saturday, May 7, 2022, God sent special angels to lead the tired and weary, but brave soul of Nolan, to ascend into eternal life.

Nolan, affectionately known to his family and friends as "Buster," graduated from DeWitt Clinton High School, New York City, New York. At six feet, four inches tall, he was a literal standout on his high school basketball team, where he was First Team All City. A neighborhood coach, Hilton White, helped coordinate a basketball scholarship to Benedict College, in Columbia, South Carolina, a place unknown to Buster. He graduated with a bachelor's degree from Benedict in 1965. He furthered his education with a master's degree from the University of South Carolina. Buster started his career as a basketball coach at Kelly Edward High School, Williston, SC, and then at Winnsboro High School, SC. He switched careers and became a social worker. He helped turn around the lives of men and women at Morris Village, an addiction and treatment center; Central Correctional Institution, and Kirkland Correctional Institution, where he retired in 1999.

In 1967, he met Vivian Sherill Snelling when she attended summer school at Benedict College. After courting for six months, Buster swept her off her feet and they were married. They enjoyed newlywed life, and before long they welcomed their first child, Derrick. Less than two years later, they were blessed with a daughter, Dawn.

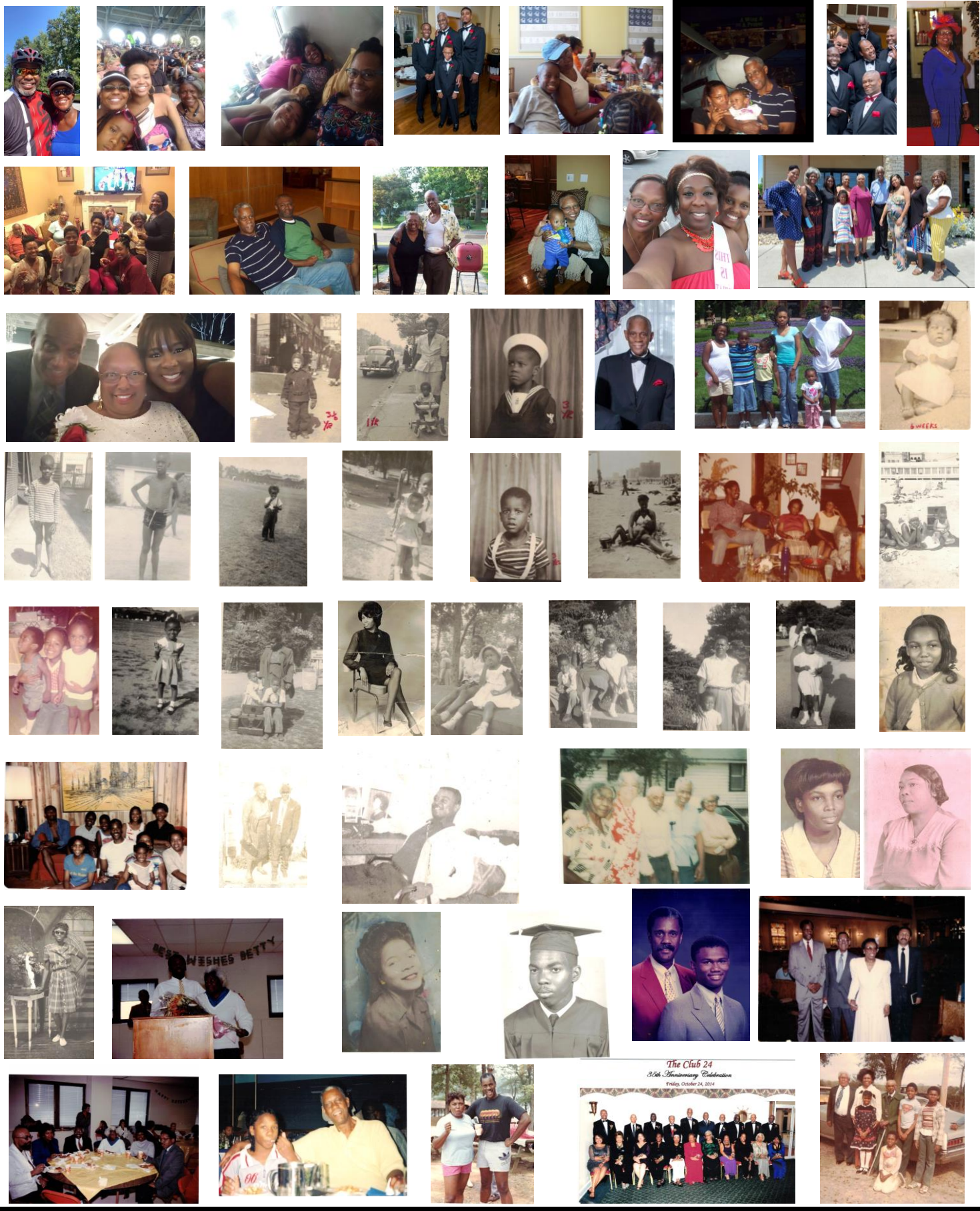
Buster played on the 1965 basketball team at Benedict College, where he later was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame. He was also a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity. He served as Vice Pollmark of the Columbia, SC Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi. Buster was a member of Club 24, a supper club where he and Sherill made many lifelong friends.

Buster was baptized in the Christian faith at Abyssinian Baptist Church in New York City, New York. He served the Lord through his friendly, mild manner. He loved people and people loved him; consequently, he never met a stranger. He provided his support and encouragement whenever and wherever it was needed. He served on the Men's Choir at Brookland Baptist Church, West Columbia, SC, where he was a member for more than twenty years. The family, church, and community have lost a friend, confidant, mentor, and humanitarian.

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Reflections of the Life of Dr. Vivian Snelling Brackett

Dr. Vivian Sherrill Snelling Brackett was born July 18, 1945, in Barnwell, South Carolina to John and Vernice Snelling. The Lord welcomed her to her heavenly home on, May 15, 2022, where her loving husband was waiting.

Vivian was known by her friends and family as Sherrill. She graduated from Butler High School in Barnwell, SC. Inspired to walk in the steps of her grandmother, Ruby Snelling, Sherrill attended and graduated from Tuskegee Institute, in Alabama, where she attained a Bachelor of Science degree. Aspiring to greater academic achievement, she received a Master's degree of Science in Education, Educational Specialist, and finally a Doctor of Philosophy in Education from the University of South Carolina.

Sherrill was a lifelong educator. She started her career as an elementary school teacher in Fairfield County, SC. She was a science teacher at Will Lou Gray Opportunity School, in Columbia, SC. She was an Educational Associate, and the first African American woman in the Office of Organizational Development at the S.C. Department of Education. She later served as Assistant Superintendent at Bamberg South Carolina School District, where she retired. After enjoying retirement life for the summer, she returned to the classroom. She taught Educational Leadership Courses at S.C. State University, and later worked at various schools in Richland County School District One, Columbia, SC.

Sherrill was affiliated with many professional and social organizations. She was a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Red Hatters, Cluster Three; Women Educating and Empowering Others (WEEO), SC Education Association (SCEA), the National Association of Black School Educators (NABSE), a founding member of the James R. Clark Sickel Cell Foundation, and many other organizations.

Sherrill's grandparents, Charles Ransom and Ruby Snelling, raised her after her mother passed at a young age. They reared her in the Christian faith, and she was baptized at New Hope Baptist Church in Barnwell, South Carolina, at a young age. Sherrill was an avid gardener; everything she touched grew and blossomed. She also enjoyed cooking, entertaining, fishing, and traveling, and she was a daily news enthusiast. More than anything else she dearly loved her family. Her husband, Nolan was her gentle giant who rarely complained. He was her biggest supporter. Sherrill was intimately involved in her children's, grandchildren's, nieces', and nephews' lives, encouraging them every step of their journey. She seized every moment as a teaching opportunity. Sherrill impacted the lives of all who were blessed to know her.

Nolan was preceded in death by his parents, Nolan and Lillian Brackett; sister, Betty (Bob) Creth, and brother, John Martin. Sherrill was preceded in death by her parents, Vernice and John Snelling "Buster" and Sherrill leave to cherish the memory of their lives: daughters, Kim and Dawn; son, Derrick (Ra'Sheba); sister, Pamela; brother, John; granddaughters, Lauryn, Tiye, Jordan, and Merryck; grandsons, Malakai and Makauri; great-grandson, August, a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and special friends, all of whom will dearly miss them.

Order of Service

Prelude
Processional
Opening Selection.....Ms. Nicole Siebles
Old Testament.....Psalm 23.....Ms. Tajuana Siebles
New Testament.....2 Timothy 4:7-8.....Rev. Dr. Angela Williams
Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor General Haye, Jr.
Acknowledgements.....Ms. Kim Donald
Selection.....Ms. Nicole Siebles
Reflections.....Mr. J.R. (Dunbar) Stewart, Former Student
Mr. Andre Golden, Nephew
Ms. Michelle Miller, Niece
Ms. Carolyn Whetstone, Special Friend
Mr. Wendel Lofton, Cousin
Selection.....Ms. Kniccoa Peoples
Words of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Charles B. Jackson, Sr.
Benediction.....Pastor General Haye, Jr.
Recessional
Postlude



Committal and Interment

2:00 P.M.
Sunday, May 22, 2022
New Hope Baptist Church
655 Jordan Road
Barnwell, South Carolina

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