

### *The Broken Chain*

We little knew that morning,  
that God was going to call your name.  
In life we loved you, dearly,  
in death, we do the same.  
It broke our hearts to lose you,  
but you didn't go alone;  
For part of us went with you  
the day God called you home.  
You left us peaceful memories,  
your love is still our guide.  
And though we cannot see you,  
you are always at our side.  
Our family chain is broken,  
and nothing seems the same.  
But as God calls us one by one,  
the Chain will link again.  
We love and miss you ever so much.

Submitted by: Your Loving Wife,  
Eloise Nearing

### *Big Brother*

Hugs and kisses to Mom and Dad. Tell them I'm doing  
well and miss them very much.  
But please don't tell Dad what happen to his car,  
the time you came and got me.

Bobby

### *Pallbearers*

Deacons of New Covenant Missionary Baptist Church

### *Floral Bearers*

Deaconesses and Trustees of New Covenant Missionary  
Baptist Church

### *Acknowledgement*

We, the family of the late Harry Nearing, Jr., wish to express our heartfelt appreciation for the many acts of kindness and encouraging words shown to us, during our time of bereavement. May God continue to bless each of you.



### **Services Entrusted To:**

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

## *Celebrating the Life*

*of*

SMSGT (RET) HARRY NEARING, JR.



THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2022

12:00 NOON

NEW COVENANT MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

3501 HUMPHREY DRIVE

COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

REVEREND DOUGLAS HUDSON

-PASTOR-

## Obituary

SMSgt (Ret) Harry Nearing Jr., was born on August 26, 1935, in White Cloud, Michigan. He was the first black baby to be born in White Cloud. He was the second of five children of the late Harry Nearing, Sr. and Sara E. Nearing.

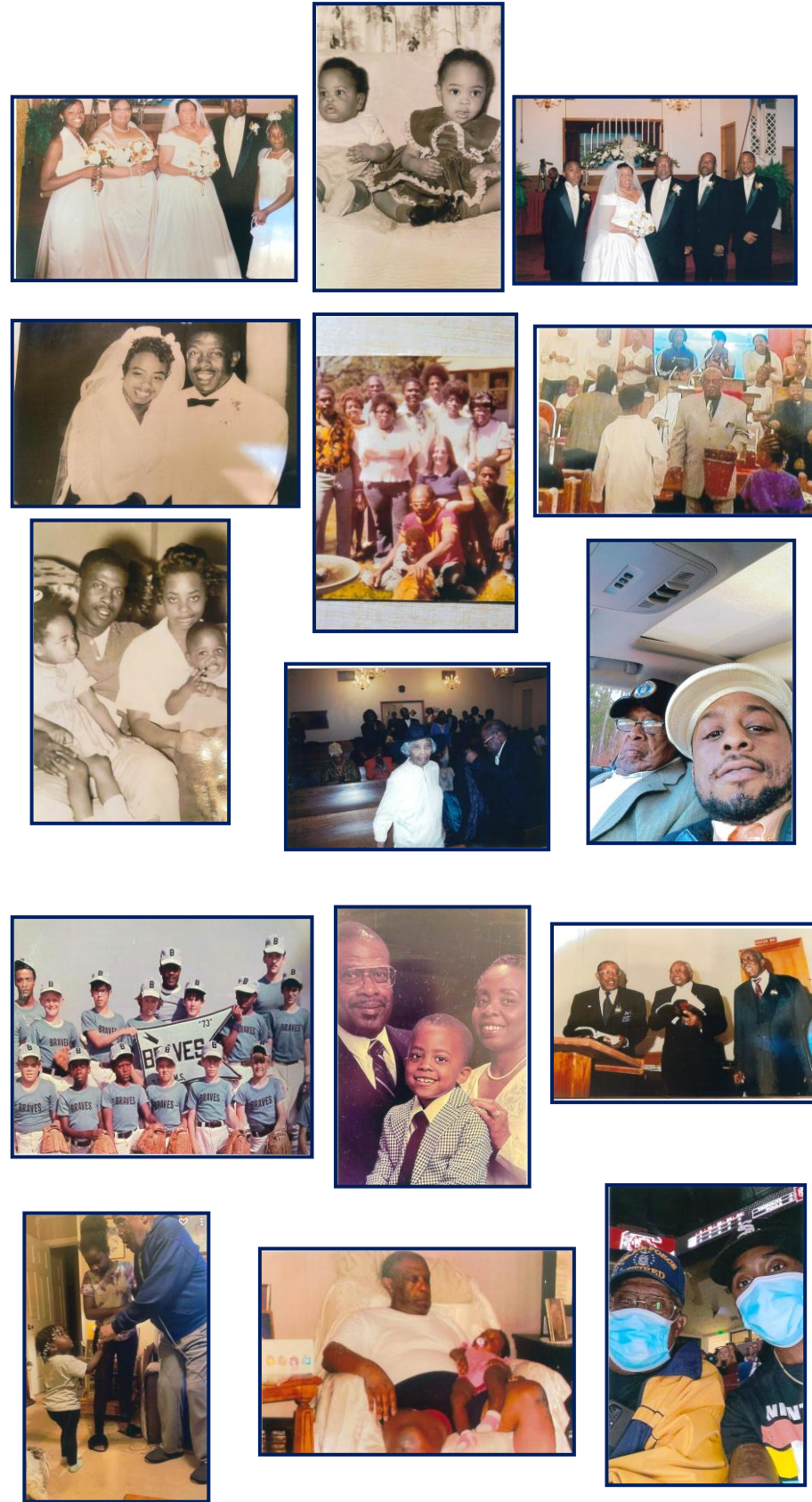
He attended the public schools of Muskegon Heights, Michigan. Harry went on to serve his country honorably in the United States Airforce for 28 years. He later received his associates degree from Midlands Technical College in Criminal Justice. After retiring from the Air Force, Harry became employed with the Department of Juvenile Justice for 20 years as a correctional officer.

Harry was an active member of New Covenant Missionary Baptist Church. He held several offices, and received numerous awards of recognition. He was ordained as Deacon in October 2010. Deacon Nearing also served as trustee chairperson from 1997 to 2022. Deacon Nearing served on the Senior's Ministry, Usher's Ministry, Missionary Ministry, Benevolent Committee, and the Clothing Ministry. Beginning in 2015, he was New Covenant's Deacon for the Missionary Cooperative Ministry Union. He worked on the planning committee for the Midland's Coalition of Churches MLK Annual Awards Breakfast.

Deacon Nearing was preceded in death by his sister, Vivian Johnson, and brother, Warren E. Nearing.

Deacon Nearing leaves to cherish his memory: his wife of 64 years, Eloise Nearing; one son, Darrell (Annie) Nearing; one daughter, Francesca Nearing; two adopted sons, Donald Deas and Kelvin Michaels; two brothers, Emanuel (Christine) Nearing and Robert (Jackie) Nearing; three sisters-in-law, Janice (Gerald) Jones, Ann Wilson, and Edna Foxball; one brother-in-law, Cleveland Wilson; three grandchildren, Antonio Nearing, Angelica Nearing, and Kenneth Nearing-Bowen; two great-grandchildren, Kailey Wrihten and Daliyah Lykes; niece, Regina Rhodes; first cousin, Emma Guiden; bestfriend, Brusier; a host of nieces, nephews, other loving relatives, and friends, all whom will miss him dearly.

## Memories



## A Service of Remembrance

Minister Lynet Winfrey, Officiating

Musical Prelude  
 Processional  
 Viewing.....Funeral Directors  
 Opening Hymn.....New Covenant Missionary Baptist Church  
 "I Will Trust In The Lord"  
 Old Testament.....Ecclesiastes 3:1-9  
 New Testament.....John 14:1-6  
 Prayer  
 Musical Selection.....New Covenant Missionary Baptist Church  
 "I'll Go If I have To Go By Myself"  
 Remarks.....Deacon Dean McDaniel  
 Mrs. Joyce Dickerson  
 Ms. Regina Rhodes  
 Ms. Angelica Nearing and Mr. Kenneth Nearing-Bowen  
 Musical Selection.....Minister Fabien Bridges  
 "He's My Everything"  
 Words of Comfort.....Reverend Douglas Hudson  
 Musical Selection.....New Covenant Missionary Baptist Church  
 "When I Need Him Most"  
 Recessional  
 Postlude



## Committal, Benediction, and Interment

2:00 p.m.  
 Fort Jackson National Cemetery  
 4170 Percival Road  
 Columbia, South Carolina