

# A Father like you

I just want you to know  
you mean the world to me  
Only a heart as dear as yours  
would give so unselfishly.

The many things you've done,  
all the times that you were there,  
Helps me know deep down inside  
how much you really care.

Even though I might not say it,  
I appreciate all you do  
So richly blessed is how I feel  
for having a father just like you

# Acknowledgement

The family of the late Ezekiel E. Metz humbly acknowledges the outpouring of love and kindness that you, our friends, relatives, neighbors and extended families have shown us during the most difficult time in our lives. We pray God's blessings for each of you.....

Diane, Shardae, Marquis and MiKayla Metz

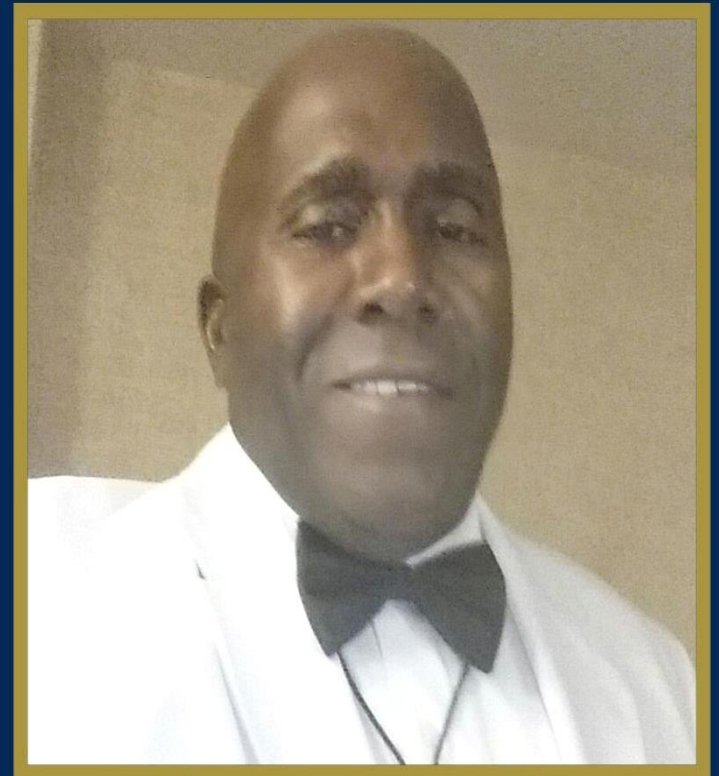
Pall Bearers  
Exodus Lodge#1

Mt. Sinai Grand Bethlehem Commandery#1

Floral Attendants  
Queen Esther Chapter#1  
Columbia, S.C.



# Celebration of Life



## Ezekiel E. Metz

July 23, 1961 - June 28, 2022

Friday, July 8, 2022

3:00 p.m.

Leevy's Funeral Home  
1831 Taylor Street  
Columbia, SC 29201



# Order of Service

Processional  
Clergy & Family

Opening Hymn

Scripture

Old Testament  
Psalms 27

New Testament  
.Colossians 1 Chapter 9-14 vs.

Prayer of Comfort  
Steve Lyles

Musical Selection

Obituary (Silent Read)

Tribute to my Father  
Ezekiel M. Metz

Words of Comfort  
Dr. Daniel Russell, Jr.

New Life Deliverance Temple, St. Helena Island, S.C.

Musical selection

Benediction

Recessional

The Service of Committal and final prayer will be held on  
Monday July 11, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.  
Fort Jackson National Cemetery  
4170 Percival Road  
Columbia, S.C.

# Obituary

Ezekiel Edward Metz affectionately known as "Bubba" was born July 23, 1961 to Eleanor and Robert "Bobby" Metz on Saint Helena Island, Beaufort, South Carolina.

Ezekiel was educated in the public schools of Beaufort, South Carolina graduating from Beaufort High School in 1979. He joined the US Army in the Fall of that year. His first duty assignment after training at Fort Dix, NJ was Pirmasens, West Germany and he was then reassigned to Fort Jackson, Columbia SC in 1982. Ezekiel was blessed with a large and loving family. His knowledge and guidance was the foundation for his family. He met his wife, Diane and they were engaged and married nine months later in June 1983. Their romance lasted 39 years and they were blessed with three wonderful children Sharda, Marquis and MiKayla.

Ezekiel was a career soldier who formed a rich "Brotherhood for Life" with his Army brothers. After his deployment to Saudi Arabia for the Gulf War, he returned to West Germany and decided to return to Columbia. Ezekiel was an extremely hard worker, dedicated and determined to provide for his family to give them the life he felt they deserved. He was a career OTR truck driver, he became an owner operator and traveled to every state in the United States. He was the ultimate Truck Driver Trainer and he continuously earned safety and performance awards.

Ezekiel joined the Masonic Order in October 1989, at Stuttgart Military Lodge #581, Stuttgart, W. Germany he achieved the 33rd Degree. He held the office of Worship Master and Eminent Commander of the Knights Templar and he remained a member for 33 years. He was a member of the Most Worshipful Mount Sinai Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. Exodus Lodge#1 Masonic Lodge, A Member of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Center, a Knight of the Most Worshipful Mount Sinai Grand Bethlehem Commandery#1 and a Knight of Templar of Most Worshipful Mt. Sinai Grand Consistory#1.

Ezekiel quietly departed this life on Wednesday, June 28, 2022. He was preceded in death by his parents Robert "Bobby" and Eleanor Metz, his sister, Barbara Jean McLean, and brother Carl Metz. His life is forever cherished by his wife Diane, his son Ezekiel Marquis, his daughters Sharda and MiKayla, all of Columbia, South Carolina, his brother Robert (Karin), of Beaufort, S.C., mother & father in law, Joe and Loretta Lyles of Columbia, SC, brother in law, Bernard Lyles of Columbia, S.C., sister in law, Kenya Lyles of Charleston, S.C., devoted nieces, Carmeshia Metz of Lakeland, Florida, Tiffany Williams and Kaitlin Lyles of Columbia, SC, Janiqua Green (Kem) of Beaufort, SC. Nephews Lorenzo Metz, and Robert Brandon Metz of Beaufort, S.C., Bernard Lyles, Jr. of Columbia, S.C. Uncles Thomas (Josephine) Brown of Columbus, Ga, Earl (Beatrice) Washington, Aunts Mabel Washington of Miami, Florida, Annie Mae Bonds, Mildred McClain, and Vivian Washington all of Beaufort, SC. Devoted cousin Vernon (Brenda) Washington of Bluffton, S.C.

"Military Brothers for Life" Albert Jones, Jimmy Spivey, Christopher Rice & Johnathan Ledbetter  
A host of cousins, family and friends.

Funeral

Leevy's Funeral Home  
1831 Taylor Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

Burial

Fort Jackson National Cemetery  
4170 Percival Rd  
Columbia, SC 29229

THE BROKEN CHAIN  
by Ron Tranmer

We little knew that day,  
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.  
You did not go alone.  
For part of us went with you,  
The day God called you home.

You left us beautiful memories,  
Your love is still our guide.  
And although 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.

