

## *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.*

## *Acknowledgement*

We, the family of Mr. Simuel Melvin Stevenson, 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. Our hearts will always be grateful for your kindness, as we pray for a special blessing to be bestowed upon each and every one of you.

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# In Honor of your Memory

*Mr. Simuel Melvin Stevenson*



*Friday, July 15, 2022*

*2:00 p.m.*

*Reid Chapel A.M.E. Church*

*704 Gabriel Street  
Columbia, South Carolina*

*Reverend Carey A. Grady*

*-Pastor-*

# Obituary

Mr. Simuel Melvin Stevenson was born on April 29, 1936, in Greensboro, NC, to his loving parents, E.D. and Victoria Stevenson. He was one of five children, all of whom preceded him in death.

Upon graduating high school, Simuel relocated to Brooklyn, New York, joining his sister Frances. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1959. Simuel returned to Brooklyn in 1961. He was always a hard worker and an avid reader. In 1996, he became a transportation engineer (truck driver) for a fabric mill, in the garment district of New York City. He retired in 1996, and promised that he would play golf everyday that the temperature was above 55 degrees and not raining. He also stated that he would become a professional golf instructor. Simuel made his word his bond. He never left home without a golf club. Even if he couldn't hit the balls, he would find a place to swing his clubs or just his arms. This included supermarket parking lots, amusement parks parking lot, parks all over NYC, outside of his children's schools....EVERYWHERE! He exercised everyday and was determined that he would not weigh more than 175lbs. Again, He made his word his bond. He taught people from ages 8-80 to play his second love, golf.

Being true to his energetic spirit and youthful demeanor, he remarried in 2018, at the age of 81. He and his wife, Ruth Nixon, relocated to Columbia, SC shortly after. She loved and cared for him until the end.

Simuel will be remembered by family and friends as a patient and caring man. He was the one to call to pickup his children and the children of other family members from school. If he said he would be somewhere, again, his word was his bond.

Mr. Simuel Melvin Stevenson leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Ruth; seven, children, Ricky, Tara, Simuel II, Joslyn, Orthello, Desiree, and Simuel, Jr.; five stepchildren, Luther, Arkesia, Elroy, Jacquana, and Sherman, 17 grandchildren, two nieces, seven nephews, a host of great-nieces, great-nephews, other loving relatives, and friends.

# Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Viewing.....Funeral Directors

Opening Hymn.....“My Hope Is Built”

Invocation

Selection.....“Sweet Hour Of Prayer”

Old Testament.....Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

New Testament.....1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Selection.....“Blessed Assurance”

Remarks.....Mr. Kevin Speaks  
Mr. Freddie Priester  
Ms. Tara Muhammad

Selection

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Carey A. Grady

Recessional

Postlude



## Committal, Benediction and Interment

9:00 a.m., Monday, July 18, 2022  
Fort Jackson National Cemetery  
4170 Percival Rod  
Columbia, South Carolina