

The Black Man's Plea for Justice

(Reverend English's Favorite Poem)

Hear me, statesman,
I am pleading to defend
The black man's cause.
Will you give me the protection
To outline your laws?
Will your lawyers plead my case
In your courts?
Am I not a citizen?
I pray dear for transportation
Overall your railroad track.
I come up to every requirement
And I will always pay my tax.
And when I don't fill in blanks correctly,
Will you kindly teach me how?
Ruling power of this nation,
Will you give me justice now?
I prepared your wedding supper
And I dug your father's grave.
I did everything you asked me
Just because I was your slave.
I helped build your great bridges
And I laid your railroad steel.
Oh, I been a mighty power
In your great financial wheel.
And when I don't do jobs correctly
Will you kindly teach me how?
Ruling power of this nation
Will you give me justice now?

- By Ephraim David Tyler

Pallbearers

Cole English Bobby Taylor Evans Kohn, Jr.
Jeff Robinson Simon Kohn Joseph Cameron
Maurice Jackson Marcellas Jackson Cory Kohn

Floral Bearers

Lakeview Alumni Association
and
Ladies of Kingdom Builders Ministries, Inc.



Acknowledgement

We, the family of Reverend Joseph English, wish to thank each of you for the many loving and wonderful acts of kindness rendered, during illness and passing of our loved one. May God bless each of you with His grace and mercy, we pray.

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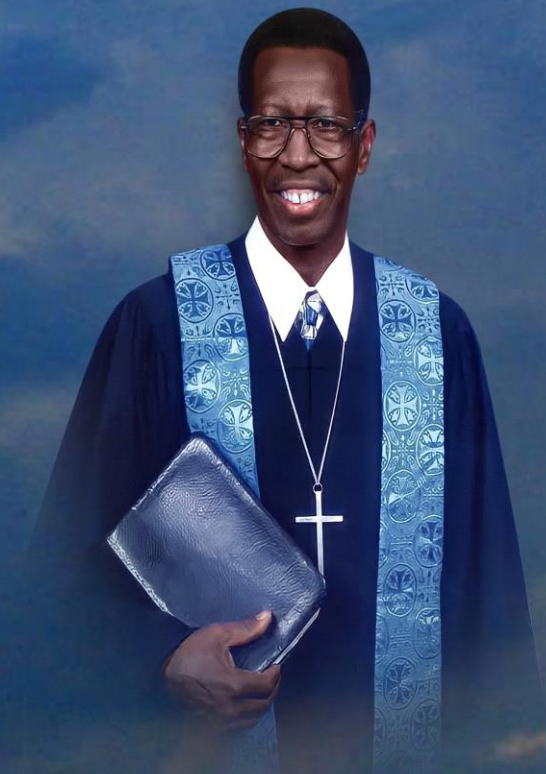
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*Home Going Service
In Loving Memory
of*

REVEREND JOSEPH ENGLISH



**MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 2022
11:30 A.M.**

**KINGDOM BUILDERS MINISTRIES, INC.
5320 FAIRFIELD ROAD
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**REVEREND MARVIN P. JACKSON, SR.
-OFFICIATING-**

Obituary

April 30, 1943 - August 24, 2022

Reverend Joseph English was born on April 30, 1943, in Lexington County, South Carolina. He was the sixth of nine children born to the late Abram C. and Victoria Foster English. He entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, August 24, 2022.

He received his early education in the public schools of Lexington County School District Two, graduating from Lakeview High School in 1962. While at Lakeview, he served in a number of clubs and organizations including: Honor Society, Student Council, Future Teachers of America, Science Club, and sports editor of the newspaper. He lettered in football and scorekeeping for the basketball team. He was the valedictorian of his class. His education continued at Benedict College, in Columbia, South Carolina, where he received a B.S. Degree in Chemistry in 1966. During his collegiate years, he was selected to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, Vice President of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society, and member of the Science Club. He graduated Magna Cum Laude. He earned a Master of Education Degree in Education Administration from the University of South Carolina, in 1975. He engaged in further studies at Limestone, Columbia International University, and Midlands Technical College. His career in education spanned thirty years, serving as a teacher, assistant principal, and principal.

His career in education began at Lakeview High School, his alma mater, as a science teacher. He rose to assistant principal at Brookland-Cayce High School, and later returned to Northside Middle School, the former Lakeview School, as principal. He became principal of Cyril B. Busbee Middle, in Cayce, South Carolina, and remained in that capacity until retirement. As principal, he earned the distinguished Principal of the Year Award.

Reverend English was affiliated with the Greater Saint Paul African Methodist Church, in West Columbia, South Carolina, where he received Christ as a teenager. His activities in the church included: member of the Steward Board, Sunday School Superintendent, Sunday School Teacher, Director of Vacation Bible School, and many other areas of service.

Reverend English served as a board member on numerous non-profit organizations: Vice Chairman for the Christian Learning Center of the Midlands, Associate Dean for the Congress of Education Gethsamane Association, President of the Bluff Road Ministerial Alliance, and Moderator of the Easter Sunrise Fellowship of Churches, Secretary of the Bluff Road Shalom Zone CDC, President of the Eau Claire Ministerial Alliance, and Board Member of the Brookland Lakeview Empowerment Center. He was actively engaged in the education of children through School Time Bible of South Carolina, and Youth Corps. He was a member of the National Education Association (NEA) and South Carolina Education Association-Retired (SCEA-R).

Reverend English answered the call into the ministry at Greater Saint Paul African Methodist Church. He then served as Associate Minister at St. James Baptist Church under Dr. Edward Kinard. He served as pastor of Zion Chapel Baptist Church #2, in Columbia, South Carolina from 1992 to 1999. In August of 1999, God led him to find the Kingdom Builders Ministries, where he served as pastor until his health declined. His ministry was rooted in discipleship and community service.

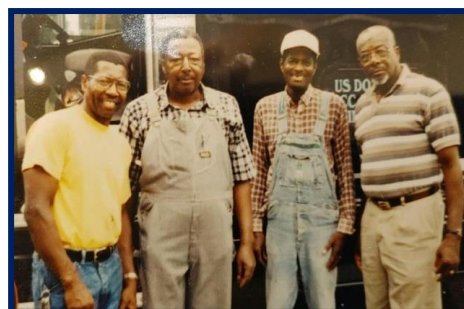
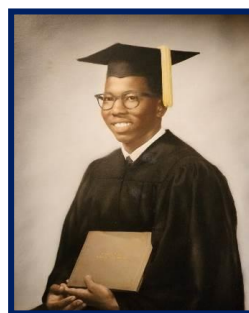
He was a pillar of the community, with a tender heart full of encouragement. Reverend English was a prayer warrior and mentor to many. He had an uncanny gift of words and rhymes. He was a masterful storyteller and embraced the title, The Hambone Man. He was also known in the community as an avid vegetable gardener.

He was an active and supporting Benedict College alumnus, supporting financially as a member of the Benedict College National Alumni Association and serving in the local Benedict Tiger West Alumni Club as chaplain and student recruitment committee member. He was also a member of the Benedict College Half-Century Club.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: his sisters, Vernelle (the late Joe) Smith, Geneva (the late Willie) Robinson, and Matilda Porterfield; brothers, Rev. Abram C. English, Jr. and Roosevelt English.

Reverend Joseph English leaves to cherish his precious memory: his devoted wife of over 58 years, Reverend Janis Kohn English; daughter, Victoria English, of Kannapolis, North Carolina; sons, Noelton (Rebecca) English, of Gaston, South Carolina and Carlton (Carla) English, of Manville, New Jersey; sister, Cedelle (James T.) Gates, of West Columbia, South Carolina; brothers, Henry (Lenora) English and Melvin English, both of Gaston, South Carolina; sisters-in-law, Rosemary B. English and Margaret A. English; brother-in-law, Evans (Alma) Kohn; six lovely grandchildren; one great-grandson; a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, many other relatives, and caring friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

Musical Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn..... "This Is The Day"

Old Testament – Psalm 23 Reverend Robert Glenn

New Testament – Revelation 21: 1-6... Bishop Cardell Sutton

Prayer Bishop Theodis White

Selection.....Kingdom Builders Ministries, Inc.

Remarks.....(Two minute, please)..... Mr. Grayson Hartgrove

Reverend John Lewis

Reverend Moses L. Brown

Master Zyien Maxwell

Selection.....Kingdom Builders Ministries, Inc.

Remarks... (Two minute, please)..... Mrs. ElizaBeth Branham

Mrs. Maewood Belk

Dr. Walletha Johnson

Minister Carlton G. English

Selection.....Kingdom Builders Ministries, Inc.

"When I Get Home"

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Marvin P. Jackson, Sr.

Recessional

Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

Greater St. Paul A.M.E. Church Cemetery

662 Old Wire Road

West Columbia, South Carolina