

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

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~Until We Meet Again~

Even in the darkest days
 Since we've been apart,
 Memories of the times we shared
 Help to warm my heart.
 Every day I miss the smile
 That no-one can replace,
 But still it brings me comfort
 In the sadness that I face.
 Life is full of mysteries
 That no-one can explain,
 But I know some day, somewhere
 We will meet again.
 Until we do, I'll find the strength
 To live through each new day,
 Grateful for the happy years
 Before you went away.



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*A Celebration of Life
In Loving Memory
of*

1SG (RET.) JAMES HENRY DOWD



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2022
12:00 NOON

REID CHAPEL A.M.E. CHURCH
704 GABRIEL STREET
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

REVEREND CAREY GRADY
-PASTOR-

Life's Reflections

Mr. James Henry Dowd was born on January 11, 1952, in Laurinburg, North Carolina. He was the fourth child of the late Walter and Annie Williamson Dowd. He departed this life on Tuesday, October 4, 2022.

Mr. Dowd accepted Christ at an early age, being baptized and joining Franklin Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, in Laurinburg, North Carolina. He was educated in the schools of Scotland County, North Carolina, graduating with the the recently integrated Scotland High School, class of 1970. James took control of his destiny, avoiding the draft by making the decision to enlist in the United States Army in 1972, so that he could have a voice in his own career path. After his initial enlistment, he returned to civilian life for a short period of time, but ultimately re-enlisted as a Military Police Officer to provide a life for his family far beyond that of his humble beginnings. As an Enlisted Soldier for over 23 years, James earned many medals including, but not limited to: Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal & Expert Marksmanship. His choice allowed his family to experience life in Washington DC, Virginia, the country of Germany, Alaska, and New Jersey. He retired as a First Sergeant (1SG) in 1995 - an honorable career that ultimately brought him to South Carolina. After retiring from the United States Army, he embarked on multiple secondary careers including time spent with the Department of Corrections, the State of South Carolina Marshals Service, and the Department of Defense.

Mr. Dowd had various interests in many activities. In his youth, he was an athlete with a serious passion for basketball. After joining the military, his interests expanded to include racquetball and softball. In his leisure, he was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan. He also enjoyed fishing, traveling, and spending time with family and friends. James actively served as a member of Reid Chapel A.M.E. Church, being honored in the positions of Trustee, Steward, Men's Choir Member, and Lancaster District Lay Organization Member, until his health prevented him from continuing to serve.

Mr. Dowd was united in marriage to Sallie McNair Dowd, on December 18, 1971, in Bennettsville, SC. During their time together, they created loving and beautiful memories while growing their family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter Dowd II and Annie Williamson Dowd; a brother, Eddie Frank Williamson; sisters, Joyce Douglas and Ruby Dowd-Buie; and sisters-in-law, Carolyn Dowd.

Mr. James Henry Dowd leaves to mourn his passing: his loving wife, Sallie McNair Dowd; children, James Maurice Dowd, of Columbia, South Carolina, Jeffrey Levon Dowd (LaShonda), of Miami, Florida, Ronda Genise Dowd (his Ace Boon Coon), of Columbia, South Carolina, James Henry Dowd II (Melinda), of Columbia, South Carolina, and Dominique James Dowd, of Chesapeake, Virginia; his eldest and beloved granddaughter, Lakeisha Bianca; grandchildren, Maurice Tyshon, Trévon O'Shea, Adrian Demetrius, Shalonda Latesha, Laura Ann, Samuel Marquis, Jala Harmony, Asia Faith, Elijah Tariq, Wonderful Bryce-Jae, and Israel Antonio; great-grandchildren, Ariana Renee, and Chloe Delilah Genise; brothers, Larry Jerome Dowd (Regina), of Highpoint, North Carolina and Walter Dowd III, of Columbia, South Carolina; brothers-in-law, Winslo Douglas, Louis McNair (Joetta), of Rockingham, North Carolina, and Kamus McNair (Marion), of Newport News, Virginia; a host of nieces, nephews, other loving relatives, and caring friends, all of whom will miss him.

~ Granddad's Gone To Heaven~

One quiet day the angels came
And took granddad far away
But in the stillness of the night
We could almost hear him say

“Dear grandchildren, I will miss you
You all mean so much to me
But Jesus called me to His side
In heaven I will be

A place of God's great beauty
No tears or earthly cares
Only peace and joy forever
And love beyond compare

So remember all the good times
Don't think about the sad
Treasure all the special moments
Through the years we've always had

And if you all trust in Jesus
I can promise this and more
You all will get a hug from Granddad
Someday on Heaven's golden shore”

-Unknown



Memories



Order of Service

Prelude	
Processional	
Viewing.....	Funeral Directors
Opening Hymn.....	Reid Chapel A.M.E. Church Choir "Blessed Assurance"
Invocation.....	Pastor Carey Grady
Responsive.....	Reid Chapel A.M.E. Church Choir "Let The Church Say Amen"
Musical Selection.....	Mr. Freddie Ratliff
Old Testament.....	Reverend Janie Williams
New Testament.....	Reverend Dr. Carl Wells
Musical Selection.....	Ms. Imani Wells "Amazing Grace"
Remarks.....	Mr. Edward Howard Brother Norman Butler Brother James Williams
Resolution.....	Sister Thelma Greggs <i>Lancaster District Lay Organization</i>
Poem.....	Ms. Jala Dowd
Selection.....	Reid Chapel A.M.E. Church Choir "Precious Lord"
Words of Comfort.....	Pastor Carey Grady
Recessional.....	"Blessed Assurance"
Postlude	

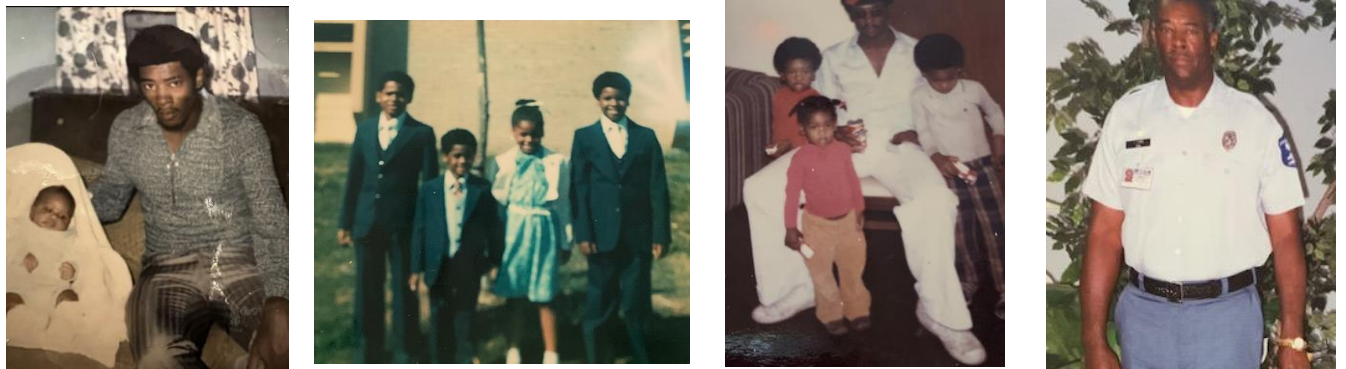


Committal, Benediction, and Interment
2:00 p.m.
Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road
Columbia, South Carolina

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. James Henry Dowd, wish to express our heartfelt and sincere appreciation for the many beautiful acts of kindness and overflowing streams of love rendered during our journey. Special thanks to the healthcare team, the host of families, friends, loved ones, and the many others who have shared this transition with us!

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