

Obituary

Mr. Wilbert Richard Barnett was born on January 14, 1952, in Columbia, South Carolina. He was the oldest son of Deacon Richard Barnett and Middie Belle Jackson Barnett. He departed this life on Tuesday, November 29, 2022.

Mr. Barnett was baptized at an early age, and joined the Friendship Baptist Church, where he later served as a musician and Trustee.

Mr. Barnett was educated in the public schools of Richland District One, Columbia, South Carolina, and graduated from Dreher High School, Class of 1970. He furthered his education at Columbia Commercial College.

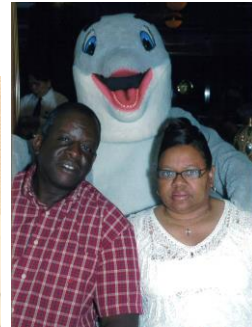
Bert began his career with working in the family business, affectionately known as *The Shop*, and later at USA Training Academy. Bert's talent shined through as he started his musical career as the lead singer, baritone saxophonist, and keyboardist for his bands "The Soul Aces" and "Bert Barnett and Columbia." After many years of being a musical entertainer, Bert became founder of an audio-visual enterprise, BLOK Sound Company, where he was revered as an elite expert in the field nation-wide.

Bert enjoyed working his businesses and spending time with his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Middie Belle Barnett; sister, Maria Nancy Sims; in-laws, Lloyd Drayton Flemming, Sr., Mary Weston Flemming, Mary Ann Kirkland (Eddie), Horace Bernard Myers I and, Lloyd Drayton Flemming, Jr.

Mr. Wilbert Richard Barnett leaves to mourn his passing: the love of his life and best friend with 43 years of marriage, his wife, Lois Barnett; a son, Kobie Jamal Barnett; brothers, Michael (Margaret) Barnett, Steve (Paola) Barnett, Oswald Barnett, and Herbert (Veronica) Barnett; sisters, Patricia Myers and Willyette Barnett; grandchildren, Korie Jemahl Barnett, and *My Boy*, Brady Holmes; sisters-in-Law, Peggy Parker (Ben) and Ella Fox (Samuel); brothers-in-law, John Jackson (Wilma); a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, godchildren, many other loving relatives, and caring friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Memories



Celebration of Life Service
Sunday, December 4, 2022- 1:00 p.m.

Zion Benevolent Baptist Church
201 Meeting House Road
Hopkins, South Carolina

Reverend Dr. Travien L. Capers, Pastor

Prelude

Processional....."My Help"
Recording by: The Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir

Opening Hymn..... "Glory To His Name"

Old Testament..... Reverend Dr. Stanley R. Ladson, Sr.

New Testament..... Minister Jennifer Weston

Prayer..... Pastor Gerald Henry

Musical Selection..... Ms. Iris Jackson

Reflections..... Mrs. Tracey Stewart
 Pastor Darrell Jackson
 Attorney I.S. Leevy Johnson

Musical Selection..... Minister Gail Dudley

Words of Comfort..... Reverend Dr. Travien L. Capers

Recessional..... "Stand"
Recording by: Donnie McClurkin

Postlude



Committal, Benediction, and Interment

Zion Benevolent Baptist Church Cemetery
 201 Meeting House Road
 Hopkins, South Carolina

Miss Me But Let Me Go

*When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room
Why cry for a soul set free?*

*Miss me a little - but not too long
And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me-but let me go.*

*For this is a journey that we all must take
And each must go alone.
It's all a part of the Master's Plan,
A step on the road to home.*

*When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds
Miss Me - But Let Me Go.*

Pallbearers

Nephews

Floral Bearers

Nieces

Acknowledgement

We, the family of the late Wilbert Richard *Bert* Barnett, would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for all the love that has been shown, during our time of bereavement. May God bless you. A very special thank you to: Dr. Jennifer Hucks, Lori Faye, RN, Alayna and Wendi, Dr. Suchita Pancholi, Willis Spanky Brown, Tyrone Mack, Lamonte Williams, Stanley Richardson, Ta'Nico Creed, Michael Richardson, Jason Ruff, Edward Vandergrift, Charlene Howell, Aerocare Supply Center, Maurice Mickell, Global Comfort Services, Luther and Gwen Mack, Myron Dawkins, Keith Terry, Scott Cook, Edrenia Williams, Sonja Donaldson, William Waters, and the Prisma Health Richland ICU/Step-Down Units.

Services Entrusted To:

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

Mr. Wilbert Richard Barnett

