

Tribute

Dad,

I was there for you a few years ago when you became ill until the morning you took your last breath to be home with our heavenly father. My heart is broken. The bond we had was insurmountable, but the memories we share will forever be treasured as shown in the tears that still flow. You always found ways to show me that I was loved.

We made so many dear and fond memories. Traveling as a family and enjoying countless years of relaxation and fun at Lake Murray on the pontoon boat that you named after mama. I developed a love for animals, especially dogs since birth. All because of you. I will never forget as a child riding on the back of the hunting dogs for fun and you would always find out because they would be too tired when you were ready to go hunting. We never needed a burglar alarm when I was a teenager because the hunting and house dogs would always tell on me when I came home. You didn't need to wait up for me...but you did.

I will truly miss you and I will make sure to carry on the family traditions. You and Mama rest in peace together.

Your faithful daughter,

Rosalyn

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

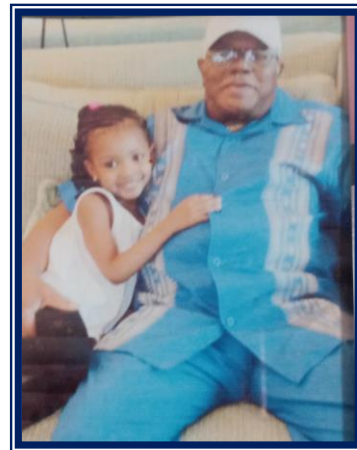
Floral Bearers

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To My Dear PaPa,

You always said that I was your pride and joy and you only listened to ME. I can't believe that you are no longer here, and I am missing you every day. I enjoyed dancing, singing, and drawing pictures for you and going shopping before you got sick. I'll always remember our seafood feasts at home when you weren't able to go out to eat. You always enjoyed my daily fashion show before going to school and church. I was glad to take care of you when you became ill. You were the best PaPa in the world.

Your loving granddaughter,
Cylar

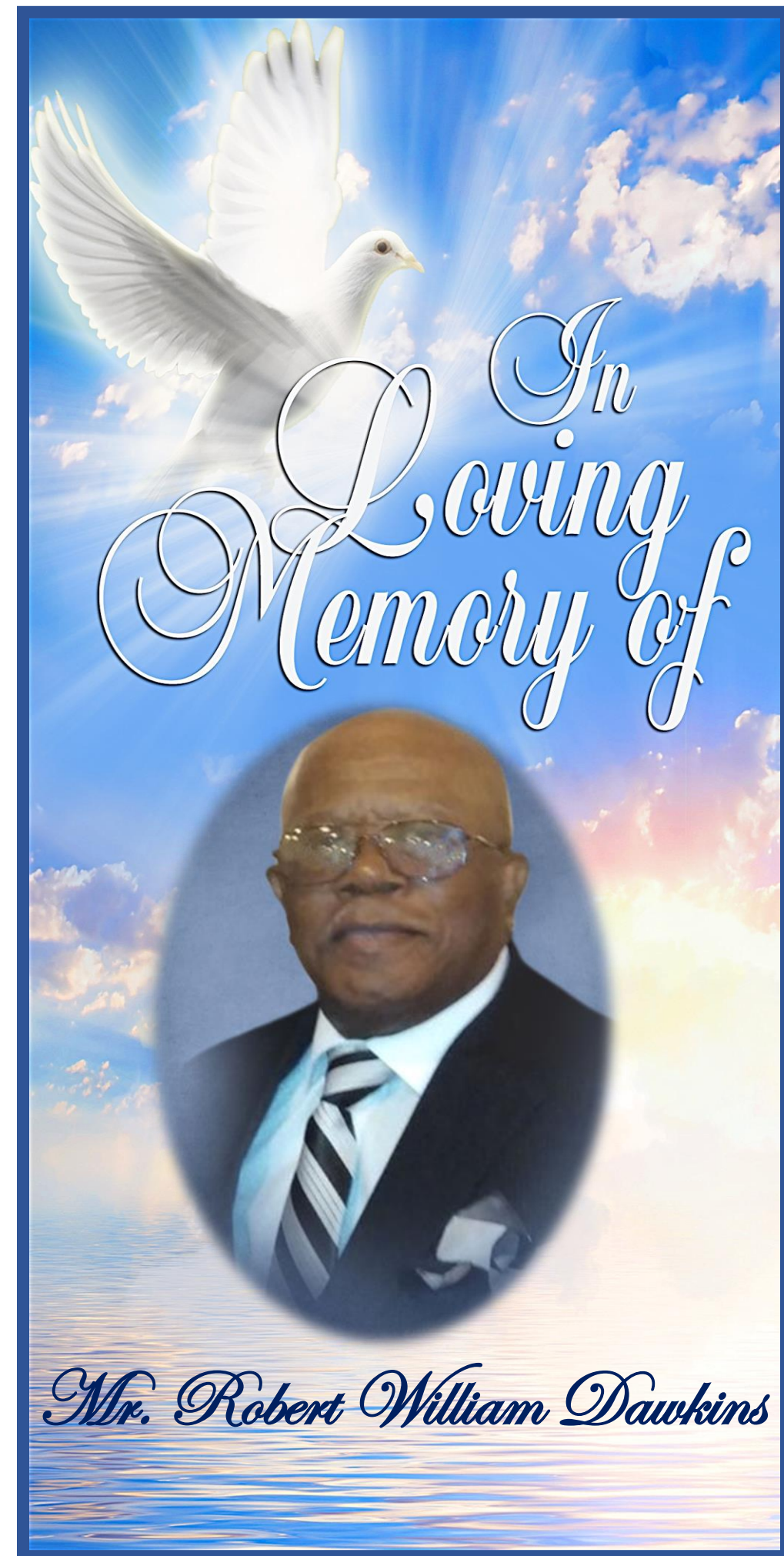


Acknowledgement

We, the family of the late Robert William Dawkins, would like to thank each of you for the love and kindness that has been shown to us, during the passing of our loved one. We pray that the Lord blesses each of you in a very special way.

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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Obituary

Mr. Robert William Dawkins was born July 15, 1935, to the union of the late Presiding Elder Albert David Dawkins and Ruth Anna Johnson Dawkins.

He attended Saxon and Waverly Elementary Schools. He was a graduate of Booker T. Washington High School, Class of 1953. Robert attended Allen University, until being drafted into the U.S. Army.

Being a "preacher's kid," Robert followed his father around his circuits to include: Newberry, Spartanburg, Columbia, and Lancaster Districts. He began attending Reid Chapel under Rev. Lee Seward. Some of his positions in the church included: Trustee Board, Senior Usher Board, Male Chorus, and Building Fund Committee.

An avid hunter and fisherman, *Bob*, as he was affectionately called, was known for bagging deer and sharing with all he knew. A testament to his love of hunting is evident by the 10-point deer head that is a permanent fixture in his den, an 8-point deer head on the garage carport wall, and 10 sets of antlers on the storage house wall. His freezer was always packed with fish and wild game. Robert was a member of several hunting clubs. His last being the Eastover Bush Beaters Club. Bob's favorite relaxation activity was sitting on the pier of his family property on Lake Murray. He traveled extensively to fishing exhibitions and deep-sea fishing. Robert's original love was farming. He often spoke of the fond memories of his childhood and the chores he had on his family's farm.

He was a mason, a member of the Greenview Neighborhood Club, and an active member of the Greenview Senior Exercise Group.

He enjoyed traveling with his family, and looked forward to attending the annual Dawkins, Duckette, Gibson, and Cannon Family Reunions. His other passion was cruising with his in-laws.

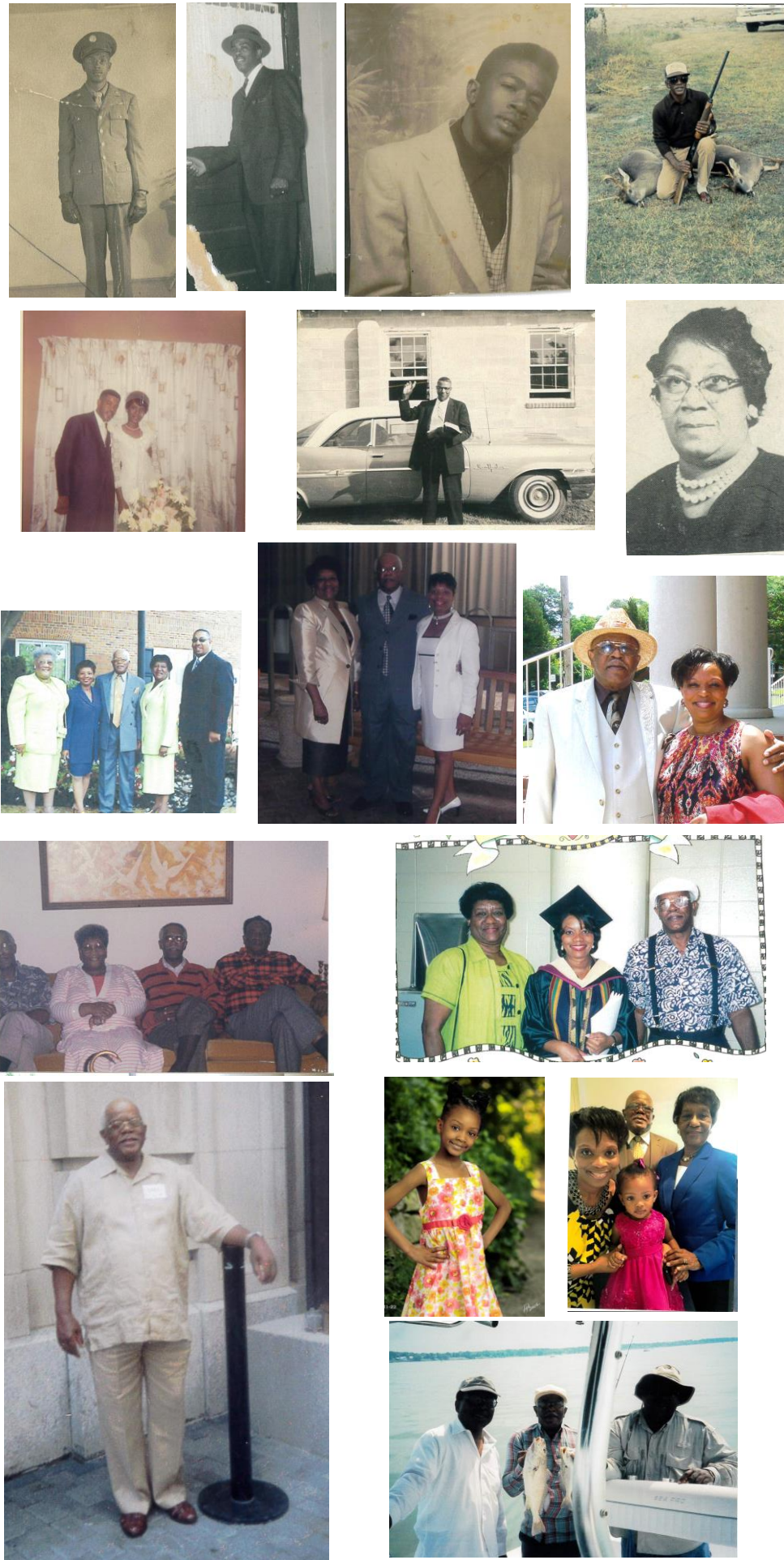
Robert loved to entertain especially during the holidays. One of his favorite traditions was putting up his Christmas decorations. As luck would have it, there was always a group of deer lighting up his lawn.

Robert's employment included the US. Postal Service, General Contracting, Community Action, and the University of South Carolina, as a dormitory supervisor.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, of 53 years, Geneva Jacqueline Brown Dawkins; brothers, Moses Dawkins and James A. Dawkins; and sister, Martha Dawkins Massey.

He leaves to cherish his memory a devoted daughter, Rosalyn Dawkins Loury; the joy of his life, granddaughter, Cylar Elise Loury; nephews, Elwood (Adrienne) Massey, of Savannah, G.A., Gregory A. (Shelia) Dawkins, Kevin A. Dawkins, Kenneth (Genise) Dawkins; and a niece, Kimberly (Lionel) Kennedy, of Columbia, S.C.; sisters-in-law, Geraldine (Charles) Williams, Cassandra Holloway, Jacqueline Brown, and Mary E. Brown, all of Aiken, S.C.; a host of other relatives, and friends.

Memories



Funeral Service
Thursday, November 10, 2022 - 11:00 a.m.

Reid Chapel A.M.E. Church
704 Gabriel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Reverend Carey A. Grady, Pastor

- Prelude.....Musician
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Hymn of Praise.....“When Peace Like A River”
- Invocation.....Reverend Janie Williams
- Responsive.....“Let The Church Say Amen”
- Selection.....“Tempted And Tried”
- Old Testament.....Psalm 46
- New Testament.....I Corinthians 15:50-57
- Selection.....“I Trust In God”
- Tributes:
 - Friend.....Mrs. Lily James
 Mr. Antonio Roberson
 - Community.....Mr. Glover Jenkins
 Church.....Sister Brenda Jackson
 Sister Bobbie McClary
- Resolution.....Sister Bernadette Herbert
- Family.....Mr. Elwood Massey
- Selection.....“May The Work I’ve Done Speak For Me”
- EulogyReverend Carey A. Grady
- Recessional
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

1:00 p.m.
Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road
Columbia, South Carolina