

Obituary

*"I waited patiently for the Lord;
and He inclined unto me and heard me cry.*

Psalm 40:1

Mr. John Vernon Butler was born on June 30, 1950, in Columbia, South Carolina, to the late Leroy and Idell Shuler Butler. On December 19, 2022 at 6:07 a.m., while laying in bed at Prisma Health Baptist, God called John Vernon's name. He heard the call and answered him.

John attended Booker T. Washington High School. However, he left before graduating to join the United States Army. John received his G.E.D. while in the military. John served in Korea as a missile corpsman until he was honorably discharged. He returned to Columbia, South Carolina, where he met Louise Pinkney, they were married on April 7, 1977.

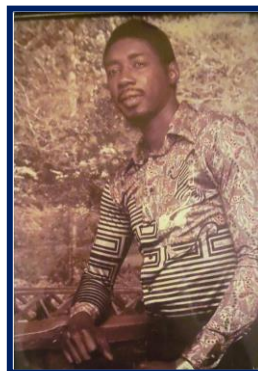
He was employed with Dillion Paper Company as a truck driver for many years, until they closed. He continued driving truck for various companies throughout South Carolina until his retirement.

In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by three sisters, Janie Pickens, Edwina Hampton, and Gloria Collier.

Mr. John Vernon Butler leaves to cherish his memory: his wife of 45 years, Louise P. Butler, of the home; siblings, Mary B. Johnson (John), of West Columbia, South Carolina, Reverend Lee Roy Butler (Johnnie Mae), of Columbia, South Carolina, Frances Session, of Blythewood, South Carolina, Adell Howell, of Newark, New Jersey, Kenneth C. Butler, of St. Matthews, South Carolina, Clyde Butler (Rowina), of Little Rock, Arkansas, Melvin Jones, of Columbia, South Carolina, and Edwin Jones, of Columbia, South Carolina; brothers-in-law, Walker Pinkney and Elliott Pinkney (Carolyn), both of Maryland; a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, relatives, and friends.

*Christian, Son, Brother, Uncle, Husband, and Friend; you served, you loved, you lived, you did your best.....
So now beloved in God's Arms you rest.*

Memories



Order of Service

Tuesday, December 27, 2022 – 11:00 a.m.
Leevy's Funeral Home Chapel
1831 Taylor Street, Columbia, South Carolina

Prelude

Processional

Viewing.....Funeral Directors

Opening Hymn

Scriptures Reading.....Bishop Robert Banks, Sr.

Old Testament – Psalm 23
New Testament – John 14:1

Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Elizabeth Wine

Selection.....Reverend Johnson

Remarks.....Commander Tom Oldes
SC Combat Veterans Group
Bishop Robert Banks, Sr.
Personal Friend

Selection

Words of Comfort..... Reverend Nicky Wilson

Recessional....."Walk With Me Lord"

Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

11:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 28, 2022
Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road
Columbia, 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

Melvin Jones
Ed Jones

Tony Hall
Fred Heatly
Larry Patterson

Jeff Bennett
Edwin Jones

Floral Bearers

Nieces and Great-Nieces

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. John Vernon Butler, would like to thank each of you for your many acts of kindness and love 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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