

*"Where there is great love,
There are always miracles."*

-Willie Cather

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Reverend Dr. J. W. Cannady, would like to thank you for your prayers, calls, and cards, during this time of bereavement.

*Homegoing Service
In Loving Memory
of*

REVEREND DR. J. W. CANNADY



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2022
2:00 P.M.

BEREA COVENTION CENTER
1062 HIGHWAY 38 SOUTH
BENNETTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA 29512

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1831 Taylor Street
Columbia, SC 29201
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Obituary

Reverend Dr. J. W. Cannady was born March 24, 1933, in Bennettsville, SC. He was the oldest son of the late Willie and Gladys Covington Cannady, and departed this life on Thursday, December 15, 2022. At a young age, he accepted Christ as his Savior, and became a member of St. Beulah Missionary Baptist Church, Bennettsville, SC.

Reverend Cannady was educated in Marlboro County, and received his GED while serving in the military. From 1951-1973, his tour of duties included: Japan, Indonesia, Washington, DC, Hawaii, Vietnam, Oklahoma, Texas, Washington State, and Germany. He received the following medals: Vietnam Service, Army Commendation, and a Bronze Star. He also received seven Gold Conduct Medals.

While in the service, he met and married Pearl Sumpter, and this union was blessed with four children, Alvin, Juanita, Angela (deceased), and Anthony (deceased). Later in life, he married Sarah Purvis.

After being called to preach and ordained, he went on to receive his Doctorate of Theology. In 1984, he became the pastor of New St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church, in Clio, SC, where he was very instrumental in its rebuilding. Under his leadership, he installed three of the first female trustees. In 1997, the Reverend J.W. Cannady Mass Choir was formed.

In March of 1998, Reverend Cannady was called to shepherd the Marston First Baptist Church in Marston, NC, and served faithfully until 2011.

After that he preached periodically at St. Beulah Missionary Baptist Church. Due to declining health, Reverend Cannady moved to Columbia to live with his daughter, and remained there until his passing.

He was also preceded in death by: four sisters, Jessie Lee Cannady, Cornelia Senar, Carrie Mack, and Marie Smith.

Reverend Dr. J. W. Cannady leaves to cherish his precious memory: his children, Alvin Cannady and Juanita Cannady, both of Columbia, SC; sisters, Lula Mae Carrier and Albertha Cannady, both of Brooklyn, NY; brothers, Charles E. Cannady, Sr., Larry (Willie Mae) Cannady, and Ray Cannady, all of Bennettsville, SC; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, many other loving relatives and friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Order of Service

Moderator Doris B. Smith, Presiding

Prelude

Processional Ministers and Family

Opening Hymn Pastor Andrea R. McLeod

Old Testament Minister Cheralyn Konate

New Testament Minister Theresa Cannady-Smith

Prayer Pastor Doris B. Smith

Musical Tribute..... Mr. Arthur Raye Smith, *Brother-in-law*

Remarks(limit three minutes, please)

Reverend Jerry McClain, *New St. Matthew Church*

Deacon John B. Cannady, *Cousin*

Mr. Alvin Cannady, *Son*

Ms. Juanita Cannady, *Daughter*

Selection “My Help” Ms. Anita Tyson

Words of Comfort..... Reverend C. R. Johnson, *Friend*

Selection The Choir

Recessional

Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Inurnment

At a later date

Fort Jackson National Cemetery

4170 Percival Road

Columbia, South Carolina

“Just to say my prayers have all been answered. I finally arrived in my resting place.”

- Reverend Dr. J. W. Cannady