

Pallbearers

Gunter's Chapel Baptist Church

Floral Bearers

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Our Granddaddy

Our granddaddy was a quiet man,

But his silence could speak volumes.

The warmth of his gaze said, "I Love you."

The strength of his hugs said, "I will keep you safe."

The gentleness of his hands said, "You're precious to me."

His nod of approval for a job well done said, "I respect you."

In the years to come, we may not remember

Many of the Words our granddaddy spoke,

But the memories of what he conveyed

without speaking a word

Will forever stay in our HEARTS.

The Grandchildren

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Pastor Lewis Gunter, are filled with gratitude for your out pouring expressions of love and concern. To those of you who have travelled miles to share in this celebration - we thank you. To those of you who have participated in this service - we thank you. For every act of support, every kindness shown and most importantly every prayer that you made on our behalf - we thank you. May God continue to bless you abundantly.

~The Family

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*Reflections of the Life
of
Reverend Lewis Gunter*

Reverend Lewis Gunter was born on April 13, 1930, in Lexington County, South Carolina. He was the youngest of three children born to the late Cellus and Beulah Phillips Gunter. He entered into eternal rest on Wednesday afternoon January 11, 2023, at his home in Columbia, South Carolina, where he resided for most of his adult life.

Reverend Gunter attended the public schools of Lexington County, SC. He graduated from Schofield High School, in Aiken County, SC. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy, where he served for four years. Returning home from the Navy, and in an effort to prepare himself for Christian Ministry, he enrolled at Benedict College, in Columbia, SC, where in 1971 he earned a B.A. Degree in Social Work.

Reverend Gunter began his faith journey as a child, baptized into the body of Christ on the profession of his personal faith in Jesus Christ at the Hall Hill Baptist Church, in Pelion, SC. He was licensed and ordained to preach by C.B. Freeman at St. Jehovah Baptist Church. His talent and love for singing led him to join and sing with quartet groups across the state, particularly with a group called The Silver Trumpets. It was while singing with this group, that he met and married the love of his life, Mrs. Lue Evelyn Pearson Gunter. The two were married for 56 years. During this time, they served side-by-side in pastoral ministry.

Reverend Gunter was employed by the US Postal Service, from which he retired after many years of service. He served as a Soil and Water District Commissioner, in Richland County for six years; and later served as the Minority Advisor for the Department of Agriculture, of Calhoun and Richland Counties. He also served as State Chaplain for the South Carolina Soil and Water Conservation. He served as a counselor and volunteer for various other organizations in the community. During his downtime, he loved fishing and hunting.

Reverend Gunter was called to serve as Pastor of the following churches: Mt. Olive Baptist Church, of Gadsden, SC, Gill Creek Baptist Church, of Columbia, SC, and Jerusalem Baptist Church, of Hopkins, SC.

In the fall of 1976, Reverend and Mrs. Gunter founded and organized the Gunter’s Chapel Baptist Church. He provided outstanding Visionary/Pastoral leadership faithfully and dutifully for 46 years, before his retirement in May of 2022.

Pastor Gunter was preceded in death by his wife, First Lady Lue Evelyn Gunter; his two siblings; and his son, John E. Mack. He leaves to cherish profound memories: three grandchildren: John (Kim) Mack, Christopher (Angela) Mack, and Denise (Maurice) Brooks; seven great-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Lue Ammie (Hosea) Graham, of Johnsonville, SC and Vickie Belin, of Pamplico, SC; a host of nieces and nephews, cousins, the Gunter’s Chapel Baptist Church family, and many dear friends, all of whom loved him dearly.

Order of Service

**Thursday, January 19, 2023, 10:30 a.m.
Saint John Baptist Church
3404 West Beltline Boulevard
Columbia, South Carolina**

*Reverend Johnny Bush, Presider, Greater Faith Tabernacle
Stamford, Connecticut*

- Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Invocation.....Reverend Dr. Jamey O. Graham, Sr., Pastor Saint John Baptist Church
- Opening Hymn.....Ms. Lakisha Dunn, Gunter’s Chapel Baptist Church
“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”
- Old TestamentPsalm 23.....Reverend Algerron Williams, Pastor, Zion Chapel Baptist Church #2
- New Testament.....1 Corinthians 15:51-58.....Reverend James Durant, Pastor Mt. Olive Baptist Church
- Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Donaldson Jones, Pastor The Great Commission Church
- Musical Selection.....Reverend Dr. Stanley R. Ladson, Sr., Pastor Ladson Chapel Baptist Church
“A Ship Like Mine”
- Remarks: **Two Minutes, Please**
Gunter’s Chapel Deacons Ministry – Deacon Ricky Halter
Gunter’s Chapel Trustee Ministry – Brother Danny Trapp, Chairman
Associates Ministers of Gunter’s Chapel Baptist Church – Reverend Anna Lane
Reverend Dr. Donald E. Greene, President – South Carolina Missionary & Education Convention
- Musical Selection.....Gunter’s Chapel Baptist Church Combined Choir
“Don’t Call The Roll”
- Remarks: **Two Minutes, Please**
Reverend D. S. President, Pastor Saint Matthews First Baptist Church, Vice-Moderator Gethsemane Baptist Church
Chief William H. “Skip Holbrook, Columbia Police Department
The Honorable James E. Clyburn, U.S. Congressman, District 6
The Honorable John L. Scott, Jr., Senate District 19, Senate Proclamation
Representative Leon Howard, House District 76, Legislative Resolution – House
Reverend Patrick Harvin, Pastor Jerusalem Baptist Church
Mrs. Angela Mack, Granddaughter-in-Law
- Resolution.....Ms. Barbara Frierson, Secretary, Gunter’s Chapel Baptist Church
- Sermonic Selection.....Gunter’s Chapel Baptist Church Combined Choir
- Words of ComfortReverend Dr. Joe Albert Bush
Pastor, Walker Memorial Baptist Church, Bronx, New York
- Recessional
- Postlude

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