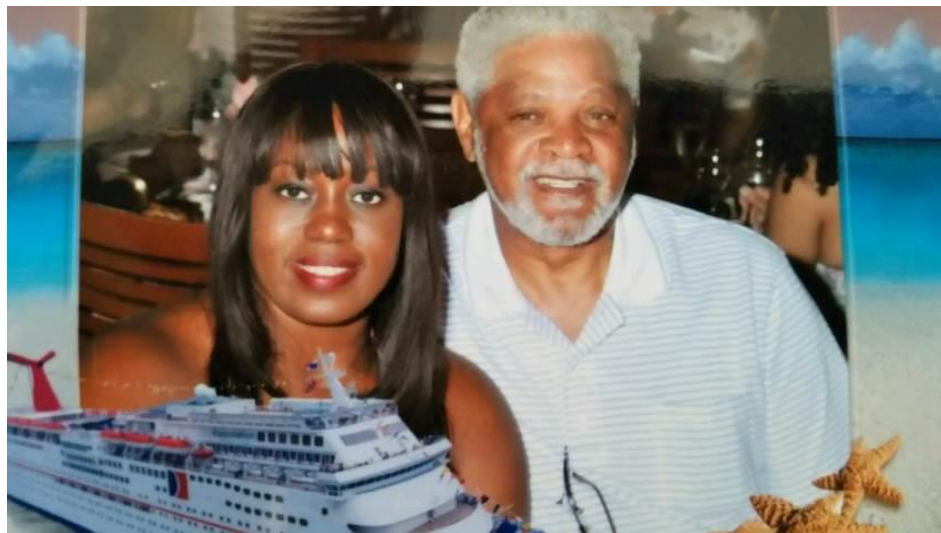


My Love Letter To My Dad....

Dad, you were my first love, and I'll always be daddy's little girl. From you I inherited strength, wisdom and perseverance. Thank you for providing, protecting, teaching and just being that constant in my life.

Dad, I honor your life today, not because you were perfect, but because you were mine. You chose to love me...My father. My friend. My daddy! I will always carry you with me in my heart and my soul. You will be truly missed; however, I rejoice in knowing that you are no longer in pain and mental anguish but are now resting in peace with our Lord as He was your savior. Until we meet again, my first true love.

Daddy's Lil Girl,
Yolanda



Pallbearers

United States Army Honor Guard

Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

The Broken Chain

*We little knew that day,
God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly,
In death, we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you.
You did not go alone.
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.
You left us beautiful memories,
Your love is still our guide.
And although we cannot see you,
You are always at our side.
Our family chain is broken,
And nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one,
The chain will link again.*

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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In Honor of your Memory
SFC (Ret.)
Joe L. Irby, Sr.

Friday, January 6, 2023
11:00 a.m.

Wesley United Methodist Church
1725 Gervais Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Reverend Tiffany Knowlin
-Pastor-

Obituary

Mr. Joe L. Irby, Sr., 80, of Columbia, SC, gained his angel wings on December 31, 2022. Joe was born on December 28, 1942 in Selma, Alabama. He was one of thirteen children born to the late Peter Irby and Geneva Irby.

After graduating from Parker High School, in Chicago, Illinois, Joe joined the US Army in 1962, and served in the Vietnam War. He was awarded the Purple Heart in May of 1966, for wounds received. After retiring from the US Army in 1984, he made Columbia, SC his home. Joe completed his degree at Midlands Technical College. He joined Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, in West Columbia, SC. He went on to retire from the Veterans Administration and United States Postal Service, after many years of dedicated service.

Mr. Irby was baptized at an early age, and was a member of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, in Chicago Illinois. His favorite past times included: spending time with family, his friends and fishing.

In addition to his parents Peter and Geneva Irby and his wife, Ann Elizabeth Irby, Joe was preceded in death by: brothers; Peter, Clarence, Andrew, Alvin, and Gerald; and sisters, Germaine, Pinky Lee, and Gloria.

SFC (Ret) Joe L. Irby, Sr. leaves to mourn his passing: his wife, Yvonne Lawson Irby; a son, Joe L. Irby, Jr.; daughters, Chyrl Irby (Elaine), Monica Gooden (Larry), Yolanda Irby-Wider, Lakiecha Galbreath (Alice), Tabthia Frazier (Dwayne), and Rochelle Irby; brothers, Warren Irby, Oscar Irby, Jose Irby, and Darryl Irby; ten grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; a host of nieces; nephews; great-nieces; great-nephews, many other loving relatives and caring friends, all of whom will miss him dearly, but will rejoice in the knowledge that he is now resting in peace.

Acknowledgements

We, the family of the late SFC (Ret) Joe L. Irby, Sr., wish to express our heartfelt appreciation for the many acts of kindness and encouraging words expressed to us, during our time of bereavement. May God continue to bless each of you.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

Prelude.....“Walk Around Heaven”
 Processional
 Viewing.....Funeral Directors
 Opening Hymn.....“Precious Lord”
 Old Testament.....Psalm 27:1-5
 New Testament.....Timothy 4:6-8
 PrayerReverend Charles Carter
 Musical Selection.....“Take Me To The King”
 Remarks
 Musical Selection“Going Up Yonder”
 Words of ComfortReverend Charles Carter
 Viewing
 Recessional
 Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

11:00 a.m.
Monday, January 9, 2023
Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road
Columbia, South Carolina