

## Obituary

Mr. John Louis Cornelius transitioned from this life on Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at Prisma Health Richland Hospital, in Columbia, SC. He was preceded in death by: his parents Jack Cornelius, Sr. and Cherrose Cornelius Lyles; one son, Randell Cornelius; one daughter, Geneva Scott; four brothers, Izell Murphy, Jack Cornelius, Jr., Joseph Cornelius, and Theodore Cornelius; and one sister, Virginia C. Carter.

John was born in Killian (Richland County), SC. He received his formal education from Bethel High School, in Blythewood, SC. John demonstrated a natural talent for mechanical repair that led him to a career as a master auto technician. John honed his craft, developed his entrepreneurial skills, and became the successful owner and operator of his automotive repair shop, Cornelius Auto Repair.

He accepted Christ at an early age. He always praised the Lord throughout his lengthy illness.

John loved to sing, play his bass guitar, keyboard, and harmonica. He had a lifelong passion for fishing. John leaves those who knew him with many warm memories of fun-filled fishing trips, and wonderful meals made with the fish he caught. His wonderful warm laugh over a checkerboard will be greatly missed by those who were fortunate enough to have played against him.

John enjoyed gardening and took painstaking care of his yard. He was proud of the beautiful climbing roses, spicy peppers, enormous succulents, and other florals that flourished under his care. He was also incredibly generous with the fruit of his labor. He loved helping others, rooted for the underdog, and advocated for those that were vulnerable or disadvantaged.

Mr. John Cornelius leaves to mourn his passing: his supportive significant other of nearly forty years, Donna Corbett; his devoted sons, Senior Airman Jonathan Corbett (USAF) and Phillip Corbett, of Columbia, SC; his loving daughters, Mandy (Linden) Corbett, of Columbia, SC and Jasmine Corbett, of Columbia, SC; three dedicated sisters, Evelyn Law, of Fort Lauderdale, FL, Jean Terry, of Blythewood, SC, and Deborah (Larry) Wilson, of Columbia, SC. He will also be deeply missed by his grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, other loving relatives, and caring friends.

## Memories



## Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Viewing.....Funeral Directors

Opening Hymn.....Minister Anthony Outen

Old Testament.....Reverend Olivia Wilson

New Testament.....Reverend Olivia Wilson

Prayer.....Reverend Dennis McBride

Musical Selection.....Minister Anthony Outen

Remarks

Poem.....Mr. Jonathan Corbett

Musical Selection.....Minister Anthony Outen

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Dennis McBride

Recessional

Postlude



## Committal, Benediction and Interment

Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery  
1028 Eastman Street  
Columbia, South Carolina

## *Gone Fishing*

*I've finished life's chores assigned to me,  
So, put me on a boat headed out to sea.  
Please send along my fishing pole  
For I've been invited to the fishin' hole.  
Where every day is a day to fish,  
To fill your heart with every wish.  
Don't worry, or feel sad for me.  
I'm fishin' with the Master of the Sea.  
We will miss each other for a while,  
But you will come and bring your smile.  
That won't be long you will see,  
Till we're together you and me  
To all of those that think of me,  
Be happy as I go out to sea.  
If others wonder why I'm missin'  
Just tell 'em I've gone fishin.'*

## *Pallbearers*

Family and Friends

## *Floral Bearers*

Family and Friends

## *Acknowledgement*

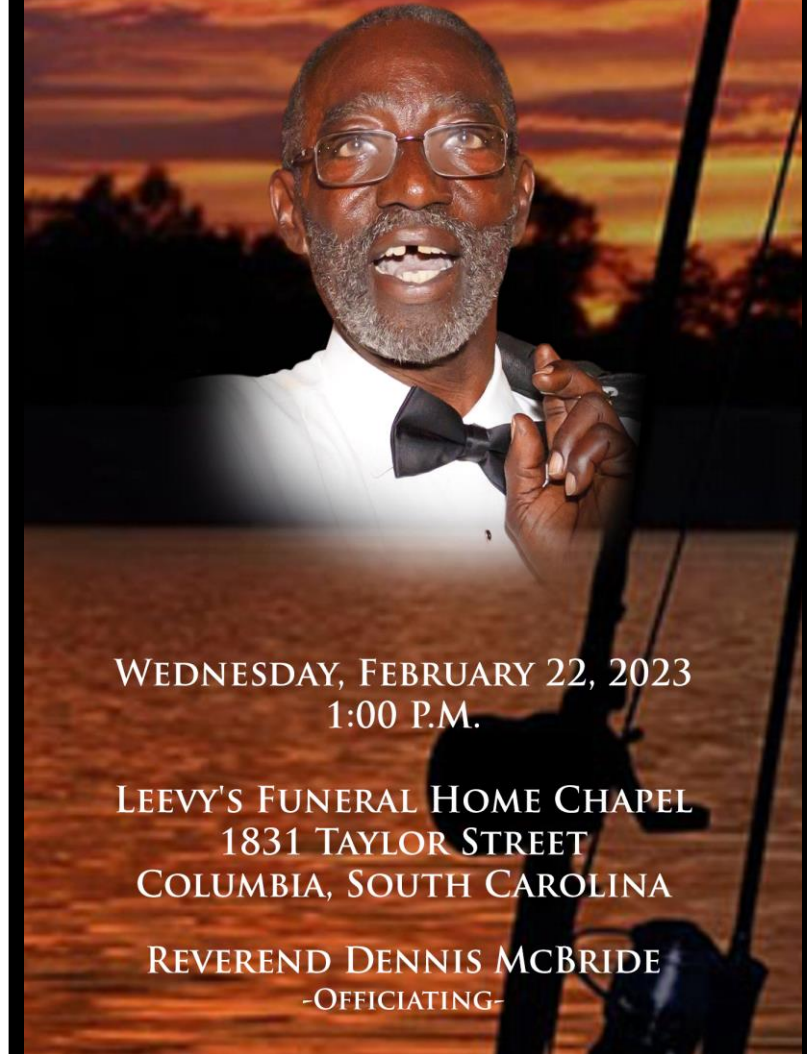
We, the family of Mr. John Louis Cornelius, would like to thank each of you for the love, prayers, and support shown to us, during the passing of our loved one. We pray a special blessing upon each of you. A special thank you to the doctors, nurses, technicians, and other staff at Prisma Health Richland Hospital.

## **Services Entrusted To:**

<b>Taylor Street Chapel</b> 1831 Taylor Street Columbia, SC 29201 (803)771-7799	<b>Leevy's</b> FUNERAL HOME	<b>Lower Richland Chapel</b> 9120 Garners Ferry Road Hopkins, SC 29061 (803) 776-6922
I. S. Leevy Johnson -Owner & Director-	Chris Leevy Johnson -President & Managing Director-	Leverette A. Williams, II -General Manager-

## *Homegoing Service Celebrating the Life of*

**MR. JOHN LOUIS CORNELIUS**



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2023  
1:00 P.M.

LEEY'S FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL  
1831 TAYLOR STREET  
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

REVEREND DENNIS MCBRIDE  
-OFFICIATING-