

God Saw You Getting Tired

God saw you getting tired
When a cure was not to be
He wrapped His arms around you,
And whispered, "Come to Me."
With tearful eyes, we watched you suffer
And saw you fade away.
Although we loved you dearly,
We could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands to rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us,
He only takes the best.

Pallbearers

Bill Watts Horace Frazier Kenny Manigo
Daryl Byrd Terrance Jones Nathan Wages

Floral Bearers

Round Top Baptist Church Deaconess Ministry
&
Cheryl Brumfield Luvenia Mathis

Acknowledgement

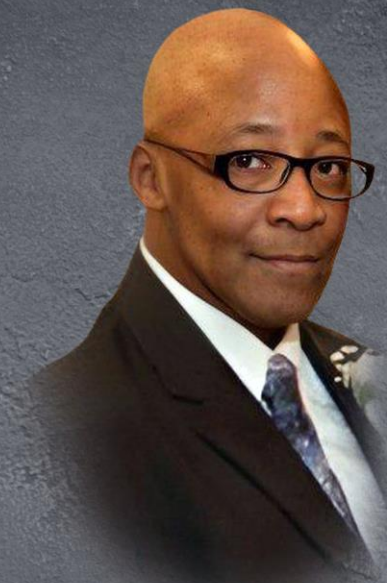
We, the family of Deacon Emeritus Willie Lewis "Rickey" Johnson, would like to thank each of you for the many acts of love and kindness shown to us, during the passing of our loved one. We pray for a special blessing upon each of you. Special thank you to the staff of Halcyon Hospice, Pam, Tamika, Ms. Carrie, Chaplian Wayne, Serrah, and other staff. Thank you to Dr. William Babcock, who was the overseer of his care for over 30 years.

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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*Homegoing Service
Celebrating the Life
of*

DEACON EMERITUS WILLIE "RICKEY" JOHNSON



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2023
2:00 P.M.

ROUND TOP BAPTIST CHURCH
120 ROUND TOP COURT
BLYTHEWOOD, SOUTH CAROLINA

REVEREND FLEMING O. MCCLINTON
-PASTOR-

Obituary

“To everything, there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heavens.” Ecclesiastes 3:1

Deacon Emeritus Willie Lewis Johnson, affectionately called “Rickey,” was born on April 9, 1958, to the late Reverend Albert Johnson, Sr. and Rosa P. Johnson. He gave up this earthly life for his heavenly reward on Sunday, February 12, 2023, after a lengthy illness.

Rickey was a 1976 graduate of Spring Valley High School, Columbia, South Carolina. After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army, served faithfully for 11 years. Upon his return home, he was employed with Vulcan Materials, Dreyfus Campus, until his health declined preventing him from being a productive employee.

Rickey gave his life to Christ at an early age, and was baptized at Round Top Baptist Church, where he remained a faithful and a lifelong member. He served in many capacities, as well as being a dedicated and faithful Deacon. His work as a Deacon and for the Lord brought him much pleasure. He served with enthusiasm, kindness, and care for not only the member of his Ward, but for every member within Round Top Baptist Church.

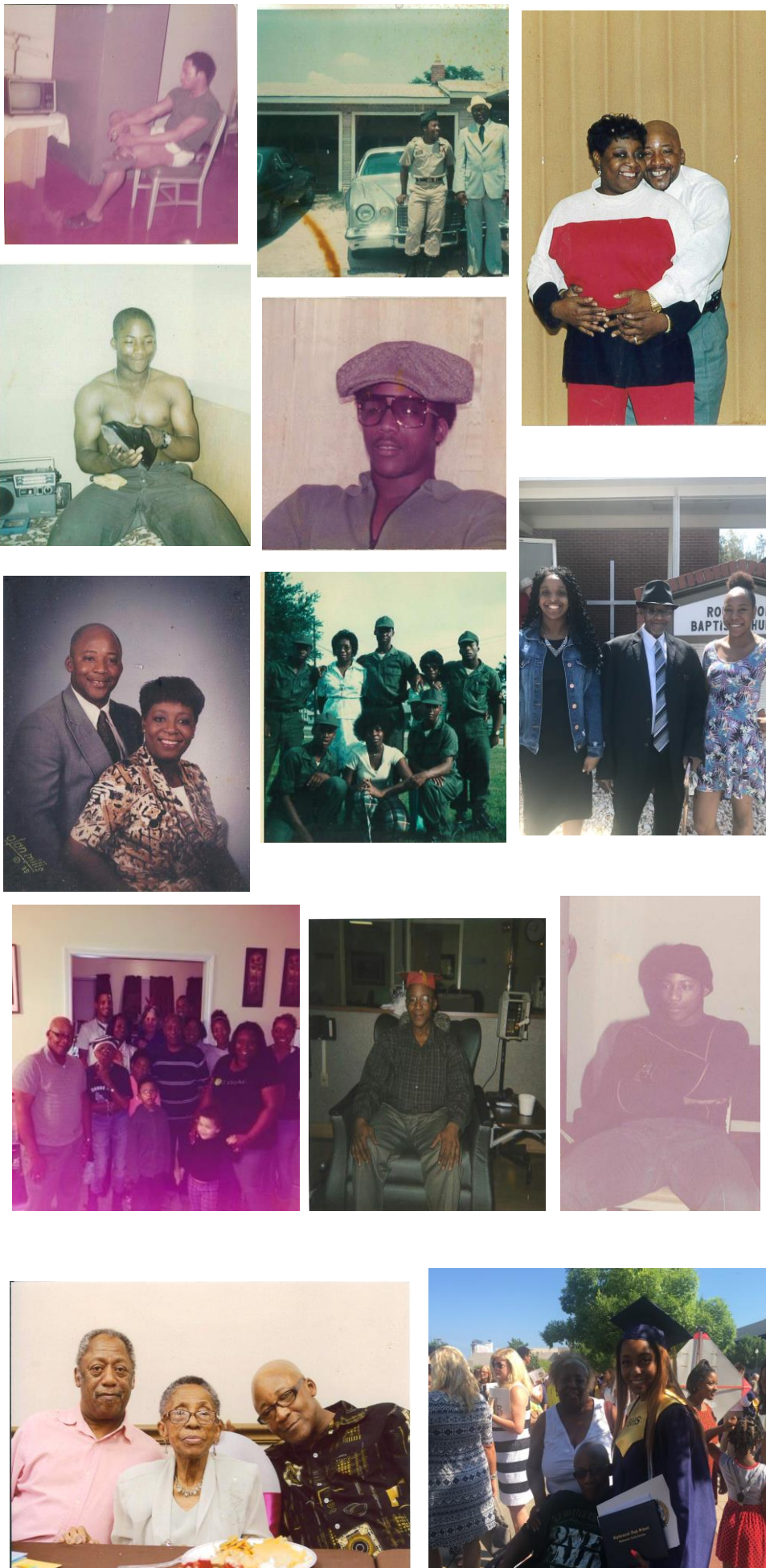
He loved people and he made making others smile his mission. He was very generous with his time. Rickey placed being a servant of the Lord as his main mission in life. He loved to play the drums, dance, sing, watch sports, and spend time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Rickey was blessed to have many friends. Those special to his heart were his lifelong friend, Walt (Harrison) Mutota, who visited with him regularly from Missouri. Mr. Richard Sanders was the buddy, who possessed the wisdom he always desired. He was a good friend and Rickey adored him.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: his daughter, Sharona V. Qualls; and brothers, Alexander and Albert Johnson, Jr. He was the last surviving child and sibling.

Deacon Emeritus Willie Lewis Johnson leaves fond memories to be cherished by: his wife of 43 years, Sharon Days Johnson; daughters, Queenesia (Akinto) Kinney and Valesia Johnson (Derrell Hunter), all of Columbia, South Carolina; son, Brandon Johnson (Stephanie Adams), of Columbia, South Carolina; grandchildren, Shamira and Samone Robertson, Carmen Kelly, Arryana Hunter, and Aaliyah Johnson; bonus grandson, Daquan Kinney; bonus granddaughter, Miracle Wheeler; foster brother, James (Pat) Nixon, of Placerville, California; son-in-law, Willie Qualls; sister-in-law, Varis Johnson; goddaughter, Malika Carter; special cousin, Debra Conyers; a host of nieces, nephews, other loving relatives, and caring friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

- Musical Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Opening Hymn.....Musical Inspirational Choir
“Oh, How I Love Jesus”
- Old Testament.....Minister
- New Testament.....Minister
- Prayer.....Reverend Charles Trower
- Musical Selection.....Sister Pam Raines
“I Am Free”
- Remarks.....Mr. Richard Sanders, *Church Friend*
Mr. Stanley Watts, *Childhood Friend*
Chaplain Wayne Biggs, *Halcyon Hospice*
Mr. Willie Lyles, *Neighborhood Friend*
Reverend Larry Nichols, *Church Associate Pastor*
- Musical Selection.....Musical Inspirational Choir
“God Is Here”
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend Fleming O. McClinton
- Recessional.....Musical Inspirational Choir
“Bye And Bye”
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

**Round Top Baptist Church Cemetery
120 Round Top Court
Blythewood, South Carolina**