

Dear Granddad

Hey it's Za,

You were always there for me. You never missed a birthday, a trip, a game, or event for me. You took me to my first Steelers game at the age of 3. I will never forget and will cherish all our moments. I'm glad you were able to experience life with me these past 13 years. I dedicate this poem to you.

You've always had a special place, Deep within my heart  
Forever there it will remain, whether we are near or far apart.

You've always been a favorite, to everyone you know.

You've always made me happy, When I was feeling low.

The kind advice you gave to me, Will never be replaced.

Nothing else can ever compare, When I see a smile upon your face.

You can shed tears that he is gone,

Or you can smile because he has lived.

You can close your eyes and pray that he'll come back,

Or you can open your eyes and see all that he's left.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see him,

You can remember him and only that he's gone,

Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on.

You can cry and close your mind,

Be empty and turn your back.

Or you can do what he's want,

Smile, open your eyes, live and go on.

I want you to know I love you, and you mean the world to me.

Love Zavion Anthony

Pallbearers

Nephew and Friends

Floral Bearers

Nieces



Acknowledgement

We, the family of the late Ocie Anthony II, would like to thank St. Phillip A.M.E. Church, Eastover, South Carolina for your kindness, love, support, and dedication, during our time of bereavement.

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Celebration  
of Life

Mr. Ocie Anthony III

Saturday, April 8, 2023

11:00 a.m.

Reid Chapel A.M.E. Church

704 Gabriel Street

Columbia, South Carolina

Reverend Carey Grady, Pastor

Reverend Dr. Dante Kenly, Officiating

## Obituary

Mr. Ocie Anthony III was born on December 23, 1961. He was the only son of the late SFC Ocie Anthony, Jr. and Janie Harrison. He left his earthly for his heavenly home on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at MUSC Hospital, in Charleston, South Carolina.

Ocie was educated in the public schools of Richland County, South Carolina. He was a graduate of Eau Claire High School, class of 1981. He attended Midlands Technical College, where he majored in welding. Ocie was employed with MUSC Hospital Columbia, Downtown for over 28 years.

Ocie joined St. James A.M.E. Church at an early age. He was a member of the Junior Choir and Junior Usher Board. Ocie was elected Father of the Year. While in MUSC Hospital, Ocie rededicated his life to Christ. Confessing Jesus as his personal Savior, repented, and asking God to forgive his sins. He repeatedly stated he was at peace and told his mother he was ready to go to his heavenly home. During his transition, he was surrounded by loved ones.

Ocie's love for his family and friends was highly deniable. He was a person who would support the people of his life. Ocie never made anyone feel like a stranger. He would still try to attend his grandson's basketball games during his illness. He was a die-hard Pittsburg Steeler fan. His famous lines were we were the first team to have six Super Bowl rings, and every year was their year. Ocie was known for his sharp dress and a smile that would light up a room.

He was preceded in death by his father, SFC Ocie Anthony, Jr.

Mr. Ocie Anthony II leaves to mourn his passing: his son, Ocie Anthony IV, of Columbia, South Carolina; wife, Paulette Suber Anthony, of Columbia, South Carolina; mother, Janie Anthony, of Columbia, South Carolina; four sisters, Ivy (Dr. Stanley) Flowers, of Blythewood, South Carolina, Athena (Johnny) Freeman), of Aiken, South Carolina; Pamela Hurndon, and Joyce Anthony, both of Columbia, South Carolina; two grandsons, Zavion and Kylan Anthony, both of Columbia, South Carolina; two aunts, Elizabeth Robinson, of Kansas City, Kansas and May Francis Harrison, of Columbia, South Carolina; two uncles, Sam Harrison, of Columbia, South Carolina and Leonidas Anthony, of Virginia Beach, Virginia; a host of nieces, nephews, many other loving relatives, and caring friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

## Memories



## A Service of Remembrance

Reverend Dr. Dante Kenly, Officiating  
Pastor, St. James A.M.E. Church

Musical Prelude.....	Minister Gaines McBeth <i>St. Phillip A.M.E. Church</i>
Processional.....	Clergy and Family
Viewing.....	Funeral Directors
Opening Selection.....	St. Phillip A.M.E. Praise Team
Invocation.....	Reverend Dr. Caesar Richburg <i>Pastor, Bethel A.M.E Church</i>
Old Testament.....	Psalm 23.....Pastor Ray Ingram
Epistle.....	Romans 8:35-39.....Presiding Elder Joseph Postell <i>Florence-Dillon District</i>
The Gospel.....	John 14:1-3.....Reverend Adelia Davis <i>St. James A.M.E. Church</i>
Special Tribute Song.....	Mr. Tyrone Samuel <i>Friend/Brother</i>
Poem.....	Master Zavion Anthony <i>Grandson</i>
Remarks.....	<i>Two Minutes, Please</i> .....Mr. Thomas Harrison <i>St. James A.M.E. Church</i> Ms. Niecy Magwood and Mr. Nolan Boyd <i>MUSC Columbia Downtown</i> Ms. Monique Young <i>Family</i> Presiding Elder Samuel McPherson <i>Lancaster District</i> Mrs. Ivy Flowers <i>Sister</i>
Acknowledgements/Resolution.....	St. James A.M.E. Church
Musical Selection.....	Mrs. Kristen Jamison
The Eulogy.....	Reverend Dr. Stanley R. Flowers <i>Pastor, St. Phillip A.M.E. Church</i>
Recessional.....	Mrs. Kristen Jamison
Postlude	



## Committal, Benediction and Interment

Lincoln Cemetery  
4900 Farrow Road  
Columbia, South Carolina