

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Floral Bearers

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Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. Odell Long, would like to thank each of you for the many acts of kindness shown to us, during our time of bereavement. May God continue to bless each of you with His love, grace, and mercy.

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*A Celebration of Life
In Loving Memory
of*
MR. ODELL LONG, SR.



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2023
11:00 A.M.

EMMANUEL A.M.E. CHURCH
2130 BARHAMVILLE ROAD
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

REVEREND ERTHA BOWMAN
-PASTOR-

*Reflections of the Life
of
Mr. Odell Long, Sr.*

Mr. Odell Long, Sr. was born in Columbia, South Carolina to the late Robert Long and Mary Long Capers. He attended the public schools of Richland County, South Carolina. He was a 1969 graduate of Webber High School, in the Lower Richland Community.

In 1970, Odell enlisted in the United States Army, where he served three years active duty and 10 years in the Army Reserve. He also attended Midland Technical College and Columbia Junior College, receiving a degree in Computer Programming and Electronic Engineering. In 1973 he became employed with Southern Bell, retiring in 2013 from the current AT&T. During his employment, Odell received several awards and recognition for his exemplary service.

Odell joined the Emmanuel A.M.E. Church under the leadership of Reverend George Brown and remained a faithful worker until his passing under the current leadership of Reverend Ertha Bowman. He was always willing to serve to ensure the growth of the church. Odell was a faithful tither. He held many positions at Emmanuel to include: S.O.A., Trustee, Steward, Men's and Gospel Choirs, Flora Club, Emmanuel Men's Fellowship, and church Treasurer. Odell enjoyed golfing, singing, working in the yard, and relaxing. One of his favorite phrases was, "because I'm retired!"

Mr. Odell Long leaves to cherish his memory: his loving wife, Catharine Long, of the home; six children, Odell Long, Jr. (Joy), of Charlotte, NC, Travis Garrett (Terrena) of Statesboro, GA, Todd Garrert (Ivy), of Columbia, SC, Corey Long, of Columbia, SC, Deiona Long, of Eastover, SC, and Faith Morris (Tiberius), of Lexington, SC; three sisters, Robbie M. Thompson, of West Columbia, SC, Beatrice Long and Florine Williams, both of Eastover, SC; three brothers, Douglas Long (Deloris), Donald Keith Long, and Ervin Capers (Machelle), all of Eastover, SC; two sisters-in-law, Ollie Goodson (Robert), of Columbia, SC and Deloris Mason (Royal), of Spring Lake, NC 22 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, other loving relatives, and caring friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

His Legacy Continues

Children's Love

Dear Daddy /Pop,
Thanks for all the nonstop love and life lessons,
To know you and have in you in our lives was a blessing.
The gems and jewels you dropped,
Were picked up, even when you thought they were not.
At times you ruled with an iron fist,
Just to make sure we didn't forget.

"If he knew you, he loved you,
And would do anything for you!"
That's what we'll always say.
You lived your life on your own terms,
But was always concerned,
About your wife, children, family, and all who passed your way.
We all pray that we can live our lives like yours,
Every moment to the fullest and walking through God's opened doors.

All we have now is your memories and lessons,
Yet wishing to have one more day in your presence.
God has chosen another angel to join him in the Kingdom of Heaven. Yes, we know you're at peace now and have returned to His essence.

You've worked so hard sharing joy, wisdom, and an abundance of many things, so, go ahead and rest easy Pop...You've earned your wings!

Eternally in Our Hearts,
Your Children

A Grandfather's Love

A grandfather's love is as precious as gold,
There's nothing like it and its value holds.
You loved each of us in a special way,
We will always remember that every day.
To hug you one last time, to see you smile,
To hear you tell us that you are proud.
We keep our memories of you close to our heart.

You may be gone from here,
But we will never be apart.

Love,
Your Grandchildren



*In Memory of Our Special
Brother*

*by:
Beatrice Long*

*Today is full of memories
of a brother laid to rest
and every single one of them
is filled with happiness.*

*As kids, we lived together
We fought, we laughed, we cried.
We did not always show the love,
That we had inside.*

*We shared our dreams and plans,
And some secrets too.*

*All the memories we share,
Is what bonds us now to you.*

*We grew to find we have a love
That is very strong today.*

*It's a love shared by our family,
That will never fade away.*

*You are our brother not by choice,
But by the nature of our birth*

*We could not have chosen a better one
You were the best on earth.*

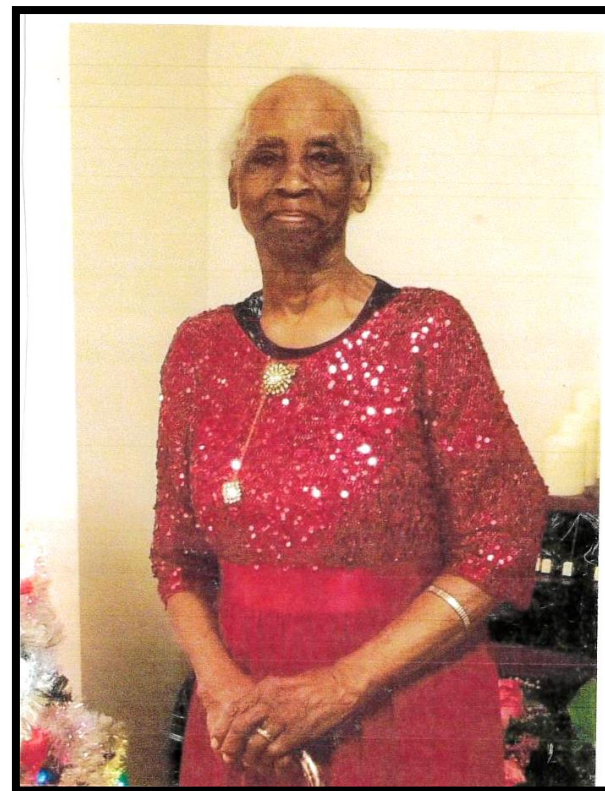
*For you were someone special
Always such a joy to know*

*And there was so much pain
When it was time to let you go.*

*That's why this special message
is sent to heaven above*

*For the angels take care of you
And give you all our love.*

*Robbie, Beatrice, Florine, Douglas, Ervin,
and Donald*



Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn.....Emmanuel A.M.E. Church Choir

Invocation.....Reverend Sammy Wade

Scriptures Reading.....Reverend Dr. Vincent Johnson

Old Testament – Psalm 91
New Testament – II Corinthians 5:1-9

Musical Selection.....Ms. Faith Higgins

Remarks.....Mr. Hayes Samuel, *Friend*
Sister Elaine Johnson, *Class Leader*
Mr. Odell Long, Jr., *Son*
Mr. Royal Mason, *Golf Buddy*

Musical Selection.....Ms. Deidre Beatty

Words of ComfortReverend Ertha Bowman

Viewing.....Funeral Directors

Recessional

Postlude



Committal, Benediction, and Interment

10:00 a.m., Monday April 3, 2023
Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road
Columbia, South Carolina

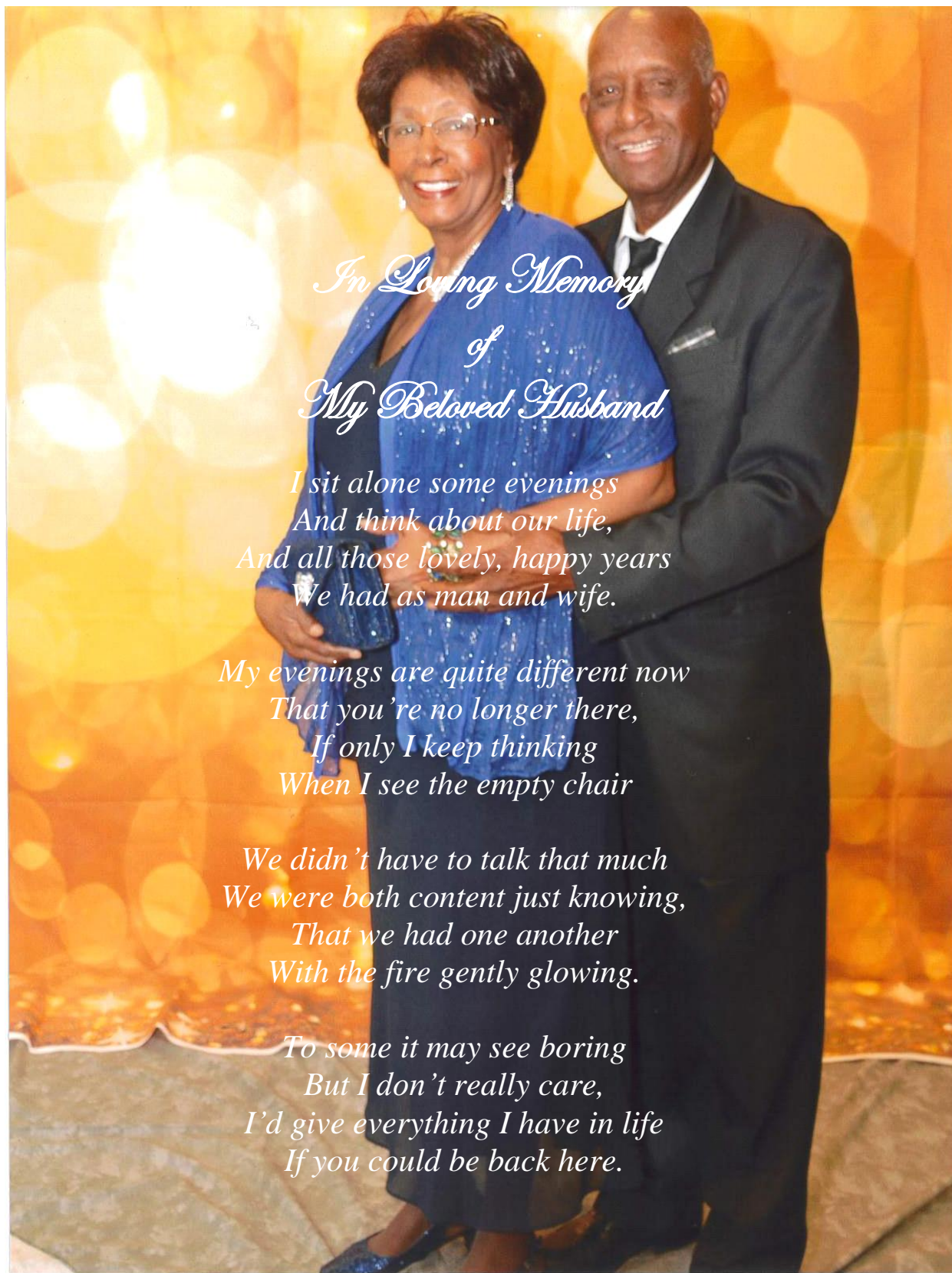


Memories



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*In Loving Memory
of
My Beloved Husband*

*I sit alone some evenings
And think about our life,
And all those lovely, happy years
We had as man and wife.*

*My evenings are quite different now
That you're no longer there,
If only I keep thinking
When I see the empty chair*

*We didn't have to talk that much
We were both content just knowing,
That we had one another
With the fire gently glowing.*

*To some it may see boring
But I don't really care,
I'd give everything I have in life
If you could be back here.*