

Pallbearers

Members of the More Light Lodge #468

Floral Bearers

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Hold Us Up Lord

Lord, we know you're always busy,
For You've many things to do,
But, when sorrow overcomes us
Well, we need to talk to You.
For we've lost someone so precious,
And they're with You above,
And it's someone that we needed,
And it's someone that we love...
We are feeling lost and all alone,
And though we do believe,
We need You, Lord, to hold us up,
To help us while we grieve.
Please give us strength and courage, Lord
To bear what we must bear
And nudge us when our faith is weak
To remind us You are there
Give us hope for our tomorrow
Tell us life will still go on
Show us, Lord, that all this darkness
Will be followed by the by the dawn..
You've led us through so many things,
You've pulled us through before.
Hold us up, Lord, until we're through this
And we are strong once more.

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*Homegoing Services
In Loving Memory*

*of
SFC (Ret.) Erwin Navan Fewell*



Saturday, June 24, 2023

11:00 a.m.

Antioch Baptist Church

5715 Keen Road

Columbia, South Carolina

Reverend Dr. A.A. Neal

-Pastor-

Reflections of the Life of *SFC (Ret) Ervin Navan Fewell*

Ervin was born in Gastonia, North Carolina on November 17, 1935 to the late Ethel Fewell Lewis and Nathan Glenn, and transitioned from this world on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at Providence MUSC Hospital with his daughter by his side. His lifelong partner, Lessie Mae Foxx preceded Ervin in death. He often joked about marrying his high school best friend's sister. They were married over 6 decades, and he would often quote Reverend H.B. Washington – "I really tied that knot right." He is survived by daughters Roberta Kincaid (Donald), Sandra Brooks (David), his son Gregory Fewell (Barbra); his sister, Catherine Fewell Elder; grandchildren, Kinta Smiley (Anthony), Alexander Powell; great-grandchildren, Ahrianna and Joshua Smiley; godson, Darrel Barber. "We thank God for our wonderful children who have never been in trouble at school, in the community or with the law".

Ervin graduated from Reid High School in Belmont, NC where he was an outstanding scholar as evident by his high academic achievements. Ervin maintained contact with his classmates and organized social gatherings to stay connected to them. His higher education includes three associate degrees in Business, Accounting and Traffic Control from Columbia Junior College.

On August 31, 1955 at the age of 20, Ervin joined the United State Army where he became a member of the third Armor Division at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He would go on to have a celebrated career in the military for more than 20 years. Ervin received awards throughout his career, but the one he cherished most was a Certificate of Recognition for service during the Cold War that was signed by Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense.

In 1976, after receiving an honorable discharge from the US Army, he joined the Federal Civil Service where he served 20 years. Ervin received the highest award bestowed upon a civilian employee from President Bill Clinton in 1996. Overall, he gave more than 40 years of service to our National Defense Department and served with pride and dedication.

At the age of 13, Ervin accepted the call from his heavenly Father and accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. He came to Antioch Baptist Church in January 1980 and served faithfully. His service included the Trustee and Deacon Ministries. Deacon Fewell started the Wednesday Mid-Day Prayer Service and bible study for seniors, he led the group for 26 years. He was president of the Wateree Baptist District Congress of Christian Education.

In 1967, he became a member of the Masonic Order and became a Free and Accepted Prince Hall Mason. He held many positions in the Blue Lodge Masons, The Scottish Rite, and the Royal Arch Masons. In 1979 he reached the top of the masonry ladder and received the 33rd degree. He was also a member of Cairo Temple #125 Prince Hall Shriners. He was the Worshipful Master of More Light Lodge #468, Commander-In-Chief of CC Johnson Consistory #136, and President of the Commanders of Rite. After serving faithfully for 53 years, he received numerous awards and certificates.

Today we celebrate Ervin and the life he lived. He loved his family, his church and his friends. He was very meticulous about his appearance. Ervin loved socializing and meeting people. He has reunited with his wife, Lessie, his mother, Ethel and all his friends and relatives that transitioned before him. We will miss him but have our memories of him to comfort us until we meet again. Rejoice that he has completed the journey he started the day he accepted The Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior.

Order of Service

- Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Hymn of Praise.....Choir and Congregation
- Old Testament.....Psalm 23.....Minister Thurmond Merchison
- New Testament.....St. John 14:1-7.....Minister Bersail "BJ" Jones
- Prayer of Consolation.....Minister James Lee
- Hymn of Assurance.....Choir and Congregation
- Remarks.....Sister Ella J. Epps
Deacon Willie Bryant
Moderator Donnie Chambers
Evangelist Kathy E. Barr
- Resolutions.....Sister Ruth Ann Oree
- Hymn of Preparation.....Musical Choir
- Words of ComfortReverend Dr. A.A. Neal
- Hymn of Comfort.....Choir and Congregation
- Committal Rites and Interment.....Minister
- Benediction.....Reverend Dr. A.A. Neal
- RecessionalSentences by Minister
- Postlude



Acknowledgement

We, the family of the late SFC (Ret) Ervin N. Fewell, gratefully acknowledge your many, many expressions of sympathy and love. We humbly thank each of you for your love, prayers, cards, calls and support. They are helping to sustain us during this time, continue to keep us in your prayers as we grow in God's grace, learning to accept His will.