

## Pallbearers

Bernard Brown      Carlton Washington II      Michael Brown  
Brian Washington      Anthony Washington

## Floral Bearers

Beatrice Hopkins      Barbara Heyward      Martha Chandler

## *The Broken Chain*

*We little knew that morning,  
that God was going to call your name.  
In life we loved you, dearly,  
in death, we do the same.  
It broke our hearts to lose you,  
but you didn't go alone;  
For part of us went with you  
the day God called you home.  
You left us peaceful memories,  
your love is still our guide.  
And though we cannot see you,  
you are always at our side.  
Our family chain is broken,  
and nothing seems the same.  
But as God calls us one by one,  
the Chain will link again.  
We love and miss you ever so much.*

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# Homegoing Service In Loving Memory of

## DEACON SAMUEL RICHARDSON, JR.



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2023

1:00 P.M.

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

REVEREND JESSIE WASHINGTON, JR.  
-OFFICIATING-

## Reflections of Life

Deacon Samuel Richardson, Jr., 84, was born on March 29, 1939. He was the son of the late Samuel Richardson, Sr. and Clara Rose Richardson. He departed this earthly life on Wednesday, June 14, 2023.

Samuel was educated in the public schools of Richland County, South Carolina, graduating from Booker T. Washington High School. He furthered his education at Allen University, Florida State University, and the University of South Carolina. Samuel was a life member of the National Education Association and the Kershaw County Education Association. As an educator, Samuel worked as a teacher, later becoming an assistant principal. He also served his country in the United States Army. Samuel was stationed at both Fort Jackson, South Carolina and Fort Carson, Colorado. He later became a census taker and real estate agent.

Samuel was joined in holy matrimony to Gwendolyn Washington Richardson in 1967. To their union, two daughters were born, Tanya Richardson Spann and Monica Richardson Walker. Samuel and Gwendolyn were married for 56 years.

He was a life member of Zion Chapel Baptist Church #2, where he served on the Senior Choir and later became a Deacon.

In addition to his parents, Samuel was preceded in death by his sisters, Martha Harrison (Samuel), Nina Blocker (Jim), and Jessie Brooks (Jerry).

Deacon Samuel Richardson, Jr. leaves to mourn his passing: his wife Gwendolyn Washington Richardson; daughters, Tanya Richardson Spann (Gerald) and Monica Richardson Walker (Eric); grandchildren, Christopher Chase Spann, Mykayla Rose Walker, Cameron Bryce Spann, Myles Eric Walker; sister, Robena Blackford (Harold); brothers, William Richardson (Josephine) and Thomas "OT" Richardson (Rosie) godchild, Brian Washington (Mel); a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other loving family members, and friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

## Order of Service

- Prelude.....Mr. Nicholas Blocker and Ms. Anita Aiken
- Processional
- Opening Hymn
- Scriptures Reading.....Dr. Gerald Gary, *Nephew*
- Prayer.....Reverend Albert Thompson, *Spiritual Leader*
- Solo .....Dr. Brenda Harrison, *Niece*
- Remarks .....Deacon Lonnie Heyward  
*Charmain Deacon Board, Zion Chapel Baptist Church #2, Reeder Point*
- Solo.....Dr. Brenda Harrison, *Niece*
- Remarks.....Trustee Nelson Chandler  
*Chairman, Trustee Board, Zion Chapel Baptist Church #2, Reeder Point*
- Video Presentation of Samuel Richardson, Jr. .... "The Family Man"  
"I Believe I Can Fly"
- Acknowledgements.....Dr. Rex Blocker, *Nephew*
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend Jessie Washington  
*Pastor, Zion Chapel Baptist Church #1*
- Recessional
- Postlude



## Committal, Benediction and Interment

Memorial Gardens of Columbia  
9301 Wilson Boulevard  
Columbia, South Carolina

## Acknowledgement

We, the family of Deacon Samuel Richardson, Jr. would like to thank each of you for your prayers and support during this time. A special thank you to NHC Parklane for all of your attention and helpfulness to the care of Deacon Samuel Richardson, Jr.