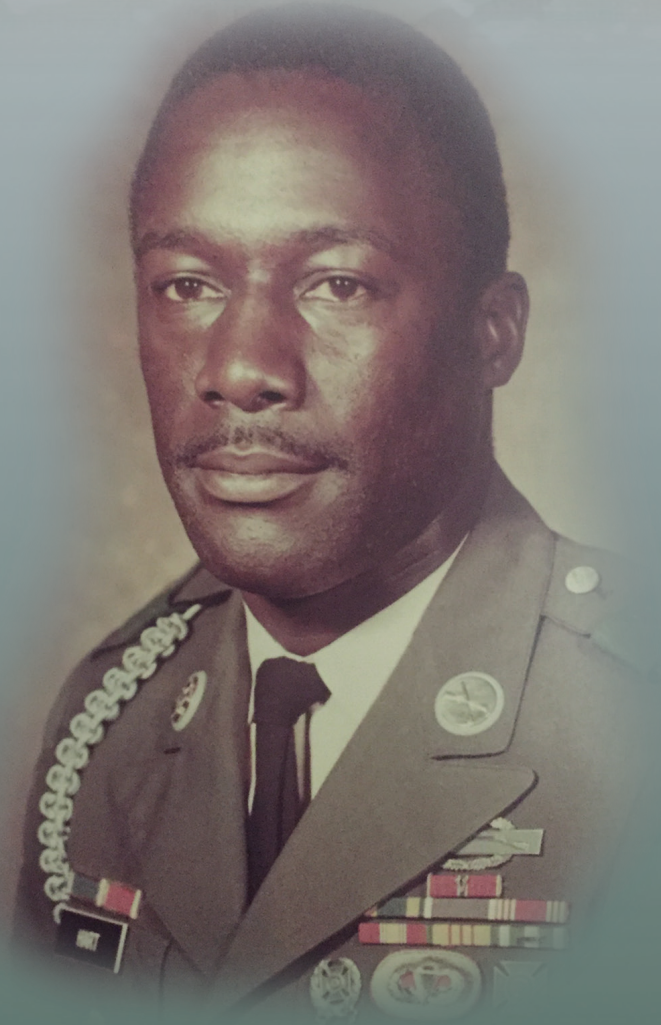


Homegoing Service  
Celebrating the Life of

Frank Hart III



Sunrise  
November 6, 1941

Sunset  
July 7, 2023

Monday, July 17, 2023

11:00 in the Morning  
Bethlehem Baptist Church (College Place)  
1028 Eastman Road, Columbia, South Carolina 29203

Rev. Dr. Anthony A. McCallum, Pastor  
Officiating





## Obituary



Frank Hart III was born in November 1941. According to his family, he was born on November 6, 1941. According to the South Carolina Department of Vital Statistics, he was born on November 16, 1941 (as reported by the midwife who delivered him), and according to the United States military, he was born on November 26, 1941. According to Frank Hart, he had three birthdays and the expectation of celebrating all three! Frank was born in Columbia, South Carolina. He was the fourth of nine children born to the late Frank and Eva Hart. He departed this life on Friday, July 7, 2023.

At the time of Frank's birth, there were only three girls in the family. Therefore, when he was born, his extremely excited father proudly exclaimed, "Boy"! And, it stuck. Boy, as his family affectionately called him, was educated in the public schools of Richland County, where he attended Sarah Nance Elementary School and C.A. Johnson High School. He was a member of the football team and the graduating class of 1960.

Doted upon by his four sisters, Boy was known to be a caring and happy person. He was also known to be playful and ever the jokester. He always teased his older sisters, especially Joyce. He protected his sisters and guided his younger brothers, who looked up to him.

Boy was drafted into the United States Army. Initially, he was reluctant to serve and ended up as far away as New Jersey. Ironically enough, although he was compelled to serve, Boy became an outstanding soldier. In 1963, Frank Hart III married Beverly Abrams. To this union, "The Hart Boys" were born . . . Kevin, Kenneth, and Keith.

After serving in the Vietnam War, Frank was stationed in Fort Stewart, Georgia; Kitzigen, Germany; Fort Campbell, Kentucky; and then a second tour abroad in Bamberg, Germany. Frank Hart served in the United States Army for 22 years, receiving many notable awards and commendations, including The Purple Heart. Upon his military retirement from Fort Bragg in Fayetteville, North Carolina, in the mid-1980s, Frank and his family began living in the Belvedere Community in Columbia.

After retiring from the military, Frank went to work for and retired from the South Carolina Department of Corrections, serving at Manning Correctional Institution and then as a Job Administrator for the South Carolina Department of Employment Workforce. Frank was also known for his ability to fix cars and grill food. He had quite a reputation as a grill master, particularly to his comrades at the Columbia VFW Post 4262.

Frank began his spiritual journey at Cleaves Memorial CME Church. He was also a longtime member of Bethlehem Baptist Church (College Place). And, in support of his wife and sons, he was a frequent visitor at St. James Baptist Church in Hopkins.

Frank Hart, III was preceded in death by his siblings, Ethel Magnolia Hart, Willie James Hart, Harold Hart, and Joyce Hart Hunter, and by his wife of 57 years, Beverly Abrams Hart. He leaves to cherish his memory three sons and a stepson, Kevin Sidney Hart (Emma) of Hopkins, Kenneth Terrell Hart (Shunquell) of Blythewood, Keith Latrell Hart (Wilhelmina) of Irmo and Willie James Abrams, Sr. of Columbia; four sisters, Minnie Lee Hingleton (Frank), Gloria Burton, Agnes "Pudin" Hart, and Beverly "Punk" Hart Pittman all of Columbia; two brothers-in-law, James W. Abrams Jr. (Marilyn) of Columbia and James Hallie Holland of Aiken, South Carolina; 11 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, great-nieces; great-nephews and many other loving relatives and friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.



# *Sacred Order of Service*

The Organ Prelude

Pastor Tommy Williams  
Word Alive Ministries

Processional

The Hymn of Praise

*"Blessed Assurance"*

Scriptures

Old Testament

Psalm 121

Rev. Dr. James W. Abrams, Jr.  
Pastor, St. James Baptist Church  
Hopkins, South Carolina

New Testament

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Bishop Eric Davis  
Pastor, Word of God Church & Ministries International  
Columbia, South Carolina

Prayer

Rev. David Montgomery  
St. James Baptist Church

Musical Selection

*"Your Grace and Mercy"*

Bessie Sumter  
St. James Baptist Church

Remarks

(Please Limit Remarks to 3 Minutes)

Family Members:

Beverly Hart-Pittman  
Sister

Nathan Hart, Kennedi Hart and Kenneth "KJ" Hart, Jr.  
Grandchildren

The Hart Boys  
Sons

Musical Selection

*"Near the Cross"*

Kimberly Sumter  
St. James Baptist Church

Eulogy

Rev. Dr. Anthony McCallum  
Pastor, Bethlehem Baptist Church (College Place)  
Columbia, South Carolina

The Recessional

*"Glory, Glory, Hallelujah"*

Congregation

Committal and Benediction



The Interment

Fort Jackson National Cemetery  
4170 Percival Road, Columbia, South Carolina



*Pall Bearers*

*Nephews and Great-Nephews*

*Floral Bearers*

*St. James Baptist Church Missionaries and Pulpit Aide*



## God Saw You Getting Tired

God saw you getting tired  
And a cure was not to be.  
So, He put His arms around you  
And whispered, "Come to me."  
With tearful eyes, we watched you  
As you slowly slipped away.  
And though we loved you dearly,  
We couldn't make you stay.  
Your golden heart stopped beating.  
Your tired hands are put to rest.  
God broke our hearts to prove to us,  
He only takes the best.  
Rest well SFC Hart . . . We love you!

## Acknowledgments

The family of Frank Hart III wishes to thank you and extend to you our sincere gratitude for all the expressions of kindness and comfort shown to us during this time of bereavement.

Thank you for the love and support you showed us during our loved one's illness and subsequent death. We pray a special blessing upon each of you.

A very special thank you is extended to the staff at NHC-Lexington and Providence Hospital, as well as Doctors Mulaney and Brown, and to Yolaunda Mincey, Elaine Latimer, and Arleatha Toland at the William Jennings Bryan Dorn Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

## Final Arrangements Entrusted to:

Leevy's Funeral Home  
1831 Taylor Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

