

*A Tribute To My Father:
Your Spirit*

*I know that no matter what
You will always be with me.
When life separates us
I'll know it is only your soul
Saying goodbye to your body
But your spirit will be with me always.
When I see a bird chirping on a nearby branch
I will know it is you singing to me.
When a butterfly brushes gently by me so care freely
I will know it is you assuring me you are free from pain.
When the gentle fragrance of a flower catches my attention
I will know it is you reminding me
To appreciate the simple things in life.
When the sun shining through my window awakens me
I will feel the warmth of your love.
When I hear the rain pitter patter against my window sill
I will hear your words of wisdom
And will remember what you taught me so well
That without rain trees cannot grow
Without rain flowers cannot bloom
Without life's challenges I cannot grow strong.
When I look out to the sea
I will think of your endless love for your family.
When I think of mountains, their majesty and magnificence
I will think of your courage for your country.
No matter where I am
Your spirit will be beside me
For I know that no matter what
You will always be with me.*

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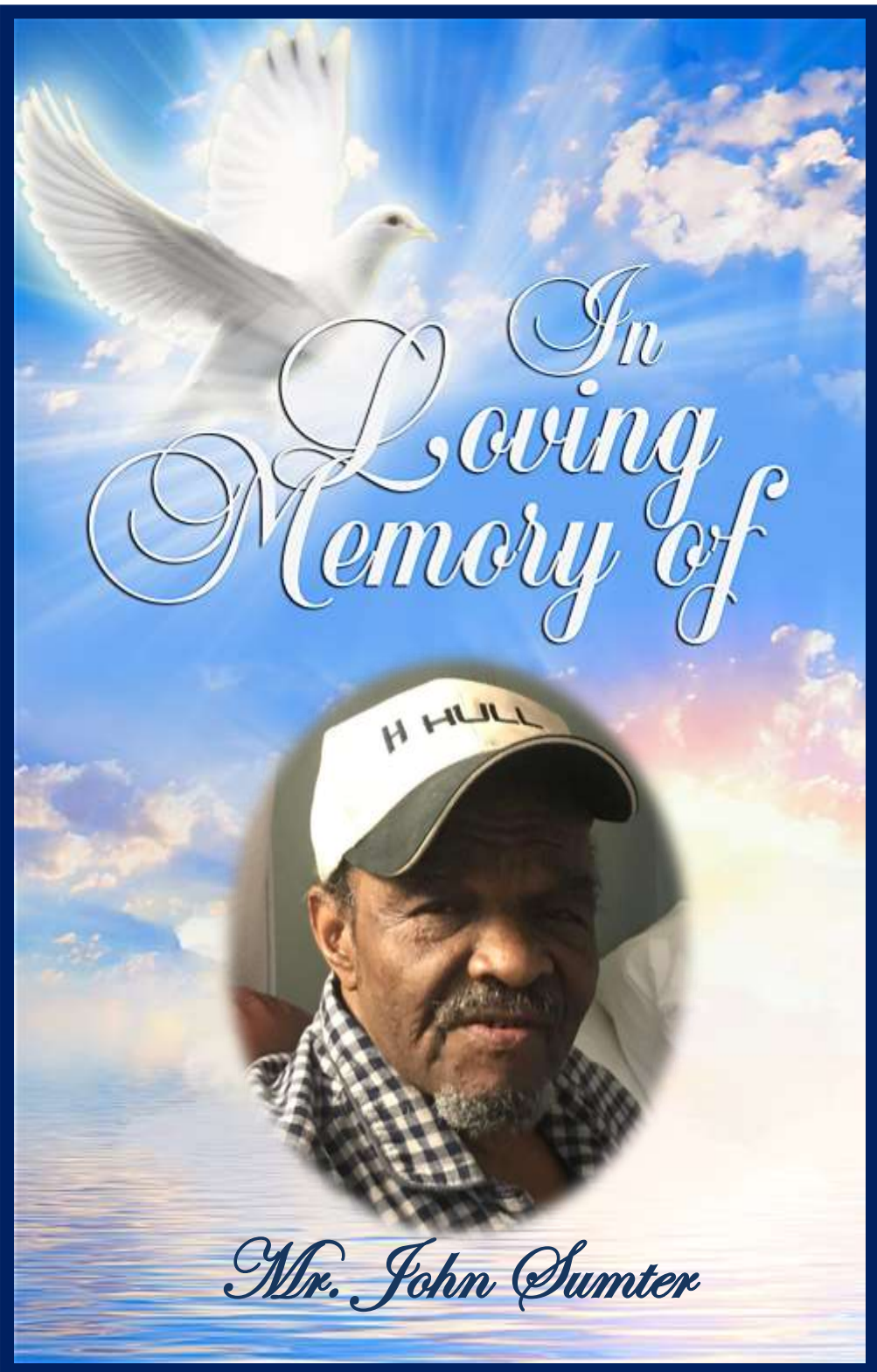
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Mr. John Sumter

Obituary

Mr. John Sumter was born on March 27, 1951, in Richland County, South Carolina to the late John Sumter and Rosa Lee Castile. John went home to be with his heavenly Father on Sunday, July 9, 2023.

John was educated in the public schools of Richland County, South Carolina. He was well educated and talented. After many years of dedicated service as a truck driver and an auto paint technician John retired. He had a true passion for cars. John loved his family and was a very hilarious person. He never missed an opportunity to put a smile on someone’s face and making them laugh.

In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by a stepson, Keith Perry.

Mr. John Sumter leaves to cherish special moments and his memory: his daughters, Latosha (Castro) Scott, Cartika (Floyd) Dillard, Beatrice (Leven) Holland, and Shameka Sumter; sons, Derrick Sumter and John Sumter; stepchildren, Steven Howell, Tony Howell, Teresa Hicks, John Sumter III, Fred Sumter, and Jass Sumter; sister, Deborah Woods; aunts, Sally Mae James and Martha Ann Hunter; uncle, Raymond Johnson; thirteen grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, other loving relatives, and friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. John Sumter, wish to thank each of you for the many loving and wonderful acts of kindness and hospitality rendered during the illness and passing of our loved one. May God bless each of you with His grace and mercy.

Funeral Service
Thursday, July 20, 2023 - 1:00 p.m.

Leevy's Funeral Home Chapel
1831 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina



- Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Opening Hymn..... “Amazing Grace”
- Old Testament.....Minister David Hall, Sr.
- New Testament.....Deacon Davin Belton III
- Prayer.....Minister David Hall, Sr.
- Selection.....“Walk Around Heaven”.....Mr. Clarence Sims
- RemarksMr. Clarence Sims
- Selection“Soon And Very Soon”
- Words of Comfort.....Pastor David Belton, Jr.
- Recessional.....“Hold To God’s Unchanging Hand”
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

Woodlawn Cemetery
10216 Farrow Road
Blythewood, South Carolina

Pallbearers and Floral Bearers

Family and Friends