

## *The Fallen Limb*

A limb has fallen from the family tree.  
I keep hearing a voice that says, "Grieve not for me.  
Remember the best times, the laughter, the song.  
The good life I lived while I was strong.  
Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.  
Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.  
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.  
Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.  
Continue traditions, no matter how small.  
Go on with your life, don't worry about falls  
I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin.  
Until the day comes we're together again.

**Author Unknown**

## *He Is Not Gone*

Ease your grief, he is not gone,  
For in your heart he lingers on.  
His smile, his laugh, his special way,  
Will comfort you from day to day.

You'll feel his presence in the breeze,  
That dances gently through the trees,  
And it's his face that you will see,  
When you're in need of company.

At any time, you can recall,  
The love you shared, you saved it all.  
And in time, more than anything,  
You'll find peace in remembering.

**-Author Unknown**

## *Pallbearers*

Family and Friends

## *Floral Bearers*

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## *Acknowledgement*

We, the family of Mr. Shelton Byrd, Jr., would like to express our sincere gratitude for your many acts of kindness shown to us during this difficult time of bereavement. Thank you for the words of comfort via phone calls, text messages, etc. With humble hearts, we extend our sincere thanks and the utmost appreciation, and pray that God continues to bless you and keep you.

## *Services Entrusted To:*

<b>Taylor Street Chapel</b> 1831 Taylor Street Columbia, SC 29201 (803)771-7799 I. S. Leevy Johnson -Owner & Director-	<b>Leevy's</b> FUNERAL HOME Chris Leevy Johnson -President & Managing Director-	<b>Lower Richland Chapel</b> 9120 Garners Ferry Road Hopkins, SC 29061 (803) 776-6922 Leverette A. Williams, II -General Manager-
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# *Home Going Services In Loving Memory of Mr. Shelton Byrd, Jr.*



*Saturday, September 2, 2023  
12:00 Noon*

*Greenview First Baptist Church  
101 Isaac Street  
Columbia, South Carolina*

*Reverend Dr. Johnny C. Owens, Jr.  
-Pastor-  
Reverend Algerron Williams, Sr.  
-Officiating-*

# Obituary of Mr. Shelton Byrd, Jr.

*I fought the good fight, I have finished my course. I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. 2 Timothy 4:7-8 KJV*

Mr. Shelton Byrd, Jr., 76, of Columbia, South Carolina was born on December 8, 1946. He was the son of the late Shelton and Nicie Ann Byrd. He departed this life and was called home to eternal rest on Thursday, August 24, 2023.

Shelton accepted Christ at an early age. He joined Zion Chapel Baptist Church #2. While worshipping there, he also served as a Trustee.

Shelton was educated in Richland County public schools and was a graduate of Hopkins High School, Class of 1965. He furthered his education at Benedict College, where he received a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics. He then continued his educational journey at the University of South Carolina, where he received a Masters Degree in Education.

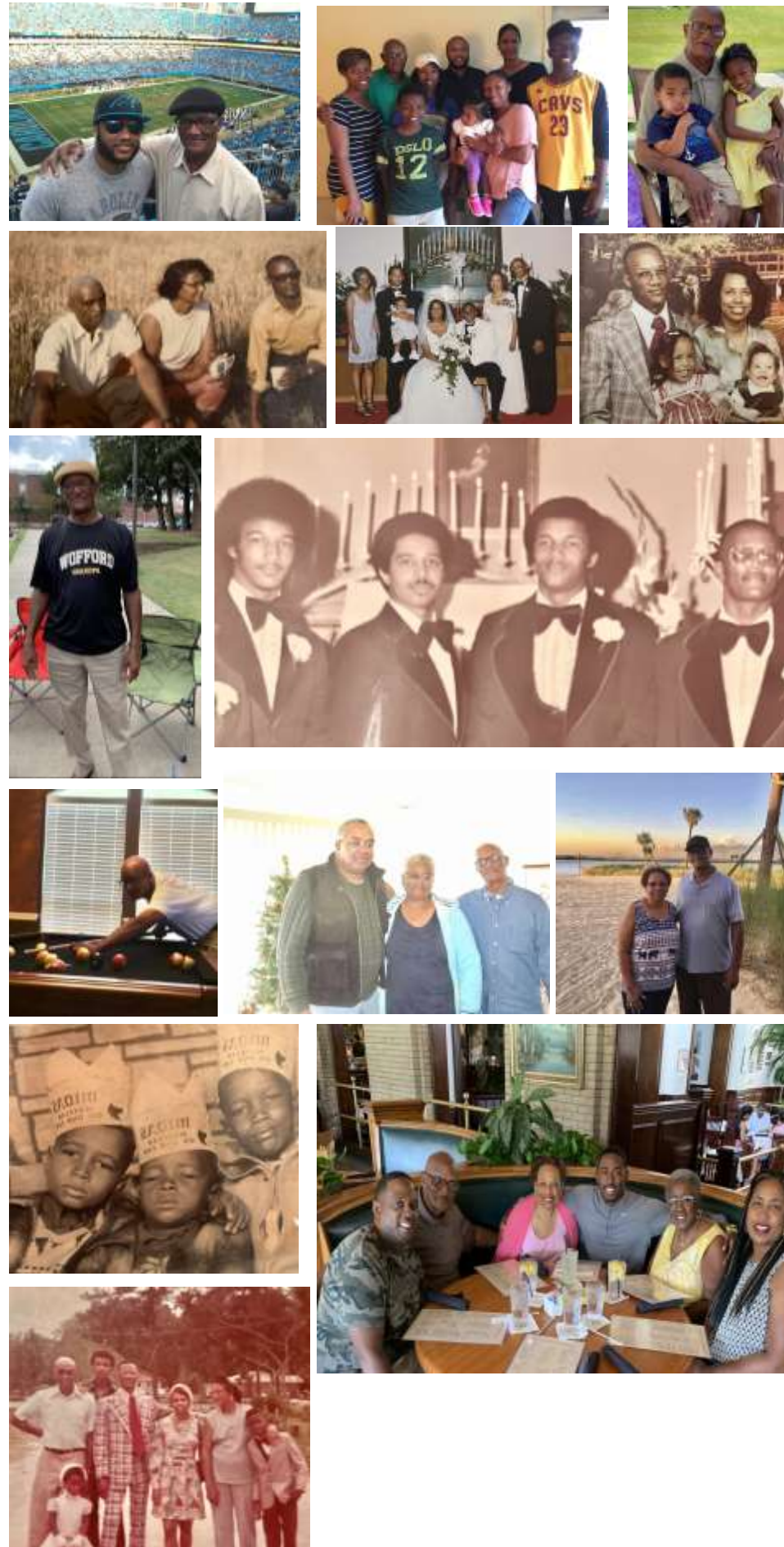
He met his devoted and loving wife, Beverly Janet Byrd at Benedict College. They were married for 52 years at the time of his death. They were blessed with two children, Tenesha and Shelton Brian.

As an educator, Shelton worked as a math teacher. He also held positions of leadership in Georgia and South Carolina public school systems as an assistant principal and principal. Most of his impact was made as an educator and administrator in Richland County, Lexington County, and Saluda County schools. Shelton was well known over the entire greater Columbia area community for his quick wit and enthusiasm for mathematics. He will always be remembered for his kind, caring demeanor, and always being willing to help any and everyone. Shelton never met a stranger. He loved spending time reading the newspaper, talking with family and friends, and listening to music.

Left to cherish his memory forever are: wife, Beverly Janet Byrd; daughter, Tenesha (John) of Katy, TX; son, Shelton (Loreeta) of Charlotte, NC; grandchildren, Jamia Gadsden, John "TJ" Harrington, Sophia Byrd, and Brian Carter Byrd; sister, Lucinder B. Roach; brothers Isaac (Carol) Byrd, James (Lavern) Byrd, and Ulysses Byrd; a host of sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

In addition to his parents, Shelton was preceded in death by his sisters, Amy Moore and Nancy O'Berry; brothers Wade Jones and Robert Jones.

## Memories



## A Service of Remembrance

Prelude	
Processional	
Viewing.....	Funeral Directors
Opening Hymn.....	"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"
The Holy Scriptures:	
Old Testament.....	Psalm 23.....Deacon Johnny Bolton
New Testament.....	John 14:1-6.....Minister
Prayer of Comfort.....	Bishop Theodore Myers
Musical Selection.....	Sister Deborah Carmichael, Cousin
Remarks.....	Mr. Russell Boyd, Classmate Mr. Reginald Roach, Nephew Mr. Isaac Byrd, Esquire, Brother
Musical Selection.....	"Going Up Yonder"
Words of Comfort.....	Pastor Algerron Williams, Sr.
Recessional.....	"I'm Free" .....Ms. Anita Aiken
Postlude	



## Committal, Benediction and Interment

Memorial Gardens  
9301 Wilson Boulevard  
Columbia, South Carolina