

## *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God has laid you  
see.*

*I took His hand when I heard His call  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work, or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I found the peace at the close of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joys  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life's been full, I savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's  
touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart, and peace to thee-  
God wanted me now; He has set me  
free.*

## *Pallbearers*

Family and Friends

## *Floral Bearers*

Family and Friends

## *Repast*

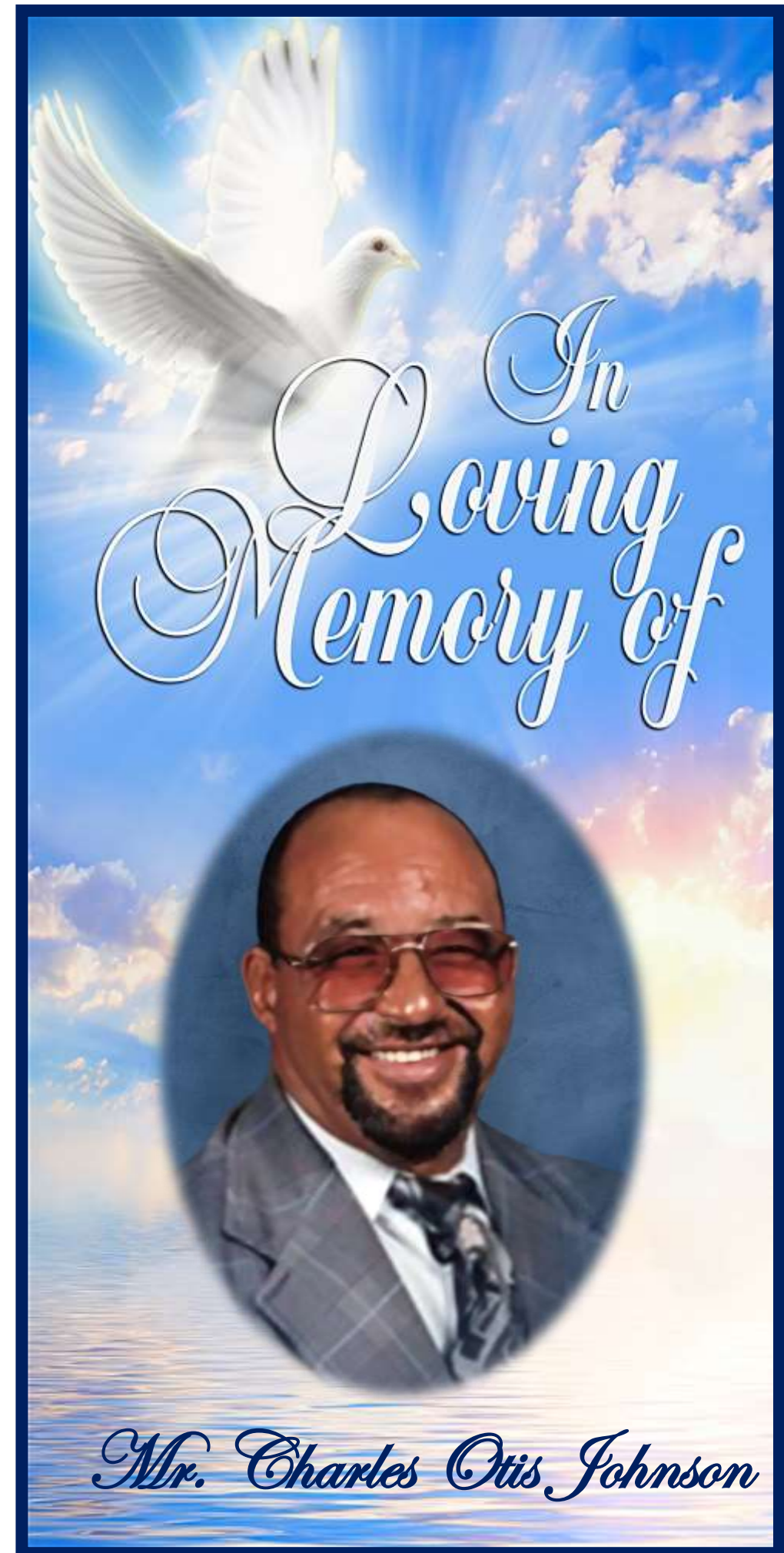
Busby Street Community Center  
1735 Busby Street  
Columbia, South Carolina

## *Acknowledgement*

We, the family of Mr. Charles "Otis" Johnson would like to thank everyone for your prayers, visits, calls, and acts of kindness shown to us during the passing of our loved one. Special thank you to South Carolina Oncology Associates and HaDora Hospice. May God bless you all abundantly.

## **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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# Obituary

of

## Mr. Charles Otis Johnson

Mr. Charles Otis Johnson was born on February 28, 1949, in Swansea, South Carolina to Mr. Bennie and Mrs. Vertell Johnson. He departed this life during the early morning hours of September 26, 2023.

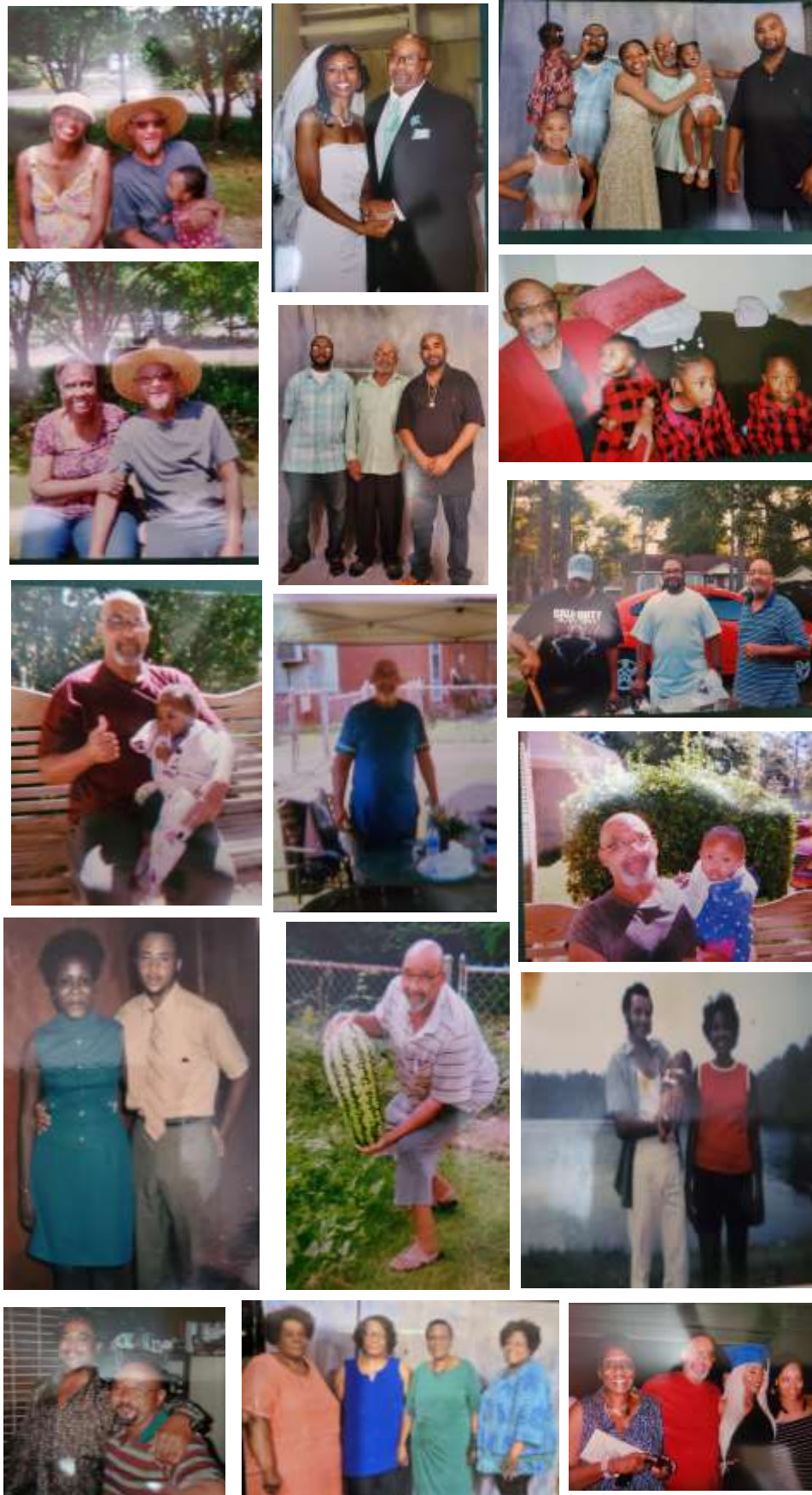
“Otis,” as he was affectionately called, was a kind and humble man. He loved his family especially his grandchildren. He was a servant’s heart and always took time to help others in need. He had a sharp mind and could figure out how to put anything together with ease. “Otis” was a hard worker. He was a dedicated Master Bricklayer for over 45 years. He loved working in his yard and won several “Yard of the Month” awards. He also loved golf, gardening and sharing his bounty with family and friends. We will cherish his memory in our hearts forever and he will be missed dearly.

In addition to his parents, Charles was preceded in death by his brothers, Bennie and Theodore Johnson; sisters, Bernice Scott and Deloris Johnson.

Mr. Charles Otis Johnson leaves to cherish his memory: his faithful and devoted wife of 54 years, Hattie M. Johnson; sons, Travis, D. Johnson and Nolan D. Johnson; daughter, Monisha S. Chambers (Reverend Jerry); brother, Bennie Johnson; sisters, Vernell (Charlie) Bethel, Diane (Tony) Taylor, Frances (Stanley) Whestone, Pamela (Wayne) Davis, and Angela (Ernest) Ashely; brothers-in-law, Reverend Lonzo Ruff and Reverend James Ruff; sisters-in-law, Joann Johnson, Doretha Johnson, Emma Ruff, Betty (Viron) Russell, and Yvonne Ruff; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; a host of other loving relatives, and caring friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.



# Memories



# Funeral Service

Tuesday, October 3, 2023 - 1:00 p.m.

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



- Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Musical Selection.....Mr. Demetrius Ruff
- Scripture Readings.....Reverend Lonzo Ruff  
Old Testament – Psalm 90:1-10  
New Testament – John 14:1-6
- Prayer.....Dr. Andre Melvin
- Musical Selection.....Mr. Demetrius Ruff
- Reflections.....Mr. Bennie Johnson, Family  
Reverend Lonzo Ruff, Family  
Mr. Travis Johnson, Son
- Musical Selection
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend Jerry Chambers, Sr.
- Committal and Benediction
- Recessional
- Postlude

