



Pallbearers

Family and Friends



Floral Bearers

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Remember Me

Speak of me as you have always done.
Remember the good times, laughter, and fun.

Share the happy memories we've made.
Do not let them wither or fade.

I'll be with you in the summer's sun
And when the winter's chill has come.

I'll be the voice that whispers in the breeze.
I'm peaceful now, put your mind at ease.

I've rested my eyes and gone to sleep,
But memories we've shared are yours to keep.

Sometimes our final days may be a test,
But remember me when I was at my best.

Although things may not be the same,
Don't be afraid to use my name.

Let your sorrow last for just a while.
Comfort each other and try to smile.

I've lived a life filled with joy and fun.
Live on now, make me proud of what you'll become.

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*Celebration
of Life*

Deacon Robert Ryans, Jr.



Sunday, October 8, 2023

1:00 p.m.

New Laurel Street Baptist Church

5214 Fairfield Road

Columbia, South Carolina

Reverend Damion J. Brown

-Pastor-

Obituary

A human spirit has taken flight at the call of our Heavenly Father from the distractions and weariness of time to the peace of eternity. Today, we salute the homegoing celebration of Deacon Robert Ryans, Jr.

Deacon Robert Ryans son of the late Robert Ryans, Sr. and Cora Lee Abney Ryans was born on March 4, 1943, in Columbia S.C. He passed away on Tuesday, October 3, 2023. Robert grew up in Arsel Hill, also known as “The Hill” on Laurel Street. He was baptized at an early age, during this time he was married to Lillie Bell Ryans. While attending Laurel Street Baptist Church, he was appointed as a Trustee and later ordained as a Deacon. He served on the Usher and Brotherhood Ministries.

Deacon Ryans graduated from Booker T. Washington High School. He retired from Roadway Trucking Company after 35 years of service and a member of the Teamster Union. He also served as the first President of the Laurel Hill Men’s Club. He was currently employed with Richland County School District Two Transportation Office.

Robert was affectionately known as “Peanut” by his brothers and “Slim” or “Knobble” by his friends. He was an avid lifelong Pittsburgh Steeler fan (#steeler#1fan).

He was proceeded in death by a daughter, Robin Ryans; sister, Willie Mae Ryans; brothers, Anthony, Arthur, and Thomas Ryans; and a son, Ricardo “Carlos” Rickard.

Deacon Robert Ryans Jr. leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Shirley Rickard Ryans; daughters, Tametris R. Ryans and Monica Rickard-Jacobs; son, Ronnie L. Ryans; siblings, Hattie Green, Francena (Prince) Oneal, Marilyn (Claude) Roberts, and Joseph (Mary Ann) Cornish; grandchildren, Kelsey and Khalil Jacobs; great-granddaughter, Kemiya Jacobs; a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and adopted children.

Order of Service

Prelude
Processional
Viewing.....Funeral Directors
Opening Hymn.....New Laurel Street Brotherhood Choir
Scripture Readings.....Reverend Catherine Woodson
Prayer.....Minister
Selection..... New Laurel Street Brotherhood Choir
Remarks Mr. Sammy Sims, Friend
Mr. Shondell “Hurk” Ricks
Mr. Robert White, Supervisor
Ms. LaToyer Furbush
Selection.....New Laurel Street Baptist Church Choir
Words of Comfort.....Reverend Damion J. Brown
Recessional
Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Entombment

Elmwood Cemetery
501 Elmwood Avenue
Columbia, South Carolina

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Deacon Robert Ryans, Jr., would like to thank each of you for your prayers and support during the passing of our loved one. We pray that the Lord blesses each of you in a very special way.