

Miss Me But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road

And the sun has set for me,

I want no rites in a gloom-filled room

Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little - but not too long

And not with your head bowed low.

Remember the love that we once shared,

Miss me-but let me go.

For this is a journey that we all must take

And each must go alone.

It's all a part of the Master's Plan,

A step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick at heart,

Go to the friends we know

And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds

Miss Me - But Let Me Go.

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Floral Bearers

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Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. Walter Lee Drakeford, would like to thank each of you for your prayers and support during the passing of our loved one. It is our prayer that the Lord blesses each of you in a very special way.

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3834 Heyward Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Services Entrusted To:

Taylor Street Chapel 1831 Taylor Street Columbia, SC 29201 (803)771-7799 I. S. Leevy Johnson -Owner & Director-	Leevy's FUNERAL HOME Chris Leevy Johnson -President & Managing Director-	Lower Richland Chapel 9120 Garners Ferry Road Hopkins, SC 29061 (803) 776-6922 Leverette A. Williams, II -General Manager-
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In
**Loving
Memory**
of
Mr. Walter Lee Drakeford



Saturday, November 25, 2023
3:00 p.m.

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

Reverend Dr. Stanley R. Ladson, Sr.
- Officiating -

*Obituary
of
Mr. Walter Lee Drakeford*

Mr. Walter Lee Drakeford was born on November 12, 1942, to the late Elias Drakeford and Lula Wright Drakeford, in Kershaw, South Carolina. He entered eternal rest on Saturday, November 18, 2023.

Walter grew up in Kershaw County, South Carolina, where he attended Hillside High School. He was very athletic and loved all kinds of sporting activities. In high school, he excelled in football and basketball, but his favorite sport was baseball. At an early age, Walter attended First Baptist Church, in Kershaw, South Carolina. Walter joined and served in the United States Army from 1967-1969, where he was stationed at Fort Bragg. He was honorably discharged in 1969.

Walter pursued many interesting careers while living in South Carolina. He moved to New York in 1961 to seek better job opportunities. In 1969, he began working for General Motors, in Tarrytown, New York, as a vehicle spray painter. He retired from General Motors in 1996. After retiring, Walter returned to Columbia, South Carolina, moving in the Laurel Springs Summit Subdivision, until his passing.

His favorite pastime included: solving crossword puzzles, reading, and watching all types of sporting activities. He was a diehard fan of the New York Yankees baseball team.

In addition to his parents, Walter was preceded in death by his daughter, Evelyn Funderburk.

Mr. Walter Lee Drakeford leaves to cherish his memory: his loving wife of 50 years of the home, Jacqueline P. Drakeford; one grandson, Robert Gurley, of Bronx, New York; two brothers, Eddie (Antionette) Drakeford, of Brooklyn, New York and Sammie Lee Drakeford, of Kershaw, South Carolina; one sister, Eloise Drakeford, of Columbia, South Carolina; sisters-in-law, Helen Drakeford, of Clinton, South Carolina, Joan Warfield, of New York, New York, and Alethia Reid, of Columbia, South Carolina; a host of nieces, cousins, family, and friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

- Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Opening Selection“Move On Up A Little Higher”
Recording by: Mahalia Jackson
- Old and New Testaments.....Reverend Dr. Stanley R. Ladson, Sr.
- PrayerReverend Dr. Stanley R. Ladson, Sr.
- Selection.....“Precious Lord”
Recording by: Mahalia Jackson
- Words of ComfortReverend Dr. Stanley R. Ladson, Sr.
- Recessional
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction, and Interment

11:00 a.m., Thursday, November 30, 2023
Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road
Columbia, South Carolina