

Honorary Pallbearers

David Pearson

Morgan Shealy
Terry Pelzer, Jr.

James Ashford

Tribute

My heart is heavy, my love, I can't believe that you are gone. You gave me strength and courage. You were the anchor of the family; I will remember the good times and bad times. Even when your health was fading you continued to remain strong as you were trying to prepare me, you knew that time was drawing near. I know your presence will always be with me. I will always love you and miss you.

~Your Wife

Pallbearers

United States Army Honor Guard

Floral Bearers

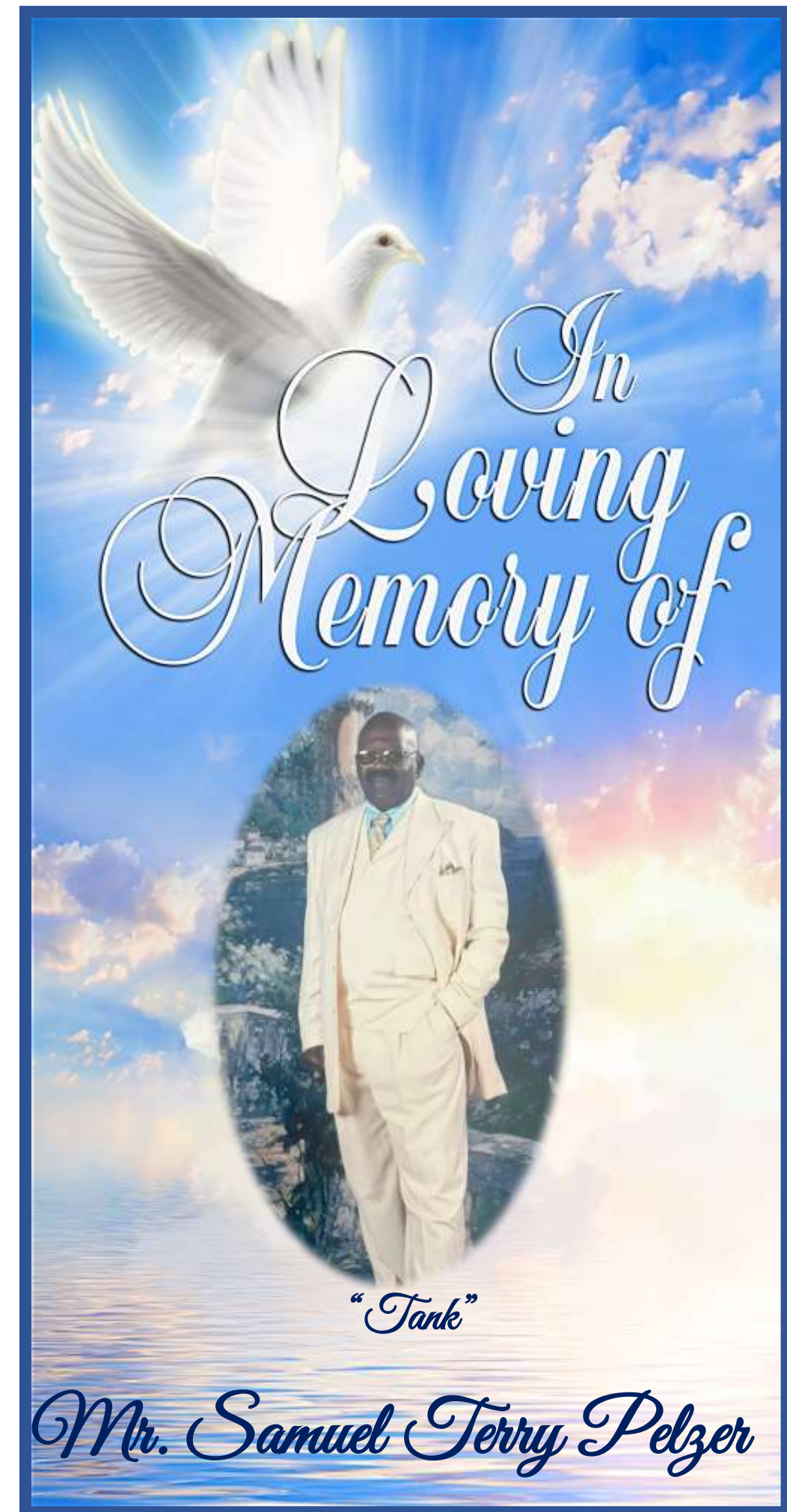
Booker T. Washington High School Class of 1964

Acknowledgement

The Pelzer Family would like to thank each of you for the many acts of kindness, phone calls, cards, and concern shown during our moment of grief. May God bless each of you.

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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Obituary

Mr. Samuel Terry Pelzer, affectionately known as “Tank,” was born March 22, 1943, in Columbia, South Carolina. He was the younger of two sons of the late Mr. Johnny and Mrs. Susie Jamison Pelzer. Tank entered eternal rest on Saturday, December 2, 2023 at Prisma Heart Hospital. His older brother, Johnny “Jocko” Pelzer, preceded him in death.

“Tank” grew up in the Wheeler Hill Community, where he began working as a newspaper carrier for *The Columbia Record* when he was in elementary school. He attended Celia Dial Saxon and Florence C. Benson Elementary Schools and Booker T. Washington High School. He earned the nickname “Tank” while he was still in Elementary School when, even in fifth and sixth grades, he was playing football with the older boys and running touchdowns through their lines like an army tank, thus learning the game - and earning the name, “Tank,” that followed him throughout his life. He wore the name proudly. While a B.T.W. Tornado, his touchdowns and heroics on the football field were often featured in *The State* and *The Columbia Record* newspapers, as well as the school’s own newspaper, *The Comet*.

“Tank” was an active and proud member of the Booker T. Washington High School Class of 1964. He and his wife annually served as hosts for his class meetings. He did not tell many people that he earned an associate degree from Midlands Technical College. “Tank” was a lifelong member of St. James A.M.E. Church, where he served as a Trustee, was active in the Sunday School Ministry, and the Usher Board Ministry. Over the years, he served on many committees and helped with many projects. When he saw a need at his beloved St. James, he handled it. Before his health declined and without being asked, he maintained the yards and the beauty of the church by mowing the grass and clipping the shrubbery regularly.

After the death of his parents, “Tank” was loved and treated as a son by his neighbors on the hill, Mr. Joe and Mrs. Laura Irving. She called him her godson and treated him with the care and love she had for her own children. He often laughed about the times she would call Booker Washington to see if he was in school or not, and if not, she would come looking for him to see why not and how long was it going to take for him to get down to Booker.

At a young age, “Tank” joined the United States Army and served his country. He was a member of the 175th Maintenance Division and travelled across the country and Germany on assignments. “Tank” retired from the United States Army as a Heavy Equipment Operator after 25 years of service.

In 1970, Tank asked Rosa Catherine “Cat” Brown to become his wife. She said, “yes!” He was happy ever since. “Tank” liked to eat, and as he often said, “Cat can cook!” They were proud parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents. He adored them and enjoyed spoiling them all.

“Tank” leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Rosa “Cat” Brown Pelzer; a son, Terry Pelzer; two daughters, Rosalind (Ray) Robinson and Yolonda Charise Pelzer; six grandchildren, Terinesha, Terry Jr., Kihana, Rasheed, Joshua, and Kai; five great-grandchildren, Samiya, Kaiden, Kharis, Alliya and Kalilah; two brothers-in-law, Samuel “Bobby” Brown and Darnell Fleming; a host of other loving family and friends.

Memories



Funeral Service
 Friday, December 8, 2023 – 11:00 a.m.

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

Reverend Dr. Mary Glisson, Senior Pastor, Officiating

- Prelude.....Mr. Roosevelt McLamore
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Opening Hymn.....Ms. Erika Lorick and Ms. Tara Terry
- Invocation.....Ms. Tara Terry
- Prayer.....Reverend Dr. Mary Glisson
- Scripture Readings:
 - Old Testament.....Bishop Theodore Jenkins
 - Psalm 23
 - New Testament.....Reverend Adelia Davis
 - John 14:1-7
- Selection.....Ms. Erika Lorick and Ms. Tara Terry
- Remarks:
 - Class Leader.....Sister Joann Grant
 - Booker T. Washington Class of 1963.....Mr. Ernie Glymph
 - Family.....Ms. Kihana Pelzer
- Poem.....Mr. Terry Pelzer
- Selection.....Ms. Shanté Golden
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Danté W. Kenly
- Recessional.....Mr. Johnathan Jones, *Saxophonist*
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction, and Interment

1:00 p.m.
Fort Jackson National Cemetery
 4170 Percival Road
 Columbia, South Carolina

