

Obituary

We celebrate the life of Dr. Michael Fredrick Rudolph, Sr. born October 9, 1942, in Chicago, Illinois to the late Theodore Rudolph and Mildred Cisco Bennett Rudolph.

Dr. Rudolph was preceded in death by his stepmother, Marion Rudolph; one son, Bryan David Rudolph; brothers, Pasquale Bennett, Eddie Zimmons, and Michael Zimmons; and one sister, Laura Rudolph.

He received a Doctor of Chiropractic Degree in 1982, from Cleveland Chiropractic College, in Los Angeles, California. Dr. Rudolph worked for many years as a Supervisor of Pulmonary Labs at Rancho Los Amigos Hospital, in Downey, California.

Dr. Rudolph was a kind, jovial, loving, and generous man whose warm voice and lovely smile brightened everyone around him. He was dedicated to his family and never met a stranger. He was an exceptional musician who played xylophone, flute, and piano amongst other instruments. Dr. Rudolph composed many beautiful Christian and Island Style songs. He even recorded an album.

He loved to travel especially to islands, beaches, and wherever there was water. This was one reason why he chose to reside in Hilo, Hawaii for 37 years.

Dr. Michael Fredrick Rudolph, Sr leaves to cherish his memory: his loving wife of 57 ½ years, Dora Lee Ware Rudolph, of Columbia, South Carolina; two handsome sons, Michael Rudolph, Jr., of Hilo, HI and Dr. Gerald (Allyson) Rudolph, of Columbia, SC; four grandchildren, Bryan Allen Rudolph, Naomi Rudolph, Noah Rudolph, and Rubye Rudolph, all of Columbia, SC; brothers, Prince Bennett, of Chicago, IL. Melvin Zimmons, of Los Angeles, CA, and Charles (Donna) Zimmons, of Long Beach, CA; sisters, Theodora Harris, Los Angeles, CA and Marion (Michael) Taylor, of Victorville, CA; and hanai daughter, April Purnell, of Lynwood, CA; a host of other loving relatives, and friends.

Memories



Order of Service

- Prelude.....Dr. Marquita Daniels, Musician
- Processional..... “You’ve Got To Move”
Recording by: Fred McDowell
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Opening Hymn.....“Amazing Grace”
- Scripture Readings:
 - Psalm 1 – Mrs. Elaine Dowdy Melvin
 - Psalm 46 – Ms. Naomi Rudolph
 - Psalm 90 – Mrs. Allyson Rudolph
- Prayer.....Reverend Donnie Chambers
- Selection.....“The Promise”
Recording by: André Crouch
- Selection..... “He Is Lord”.....Dr. Marquita Daniels
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend Donnie Chambers
- Selection.....“Going Up Yonder”
- Recessional.....“Just Remember”
Recording by: Nancy Wilson
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction, and Interment

Woodlawn Cemetery
10216 Farrow Road
Columbia, South Carolina

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not here to see,
If the sun should rise and find your eyes, filled with tears for
me.

I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today,
while thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me, as much as I love you,
and each time you think of me, I know you'll miss me too.
When tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand
That an angel came and called my name and took me by the
hand

The angel said my place was ready in heaven far above
And that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.
But when I walked through Heaven's gate, I felt so much at
home

When God looked down and smiled at me from His great
golden throne.

He said, "This is eternity and all I've promised you."

Today my life on earth is past, but here it starts anew

I promise no tomorrow but today will always last
And since each day's the same day, there's no longing for the
past.

So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far
apart,

For every time, you think of me, I'm right there in your heart.



Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Dr. Michael Fredrick Rudolph, Sr., would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to all who have shown comforting expressions of love, sympathy, and prayers during the passing of our loved one. Our hearts will always be grateful for your kindness, as we pray for a special blessing to be bestowed upon each one of you.

Services Entrusted To:

| | | |
|---|--|--|
| Taylor Street Chapel 1831 Taylor Street Columbia, SC 29201 (803)771-7799 E. 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- |
|---|--|--|

Homegoing Celebration In Loving Memory of Dr. Michael Fredrick Rudolph, Sr.



Saturday, January 6, 2024
3:00 p.m.

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

Reverend Donnie Chambers
-Officiating-