

## *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

## *Acknowledgement*

We, the family of the Mr. James Franklin Bouknight, are sincerely grateful to the many people who have given us support during this time of loss. A special thank you to our family, caregivers, friends, Prisma Health, Rest Assured Hospice and Home Care, SC House Calls, and MSA Home & Hospice.

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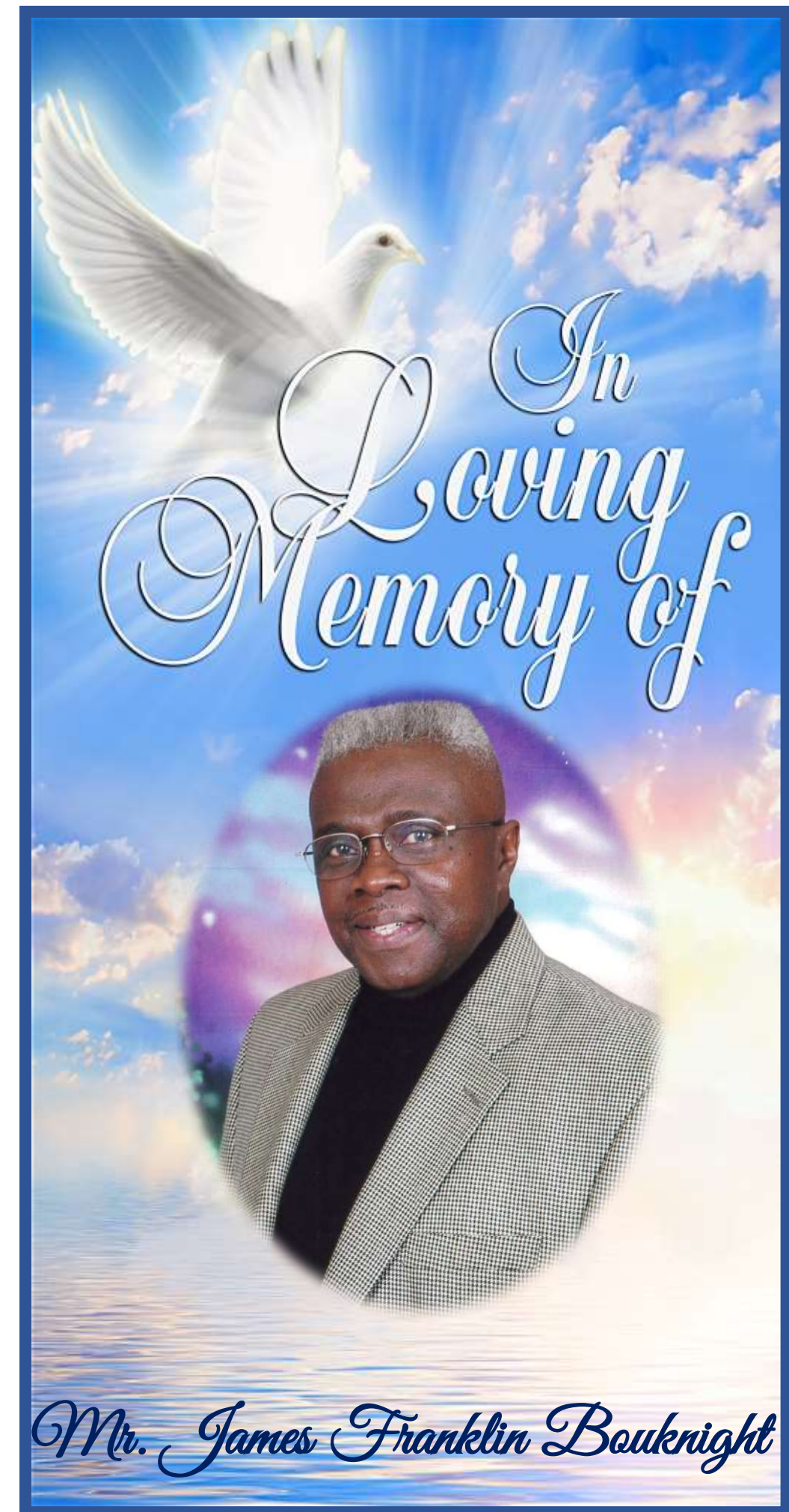
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# Obituary of Mr. James Franklin Bouknight

Mr. James Franklin Bouknight was born on November 20, 1949, in Ballentine, South Carolina. He was the son of the late Freddie Bouknight and Maggie Johnson. James departed this life and transitioned to his heavenly home on Saturday, January 27, 2024.

James was raised in Ballentine, South Carolina and graduated from Richtex High School. He was employed by Mepco Co. and Pontiac Foods for over 25 years.

James was a member of First Nazareth Baptist Church, where he served as a Trustee and a member of the choir.

He enjoyed fishing, cooking on the grill, and watching television in his favorite recliner. James was also the proud owner of a successful landscaping business, JB's Landscaping. James was known across the city for his beautiful horticulture work.

Mr. James Franklin Bouknight leaves to cherish is memory: his mother, Maggie Johnson; his loving and dedicated wife, Sarah Bouknight; a son, Franklin (Tameka) Bouknight; three daughters, Ashley (S. Latoria) Bouknight-Claybrooks, Debbie (Tony) Magwood, and N. Gail (Willie) Bouknight-Felder; three sisters, Ella Allen, Michele Bouknight-Hart and Lisa Johnson; a host of grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other loving relatives, and caring friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

## Memories



*Funeral Service*  
*Friday, February 2, 2024 - 12:00 Noon*

*First Nazareth Baptist Church*  
*2351 Gervais Street*  
*Columbia, South Carolina*



Prelude  
 Processional  
 Viewing.....Funeral Directors  
 Opening Hymn.....FNBC Choir  
 Old Testament.....Minister  
 New Testament.....Minister  
 Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Blakely N. Scott  
  
 Selection.....Ms. Annie Ruth Bolton  
 Remarks.....Dr. Ashley B. Claybrooks  
 Selection.....Ms. Annie Ruth Bolton  
 Words of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Blakely N. Scott  
 Recessional  
 Postlude



*Committal, Benediction, and Interment*

**Lincoln Cemetery**  
**4900 Farrow Road**  
**Columbia, South Carolina**