

Miss Me But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road.
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 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.

Honorary Pallbearers

Barron Hart, Jr. Walt Jackson Michael Thurland
Billy Jefferson Rick Jefferson Gregory Yarborough
Quintin Yarborough

Pallbearers

Jibril Jefferson Jaleel Jefferson Elijah Jefferson
Aunray Standord Marvon Hardy Jah-liv Crawlle
Uhuru Sosa Crawlle

Floral Bearers

Regina Reed Artise McCoy Tacarra Cook
Tylea Yarborough Melanie Hassell Jackie Pearson
Tammy Wells Olanna Morales Cecile Washington

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. Keith Darrell Jefferson, wish to acknowledge and thank everyone for the many acts of kindness and courtesies shown to us during this time. Your prayers and other expressions of sympathy have been a blessing to us. May God bless each of you and keep you in His care.

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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*Homegoing Service
Celebrating the Life*

of

MR. KEITH DARRELL JEFFERSON



SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024
1:00 P.M.

SAINT JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH
3404 WEST BELTLINE BOULEVARD
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

REVEREND DR. JAMEY O. GRAHAM, SR.
PASTOR

Obituary

Mr. Keith Darrell Jefferson was born on April 16, 1957, in Columbia, South Carolina. He was the second of six children born to the late Herbert Sr. and Colletta Dreher Jefferson. He departed this life on Wednesday, January 10, 2024.

Keith was educated in the public schools of New York City. He graduated from The Gunnery (High School), in Washington, Connecticut in 1975. While there, he excelled in both football and basketball. He attended Union College in Schenectady, New York.

He then began his career in the flower industry, where flowers became his passion. In fact, he was more than just a florist, he was both the Picasso and the Rembrandt of flowers. Keith mastered his craft at Strakes Flowers, Inc. in New York City. He then ventured and started his own flower shop in Harlem named the Uptown Garden. In 1993, Keith took his talents to St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, where he became the proud owner of Flowers and Things Inc. He later began a second career at Home Depot and Lowe's.

In 1992, Keith married the love of his life, Denise Marie Thurland. They built a beautiful life together over the course of thirty-two years in both the U.S. Virgin Islands and Columbia, SC. He loved St. Croix and one of his favorite pastimes was spending time with Denise on the beach.

Upon returning to Columbia, SC in 2018, Keith's faith in God led him to worship at Saint John Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by both of his parents, Herbert Sr. and Colletta Jefferson.

Gone, but never forgotten, Keith leaves the following family members to cherish his memory: his loving wife, Denise Thurland-Jefferson; his brothers, Herbert Jefferson, Jr., of Columbia, SC, Kelvin (Everlena) Jefferson, of Riverdale, NY, Tyrone (Tricia) Jefferson, of Hampton, GA, Derrick Thompson, and Michael (Annette) Robertson, both of Columbia, SC; sisters, Gail Jefferson and Anitra Jefferson, both of Columbia, SC; brothers-in-law, Michael (Jamelia) Thurland, of Columbia, SC, Jean Andre (Elizabeth) Thurland and Pierre Thurland, both of St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands; sisters-in-law, Michelle (Rafael) Martinez and Angeli Ferdschneider, both of St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands; ten nephews; ten nieces; five great-nephews; eight great-nieces; one goddaughter; niece, Adia Jefferson, of Bronxville, NY; two uncles; twelve aunts; a host of other relatives and friends. Keith and Denise were very fond of Jah-Liv, Sosa, and Olanna and treated them as their very own. He also loved his Home Depot and Lowe's family in St. Croix and Columbia, SC. Keith loved all his family and family meant everything to him.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

- Musical Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Opening Hymn....."Amazing Grace"Grands, Inc.
Ms. Lyrrick Curry, Niece, Violinist
- Old Testament.....Psalm 23.....Deacon Reginald Rearden, Cousin
- New Testament.....Revelation 21:1-4.....Reverend Alphonso Counts
Saint John Baptist Church
- Prayer.....Reverend Dr. Michael Ross
New Ebenezer Baptist Church
- Musical Selection....."You Are My Strength"Grands, Inc.
- Remarks.....Mr. Anthony Heyward, Friend
Mrs. Arbra Lewis, Cousin
Ms. Adia Jefferson, Niece
Mr. Herbert Jefferson, Jr., Brother
- Musical Selection..... "Something About The Name Jesus" ...Grands, Inc.
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Jamey O. Graham, Sr.
- Recessional..... "By And By"Grands, Inc.
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

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