

Tribute

*I'll always remember you & your beautiful soul ...
Your gentle nature & smile that never got old ...
The way you were always kind to everyone you knew ...
& How you always loved like Jesus intended for us to...
The true definition of a man of God.
I think that's why letting go is so hard.
You never judged ... You only loved ...
Opened arms with the warmest of hugs to embrace...
No matter the situation you always extended grace...
God filled you with a spirit that words cannot explain...
You gave so much of yourself; never did you complain.
Never did you let go or give in
You had a race to run & was determined to win.
The lessons you taught me are some I'll always hold
dear... Lessons of patience, strength,
how to yet love & to always keep God near.
You were truly one of a kind ...
It always surprised me, the way you always knew the right
things to say to ease a troubled mind...
Your laughter had the power to lighten up the cloudiest of
days. A man as wise as Solomon,
we could truly learn from your ways...
Just watching the life, you lived caused my faith to be
restored. Because No matter what you faced in life, you
always leaned on the Lord. As you danced like David &
praised your way through it all.
Even up until the very moment that you answered God's
call... Although it hurts to know you're not here with us
anymore, I promise we'll be just fine.
We have peace & find refuge in knowing, that you got in
God's army in due time.*

-Joy Walker-McRae

Pallbearers

**Nephews
&
Deacons of Progressive Church**

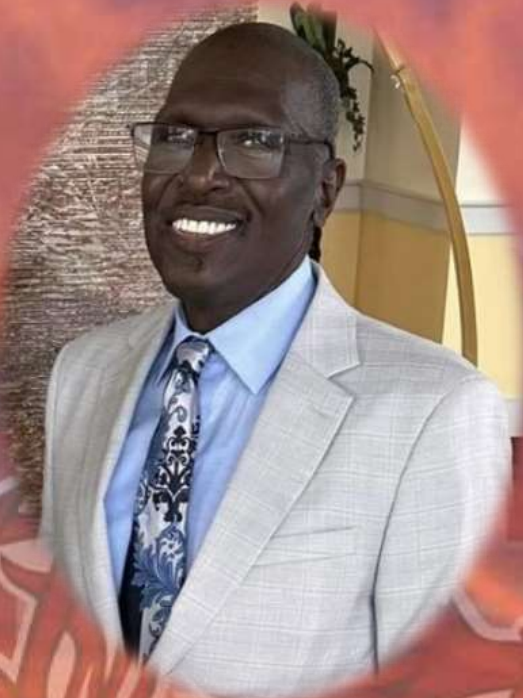
Floral Bearers

**Nieces
&
The Women's Auxiliary of Progressive Church**

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Deacon Kenneth Carmichael, Sr., would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all that assisted our family during the transition of our dearly beloved Deacon Carmichael. A special thank you to Bishop David S. Johnson, Sr. (whom he loved dearly), The Progressive Church Family, the Greenville Hospital Cancer Institution, Dr. William Bolton (who was more than a doctor, but a friend) and Staff. Also, a special thank you to Fresenius Kidney Care and Staff.

Celebration of *Life* Deacon **Kenneth Carmichael, Sr.**



“A Man After God's Own Heart”

Saturday, February 24, 2024

1:00 p.m.

**Progressive Church of Our
Lord Jesus Christ
6844 Lower Richland Boulevard
Hopkins, South Carolina**

**Bishop David S. Johnson, Sr.
-Pastor-**

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Obituary of

Deacon Kenneth Carmichael, Sr.

Deacon Kenneth Carmichael, Sr. was born June 6, 1956, in Columbia, South Carolina. He was the son of the late David Carmichael Sr. and Flossie Allen Carmichael. Deacon Carmichael was called to glory on Sunday, February 18, 2024 at Bamberg-Barnwell Emergency Center, in Denmark South Carolina.

Deacon Carmichael was educated in the public schools of Richland County, South Carolina and was graduate of Dreher High School. He was employed with the University of South Carolina for 34 ½ years. Kenneth was also employed with the Columbia Housing Authority for 15 years.

He became a member of Progressive Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Hopkins, South Carolina and was baptized on February 24, 1980. Deacon Kenneth was licensed as a Deacon at Progressive Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Hopkins, South Carolina in 2013.

Kenneth married the former Deborah Bolton and to their union of 45 years of love, three sons were born, whom they loved dearly. He loved his wife and often spoiled her when he could. His conversations with others always ended with talks of his wife and his adoration for his sons. Kenneth considered his wife his best friend and the crown jewel of his treasury.

Kenny, as he was affectionately called, was caring, loving, and full of smiles. While having love for his own children, he also extended his love to all young people. *Kenny* never met a stranger and often began to witness to them about Jesus. His smile was contagious and very heartfelt.

In addition to his parents, Kenneth was preceded in death by his brothers, Ronald Carmichael, Tyrone Carmichael, and Larry Carmichael; and his uncles, John Allen, James Allen, Theodore Carmichael, and Herbert Carmichael.

Deacon Kenneth Carmichael, Sr. leaves precious memories to be cherished by: his wife, Deborah J. Carmichael; three sons, Elder Kenneth L. (Melinda) Carmichael, Jr., Jaurvis D. Carmichael, and Elder Jonathan D. (Amanda) Carmichael; brothers, David (Sandra) Carmichael, Jr., and John (Angela) Carmichael; sisters, Debra (Nathaniel) Seawright, Donna (Ralph) Miller, Kathleen Kirkland, and Ursula Isaac; uncle, Daniel Allen; five grandchildren, Bryana, Kenneth III, Keondre, Keymor, and Morgan; godchildren, Derrick James, William C. Golston, Jr., Amber Smith, Joy Walker-McRae, and Evani Harris, Christopher Xavier Cain, and Delmorris DeVonté Cain; special godmother, Dorothy Smith; a host of nieces, nephews, many other loving relatives, and caring friends

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

Minister David S. Johnson, Jr., Presiding

- Prelude.....“Highway To Heaven”
- Processional.....Clergy and Family
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Musical Selection.....Hopkins Combined Choir
“He’s Able”
- Old Testament.....Minister Craig Boykins
- New Testament.....Deacon Henry Smith
- Prayer.....Deacon Ernest Albergottie
- Musical Selection.....Hopkins Combined Choir
“My Help”
- Remarks.....Ms. Lenora Crum, MSW
Ms. Patriece Page, RN
Elder Kenneth L. Carmichael, Jr.
Mr. Jaurvis D. Carmichael
Elder Jonathan D. Carmichael
- Solo.....Mother Deborah J. Carmichael
- Acknowledgements.....Sister Sheila Albergottie
- Musical Selection.....Hopkins Combined Choir
“He’ll Welcome Me”
- Words of Comfort.....Bishop David S. Johnson, Sr.
- Recessional..... “I Got In The Army In Due Time”
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction, and Interment
Progressive Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ Cemetery
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