Pallbearers

James Russ Malachi Hardy James L. Davis Michael Hardy

and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Floral Bearers

First Calvary Women's Senior Missionary

In the fell clutch of circumstance I have not winced nor cried aloud. Under the bludgeonings of chance My head is bloody, but unbowed.

Invictus

Out of the night that covers me,

I thank whatever gods may be

Black as the pit from pole to pole,

For my unconquerable soul.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears Looms but the Horror of the shade, And yet the menace of the years Finds and shall find me unafraid.

It matters not how strait the gate, How charged with punishments the scroll, I am the master of my fate, I am the captain of my soul.

<u>Acknowledgements</u>

We, the family of Mr. James Roland Ruff, Jr., 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.

Special thank you to his caregivers for the untiring care of Jimmie over the years. We thank You.



Saturday, February 17, 2024 11:00 a.m.

Celebration of Life In Loving Memory Mr. James Roland Ruff, Jr.

First Calvary Baptist Church **1401 Pine Street** Columbia, South Carolina

Reverend Dr. Samuel K. Lewis -Officiating-

Obituary of Mr. James Roland "Jimmie" Ruff, Jr.

Mr. James Roland Ruff, Jr. (Jimmie) was born April 28, 1940, in Charleston, South Carolina. He was the only child of the late Dr. James Roland and Grace Lily Gist Ruff of Union, South Carolina. The family resided in Columbia, South Carolina. He departed this life at 11:53 pm. Saturday, February 10, 2024.

Mr. Ruff was educated in the Richland One Schools, Columbia, South Carolina. He graduated from C. A. Johnson High School (1957), Benedict College (1961) with a BS Degree in Biology, and S. C. State University with an M.Ed. in Secondary School Administration.

In high school, he played in the band and participated in track and field. He was an excellent swimmer who worked for over 36 years at Drew Park Swimming Pool, earning WSI certifications as he worked as a lifeguard, then Assistant Manager and finally Manager for numerous years after Mr. Thomas S. Martin retired. He holds many swimming honors.

Mr. Ruff worked for over 30 years in the Lexington Two Schools. He taught Science at Lakeview High School and Busbee Middle School. Later he was promoted to Assistant Principal. Then he worked as Assistant Principal at Northside and finally Fulmer Middle School.

His hobbies included: professional photographer, short-wave radio operator, antique and stamp collector, as well a Popular Science "Do it Yourself" kind of guy.

Mr. Ruff was baptized and became a member of First Calvary Baptist Church at an early age. He was a member of the FC Boy Scouts and later became a FC Trustee. He was also a member of the Madrigal Choir and Jubilee Choir.

He has been a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Alpha Psi Lambda Chapter for 64 years. He taught Red Cross Water Safety and participated in Big Brothers and Sisters. Mr. Ruff has documented numerous events in the communities he has served through his photography, sharing of Drew Park, Lakeview High School, and the Waverly Communities. His photos and video tapings of Dr. Edwin Russell, Mrs. Ethel Bolden, Drew Park Swimming, and the Lakeview High School are all recorded as a part of our history in South Carolina.

Having been happily married for 52 years, Mr. Ruff leaves to mourn his passing: his wife, Doris Mack Ruff; one son, James (JR) Ruff III, of Columbia, SC; one daughter, April (Lamont) Ruff Davis, of West Columbia, South Carolina; one granddaughter, Brystol Davis; two grandsons, James Roland IV and Noah Robert Ruff; brothers and sisters-in-law, John Mack, Markus and Melba Hardy, and, Rachel Mack; cousin, Penny Ruff; a host of other loving relatives and caring friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Memories





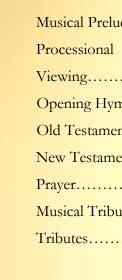












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A Service of Remembrance

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Committal, Benediction, and Interment

Greenlawn Memorial Gardens 7100 Garners Ferry Road Columbia, South Carolina