

Pallbearers

United States Army Honor Guard

Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

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.

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

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9120 Garners Ferry Road
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In Honor of your Memory

MSG (Ret) James Beckham III



Wednesday, March 20, 2024
12:00 Noon

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

Reverend Anita McCarthy, Officiating

Obituary

MSG (Ret) James Beckham III was born September 7, 1939, in Mobile, Alabama. He was the son of the late James Beckham, Jr. and Ruth King. He departed this life on March 9, 2024, in Ballentine, South Carolina, at the age of 84.

MSG (Ret) James Beckham III served his country proudly as a soldier and retired from the United States Army in 1986. MSG (Ret) Beckham served two combat tours in Vietnam and received the Bronze Star Medal. In addition, only to name a few he was awarded the Army Achievement Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal. A few years after his military retirement, he began a career in the automotive industry, retiring 28 years later. He was a fanatic of college and professional football. His favorite teams were the Alabama Crimson Tide (Roll Tide) of the University of Alabama and the Carolina Panthers. He was also a huge fan of the University of South Carolina's Women's Basketball Team and the Los Angeles Lakers.

In addition to his parents, MSG (Ret) Beckham was preceded in death by his son, Derrick Beckham; his brothers, Larry Beckham and Lamont Beckham.

MSG (Ret) James Beckham III is survived by his loving wife of 30 years, Anita Beckham; his children, Tina Beckham (Marcus), Jason Beckham, Daniel (Ashley) Beckham, James Beckham IV, Felicia Beckham, LaToya (Undra) Dinkins, and Antonio (Jackie) Beckham; his brothers, Thomas Beckham and Michael (Michelle) Beckham; a host of grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Acknowledgement

Our sorrow at the loss of our loved one is somewhat easier to bear because of your kindness. Your sympathy in our recent loss will long be remembered. Thank you sincerely for all that you have done for us in our time of need. The family also sends an expression of gratitude to Dr. Robert J. Collins III, Oncologist at SC Oncology Associated and Heart of Hospice.

Order of Service

- Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Opening Hymn.....Voices of Praises Rehoboth Baptist Church
"Do Not Pass Me By"
- Old Testament.....Deaconess Elaine Booker
- New Testament.....Mrs. Donna Brice
- Prayer of Comfort.....Deacon Robert Booker
- Remarks.....Mr. Robert (Mac) McMillion-El
Mr. Jerry Hammond
- Solo.....Voices of Praise Rehoboth Baptist Church
" I Am Free"
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend Anita McCarthy
Associate Minister, Rehoboth Baptist Church
- Recessional
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

2:00 p.m.
Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Rod
Columbia, South Carolina