

Obituary

Mr. Leon Albert Goodwin, Sr., affectionately known as Simp/38, was born on July 15, 1945, in Columbia, South Carolina to Belton Goodwin and Annie Bell Jones Goodwin. He departed this life on Monday, April 15, 2024.

Mr. Goodwin was raised in the Taylors and Edisto Court Communities in Columbia, SC. He was educated in the Richland County School System and graduated from Booker T. Washington High School, Class of 1963. An avid sport fan and athlete, he spent many days playing basketball at Hyatt Park. He was a loyal Boston Celtics Fan who always watched their games.

He was employed by various companies such as Argus Camera, U. S. Textiles, Whirlpool, and Richland Memorial Hospital.

He was preceded in death by: his parents, Belton and Annie Bell Goodwin; brothers, Samuel (Fannie Mae) Goodwin, Belton Goodwin (Rebecca), and Clarence Goodwin; a sister, Jessie Mae Goodwin; and a daughter, Stephanie Goodwin.

Mr. Leon Albert Goodwin leaves to mourn his passing: his wife of fifty-seven (57) years, Bessie Hopkins Goodwin; sons, Michael Tucker, of Atlanta, GA and Leon A. Goodwin, Jr., of Columbia, SC; daughters, Felicia Goodwin, Christel (Daren) Harris and Sonya Jones, all of Columbia, SC; three grandson whom he raised, Adam (Wanda) Goodwin, Brandon and Adrian Goodwin; siblings, Ira (Joyce) Goodwin, Wayne Burgess, and Corolette Goodwin, all of Columbia, SC; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, many other loving relatives and caring friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Memories



Order of Service

- Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Opening Hymn.....Mr. Billy Jefferson
- Old Testament.....Deacon Douglas Hopkins
- New Testament.....Evangelist Diane Stewart
- Prayer.....Pastor Jerome Goodwin
- Musical Selection.....Ms. Angela Bryant
- Remarks.....Deacon Bobby Diamond, Family Friend
Mr. Adam Goodwin, Grandson
Deacon June Brown, Lifelong Friend
- Musical Selection.....Mr. Billy Jefferson
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend Flavian Coleman
- Recessional.....Ms. Angela Bryant
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

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

Footprints

One night I dreamed a dream. As I was walking along the beach with my Lord. Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life. For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand, One belonging to me and one to my Lord.

After the last scene of my life flashed before me, I looked back at the footprints in the sand.

I noticed that at many times along the path of my life, especially at the very lowest and saddest times, there was only one set of footprints.

This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it.

"Lord, you said once I decided to follow you, You'd walk with me all the way. But I noticed that during the saddest and most troublesome times of my life, there was only one set of footprints.

I don't understand why, when I needed You the most, You would leave me."

He whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will never leave you

Never, ever, during your trials and testings.

When you saw only one set of footprints, It was then that I carried you."

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Floral Bearers

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Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. Leon Albert Goodwin, would like to thank each of you for your love, support and expressions of love shown to us during the passing of our loved one. It is our prayer that the Lord blesses each of you in a very special way. A special thank you to Adrian Goodwin for taking great care of his grandfather.

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Second Union Baptist Church
116 Andrews Road
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Services Entrusted To:

Taylor Street Chapel 1831 Taylor Street Columbia, SC 29201 (803)771-7799 T. 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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Celebration of Life In Loving Memory of Mr. Leon Albert Goodwin



Sunday, April 20, 2024
1:00 p.m.

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

Reverend Flavian Coleman
-Officiating-