

When I Think of You

A reflection of God's truest love comes to mind
My heart wishes we could press rewind

I think of all the times
you picked me up when I was down
You were the most gentle, kindest, and compassionate man
around

My heart misses you, every second of the day
I could have never imagined that it would be this way

Even though earthly lives are temporary, you exceeded our
expectations
Your 77 years deserve a lifetime of celebration

I'll be loving you, always
And I'll cherish our time, forever

Your prayers have protected me in all my endeavors
There could never be enough words to describe what you mean
to me

But my heart is full in knowing that you've been set free
I am everything I am, because you loved me.

Love,
GRINDaddy's Baby
Ashleigh
Forever

Honorary Pallbearers

C.A. Johnson High School Class of 1965

Pallbearers

Gunter's Chapel Baptist Church Trustees
&
The Brotherhood Ministry

Honorary Floral Bearers

C.A. Johnson High School Class of 1965

Floral Bearers

Gunter's Chapel Baptist Church Missionary
&
The Women of Gunter's Chapel Baptist Church

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Deacon Joseph Earl Geiger, would like to express our sincere gratitude to those of you who so kindly celebrated his life along with us. Your kindness and support will always remain in our hearts. In Loving Memory of "Joe," thank you all & may God bless each of you.

With Love,
The Geiger Family

*Homegoing Service
Celebrating the Life
of*

DEACON JOSEPH EARL GEIGER



TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2024
11:00 A.M.

GUNTER'S CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
1631 WINDOVER ROAD
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

REVEREND JOHNNY C. BUSH
-PASTOR-

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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The Legacy of Deacon Joseph Earl Geiger

On October 1, 1946, in Columbia, South Carolina a gift was born to the world in the person of Joseph Earl Geiger. God began writing his story and entrusted him to the late David Geiger, Sr., Annie Ruth Miller-Geiger, and his stepfather, Charles King. In addition to his parents, Joe was preceded in death by his brothers, David Geiger, Jr. and Bobby Geiger; one sister, Mary E. Williams; two sisters-in-law, Mary Louise Adams and Shirley (Charles) Parham; one special nephew, Kenny Geiger; and two goddaughters, Gwendolyn Noble and Michelle Gladman.

Deacon Joseph Earl Geiger was affectionately known as "Joe," to his family and friends. In his early years, Joe played on the Edgewood Little League Team. He was the best first baseman in the state! His competitive spirit led them to winning championships. Joe attended the public schools of Richland County and graduated from C.A. Johnson High School, Class of 1965. During his high school years, Joe was known for being funny and enjoying the company of his seven siblings. He also met the love of his life, Barbara, who rocked his world.

There were many special events in Joe's life, but his marriage to Barbara on June 2, 1966, stood out among them. He loved her with all his heart. From that union, Ronica and Kevin were born. His love for his children was reflected in his everyday life.

Joe was baptized at Bethlehem Baptist Church, where he was also ordained as a Deacon. While there, he founded the Bethlehem Baptist Praise Dancers, served as the Superintendent for Sunday school, became the president of the city-wide Jubilee Union, and was the Principal of Vacation Bible School. Joe later joined Gunter's Chapel Church under the leadership of the late Reverend Louis Gunter, where he was an active Deacon.

Joe was a pillar in his community. His leadership in the community earned him the nickname "Mayor of the Belvedere Neighborhood." Among his honors, he was awarded the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. leadership award for outstanding community service, and he was the 32nd award winner to volunteer for The Columbia Housing Authority to ensure the beautification of lawn care. He also volunteered in Richland One and Two School Districts. Joe had a heart for young people. He coached his son's little league baseball team, which won numerous championships and awards. He also coached the Cardinals, his grandchildren's little league baseball team. He continued to coach them into adulthood.

Joe was a loving, talented, funny, and caring person with a big personality. He loved telling jokes, fishing, watching sports and movies, skating, and playing basketball and baseball. He was best known for cooking on his grill, making his "special" chicken, and sharing his gifts with us all. His favorite pastime was sharing memories from his childhood living in Allen-Benedict Court.

Deacon Joseph Earl Geiger shined his light for 77 full years. On May 1, 2024, Joe departed this earthly life and is with our Heavenly Father. Joe lived to laugh, shout, love, DANCE, and brought happiness to all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Deacon Joseph Geiger leaves to cherish precious memory: with his wife, Barbara Geiger of Columbia, SC; his two children, Ronica (Wayne) Henry and Kevin Geiger (Jo-Jo) both of Columbia, SC; his three loving sisters, two brothers-in-law, and one sister-in-law, Helen (Elder Ernest) Priester, Doris Geiger, Debra King, Deacon Adam Williams, and Alvenia Adams all of Columbia, SC; seven beautiful grandchildren, Ashleigh, Shaylyn, Taylor, Kevin, Justin, Kameron, and Isaiah; two godchildren, Felecia and Charlene; honorary brothers, Frank Chapman, Deacon Gilbert Adams, Deacon Ronald Sewell, Sonny Sanders, Leon Middleton, Deacon Pete Pendergrass, and Lonnie Jones; A special niece and nephew, Shawn Tucker and Erica Geiger; a host of treasured nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

- Musical Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Musical Selection.....Family Choir & Gunter's Chapel Choir
- Old Testament.....Reverend Anna Lane
- New Testament.....Reverend Dr. Charles A. DeLaughter
- Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend James Williams
- Musical Selection.....Family Choir & Gunter's Chapel Choir
- Church Acknowledgements.....Ms. Barbara Frierson
- Reflections.....Two Minutes, Please.....Deacon Ricky Halter, Deacon Reverend Clifford Johnson, Church Member Mrs. Elizabeth Sullivan, Family Friend Reverend Dr. Geneva Mitchell, Church Member Deacon Ronald Sewell, Classmate Mrs. Raquel Jones, Niece
- Acknowledgments.....Mrs. Raquel Jones
- Solo.....Ms. CharMeka Joquell
- Words of Comfort.....Elder Wayne Henry
- Committal and Benediction
- Recessional
- Postlude



**Interment, Committal, and Benediction
Crescent Hill Memorial Gardens
2603 Two Notch Road
Columbia, South Carolina**