

Pallbearers

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*A Celebration of Life
In Loving Memory
of*
MR. CLEOPHIS BATES

I DO NOT FEAR

I
I do not fear,
Wherever I must go.
I do not fear
As long as I certainly know
That You are with me
That You are by my side
That You will cheer me
That You will be my guide.
I stop and listen,
And with my heart
I hear
Your marvelous
And most consoling voice
And so--
I do not fear.
II
I do not fear
For I am freed from pain
I do not fear
For now I have fully gained
The joy of God
That cleansed my weary soul
The love of Christ
That made my spirit whole.
I stop and listen,
And with my heart
I hear



**TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2024
11:00 A.M.**

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Obituary of Mr. Cleophis Bates

God has seen fit to give His precious son rest with Him and though we will deeply miss our loved one; we understand and cling to scripture which tells us, "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord" (2 Corinthians 5:8b).

Mr. Cleophis Bates, affectionately called *Boo Boo*, was born November 25, 1947, to the late Mr. Willie and Mrs. Lucy Bates, in Columbia, South Carolina. He transitioned to glory on Wednesday, July 24, 2024, in Lexington, South Carolina.

Cleophis attended the public schools of Richland County School District One and he graduated from C.A. Johnson High School in 1965. Following high school, Cleophis continued his studies at Midlands Technical College and Allen University. Cleophis attended church services at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, where he joined at an early age. He served as a member of his church's Men's Club, which provided outreach services to the surrounding community. His fraternal and social bonding also included being a Master Mason.

Cleophis was an employee of Colonial Distribution Warehouse and Forest Acres Country Club. He later became an independent licensed insurance representative of A.L. Williams. His tenure with this organization played a pivotal role in Cleophis becoming an entrepreneur. He was passionate in this role and received numerous awards and accolades for his outstanding leadership and sales. He later became the proprietor of two successful spirit shops in the Columbia area. Cleophis' ambitious and driven personality set the foundation for his success in becoming a top performing salesperson in several industries.

Cleophis was formerly married and to this union three wonderful sons were born. He was an avid lover of fishing, playing golf, and watching horse racing. He often attended the annual Kentucky Derby. Cleophis loved traveling and coordinating both air and bus trips for family, friends and his local community. He was generous in sponsoring numerous trips and dinners, providing wonderful experiences and memories for many.

In addition to his parents, Cleophis was preceded in death by two sons, Cleophis Von Dervin Bates and Clevon Montoya Bates.

Cleophis leaves to cherish his memory one sister, Wilhelmenia Bates Broughton of Columbia, South Carolina; one son, C. Jason Arthur Bates of Dallas, Texas; two grandsons and two granddaughters, Collins Xavier Manning Bates, Cleo Vaughn-Dervin Bates, Sr., Chloe' Alexis Shavaghn Bates, and Corynn Alizabeth Shaveira Bates of Columbia, South Carolina; three great-granddaughters and two great-grandsons, ShaNylah Amir Bates, Nyomi Aubriana Faith Bates, Cleo Vaughn-Dervin Bates, Jr. ShaNiya Monae Bates, and Logan O'Mari Kaiden Johnson; two nieces and one nephew, Dr. Wilma Broughton, Yvette (Gary) Broughton Mack, and Reverend Dr. Dennis (Wendy) Broughton, Jr.; a host of grandnieces, grandnephews, great-grandniece, great-grandnephews, cousins, devoted friends, and loved ones.

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

*When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not here to see,
If the sun should rise and find your eyes, filled with tears for me.*

*I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today,
while thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.*

*I know how much you love me, as much as I love you,
and each time you think of me, I know you'll miss me too.*

*When tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand
That an angel came and called my name and took me by the hand*

*The angel said my place was ready in heaven far above
And that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.*

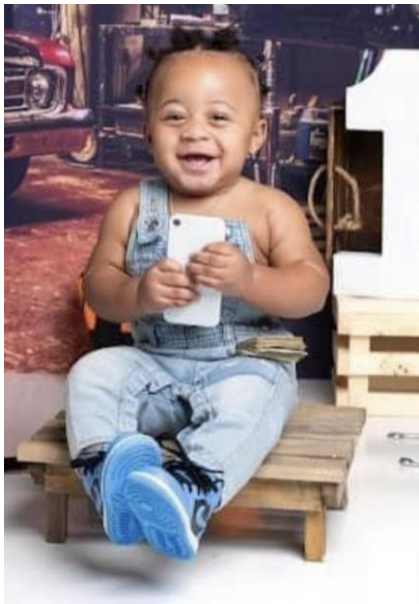
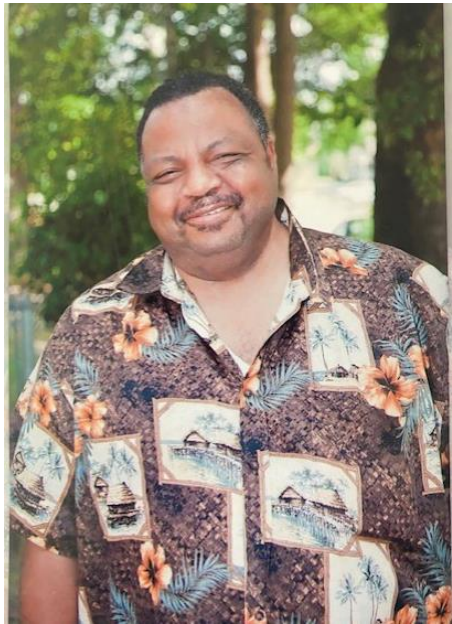
*But when I walked through Heaven's gate, I felt so much at home
When God looked down and smiled at me from His great golden throne.*

*He said, "This is eternity and all I've promised you."
Today my life on earth is past, but here it starts anew*

*I promise no tomorrow but today will always last
And since each day's the same day, there's no longing for the past.*

*So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart,
For every time, you think of me, I'm right there in your heart.*

Memories



Order of Service

Musical Prelude
 Processional
 Hymn of Praise..... #325 “What A Friend We Have In Jesus”
 Invocation..... Reverend Ertha Bowman
 Scriptures..... Reverend Bernard Davis
 Old Testament – Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
 New Testament – John 14:1-3
 Musical Selection..... Mr. Darris Hassell
 Reflections..... Mrs. Tomalyn Pearson Hall, Community
 Mr. Henry Hipps, Childhood Friend
 Mrs. Yvette Broughton Mack, Family
 Acknowledgements..... Mrs. Valencya Thompson
 Musical Selection..... Mr. Elmurray Bookman
 Words of Comfort..... Reverend Dr. Dennis W. Broughton, Jr.
 Viewing..... *In the Vestibule*..... Funeral Directors
 Recessional
 Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Entombment

Greenlawn Memorial Gardens
 7100 Garners Ferry Road
 Columbia, South Carolina

Acknowledgement

We, the family of the late Cleophis Bates wish to express our heartfelt thanks for your expressions of sympathy, caring, and compassion shown to us during these most difficult hours. Whether it was a prayer, a phone call, a visit, food, kind words or your presence, we want you to know how much we are truly appreciative.

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