

## *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.

## *Acknowledgement*

We, the family of Sergeant (U.S. Army, Retired) Leroy Burgess, 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.

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# In Honor of your Memory

*Sergeant Leroy Burgess, Jr.*

*(U.S. Army, Retired)*



*Tuesday, July 23, 2024*

*12:00 Noon*

*Leevy's Funeral Home Chapel*

*1831 Taylor Street  
Columbia, South Carolina*

*Reverend Dr. Carolyn McNeil, Officiating*

# Obituary

Sergeant (U.S. Army, Retired) Leroy Burgess, Jr., was born November 15, 1959, to Mr. Leroy Burgess, Sr. and Mrs. Delores Kennedy Burgess in Gable, SC and was reared by his stepmother, Mrs. Mattie Burgess. He passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, July 13, 2024.

SGT Burgess joined Mount. Zion Baptist Church in Philadelphia. He graduated from Bok Technical High School in 1978 and enlisted in the United States Army upon graduation. While serving his country, SGT Burgess was a Gulf War Veteran, earned the Army Achievement Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, National Defense Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon for two tours of duty, Southwest Asian Medal, and Army Good Conduct Medal Fifth Award, among many awards and recognitions. SGT Burgess was honorably discharged December 31, 1993, after 15 years of service. He and his father were both Free and Accepted Masons.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mrs. Audreana McCorkle Burgess; his father, Mr. Leroy Burgess, Sr.; and his paternal grandparents, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Lillie Mae Burgess.

Sergeant (U.S. Army, Retired) Burgess leaves to mourn his passing: his loving and devoted wife, Mrs. Roslyn Burgess; his children: Mrs. Naikia Nicole Smith, Ms. Audreana Palakika Burgess, Mr. Leroy Burgess III, and SGT Crystal Burgess Clack (Alex); four step-children; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; siblings, Mr. Jerome Burgess, Mr. Joseph White, Reverend Dr. Carolyn McNeil, Mrs. Mary Burgess Cottle, and Ms. Sharon Burgess; aunts, Mrs. Ann Petitt, Ms. Barbara Burgess, Mrs. Betsy Kennedy McKnight (Jim), and Nell Kennedy (Downing); uncles, Mr. Johnnie Burgess (Wilmae), Mr. Nathaniel Burgess (Rhonda), Mr. Nathan Burgess, and Mr. James Green; a host of other loving family and friends, who will miss him dearly.

# Order of Service

- Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Opening Hymn.....Reverend Derek Myers  
“Will Understand It Better By And By”
- Scripture Readings.....Mr. Franklyn Simmons  
Old Testament – Psalm 23:1-4  
New Testament - St. Mark 10:27
- Prayer of Comfort.....Mr. Jerome Burgess
- Musical Selection.....Reverend Derek Myers  
“And Where Could I Go But You Lord”
- Remarks.....A Family Member
- Musical Selection.....Mr. Lonnie Clark
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Carolyn McNeil
- Recessional
- Postlude



## Committal, Benediction, and Interment

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