

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Floral Bearers

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Acknowledgement

We, the family of the late Gerard Peeples wish to express our heartfelt appreciation for the many acts of kindness, encouraging words and sympathy shown during the passing of our loved one.

Dear Daddy,

You were always there for us and always had our backs. Thank you for guiding us with your wisdom, giving us gentle advice, and keeping us on track.

Thank you for being so supportive, and allowing us to make our own choices. You raised us to let our lights shine bright. And we will continue to walk through this world with grace, a strong will, and a strong might.

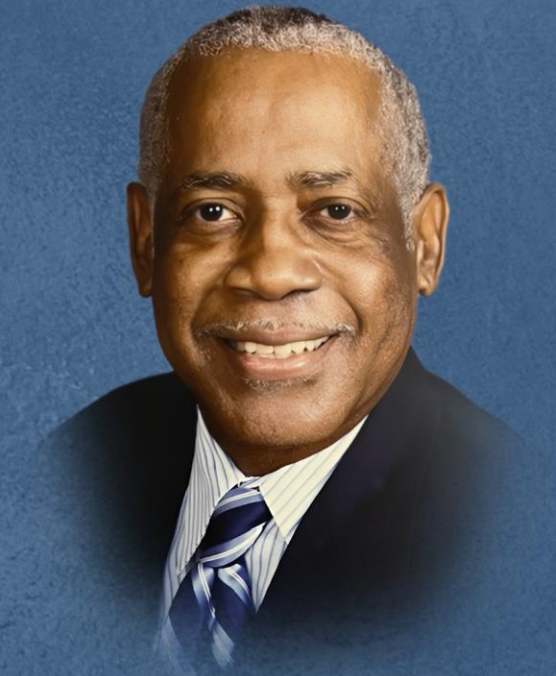
With every card you sent - birthday, Valentine's Day, and Mother's Day - you always had a message, subtle and sweet. Always so specific, and so special. We know what love is and what love can really be.

Your grandchildren adored you, their laughter echoing the joy you brought into our lives. Your zest for life will see us through.

There will be sorrow, there will be pain, but because of you, we know to focus on the sunny days. Rest easy, Daddy.

We love you!
Stephanie & Deirdre

Homegoing Service *Celebrating the Life* *of* **MR. GERARD PEEPLES**



THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2024
1:00 P.M.

**RIDGEWOOD MISSIONARY
BAPTIST CHURCH
5326 RIDGEWAY STREET
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA**

REVEREND DARRIUS GRAVES
-PASTOR-

Services Entrusted To:

Taylor Street Chapel
1831 Taylor Street
Columbia, SC 29201
(803)771-7799

Leevy's
FUNERAL HOME

Lower Richland Chapel
9120 Garners Ferry Road
Hopkins, SC 29061
(803) 776-6922

I. S. Leevy Johnson
-Owner & Director-

Chris Leevy Johnson
-President & Managing Director-

Leverette A. Williams, II
-General Manager-

Obituary of Mr. Gerard Peeples

*"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, The righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, But unto all them also that love his appearing."
II Timothy 4:7-8*

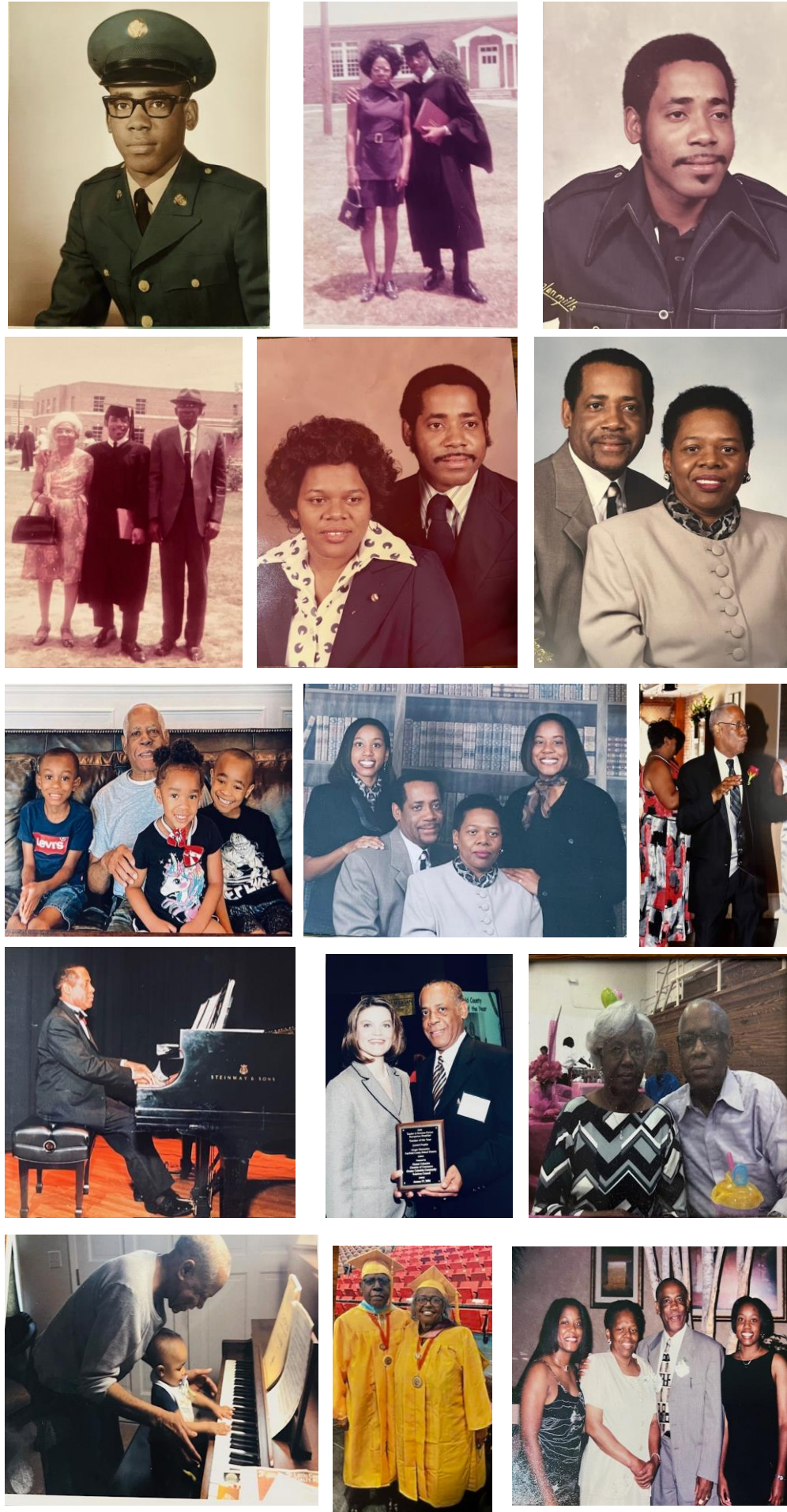
Mr. Gerard Peeples was born in Barnwell, SC on January 25, 1946. He was the son of the late Cleveland Peeples and Alma Harvey Peeples. Gerard was married to the late Helen Byrd Peeples who preceded him in death. He departed this life on Thursday, July 18, 2024.

To know Gerard was to love him! He was educated in Barnwell County Public Schools, where he discovered his love for music. He was drafted into the United States Army, where he served in the Vietnam War and was honorably discharged. After returning to the States, he continued his education at Claflin University where he earned a B.S. in Music-French Education. Gerard also earned advanced degrees at Winthrop University (M.Ed – Music-French Education) and at University of South Carolina (M.Ed – Educational Leadership/Supervision). Because of his love for music and children, he pursued a teaching career at Allen University; the Continuing Education Center at Fort Jackson; and finally at Fairfield County Public Schools, where he was named District Teacher of the Year in 2005. Gerard's love for music wasn't just for the children – he used his gift for the Lord first and foremost. He shared this gift with various ministries as Minister/Director of Music, to include Ridgewood Missionary Baptist Church. His love for people didn't stop there – he was a member of Columbia Alumni Chapter of Claflin University; South Carolina Music Education Association; SC Palmetto Teacher's Association; and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity – Columbia Chapter.

In addition to his parents and wife, Gerard was preceded in death by three brothers, Theodore Peeples, Cleveland Peeples, and Willie Edward Peeples; and one brother-in-law, Willie Gray.

He leaves to cherish fond memories: his daughters, Stephanie Renee Jones (Ron) and Deirdre Strange; three grandchildren, Bryson Strange, Jaxson Jones, Jordyn Strange; two sisters, Alma Peeples Gray and Mattie Peeples Carpenter (William); one sister-in-law, Eloise Peeples; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

- Musical Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Musical Selection.....Minister of Music
- Old Testament.....Minister
- New Testament.....Minister
- Prayer.....Minister
- Musical Selection.....Minister of Music
- Remarks.....Mrs. Bessie Byrd
Mr. Michael Hollis
- Musical Selection.....Ms. Christie Lewis
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend Ronald O. Jones
- Recessional
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction, and Interment

Memorial Gardens of Columbia
9301 Wilson Boulevard
Columbia, South Carolina