

# Obituary

On Wednesday, July 3, 2024, at 11:56 a.m. **John Walter Royster, Sr.** transitioned from labor to reward at Lexington Community Hospice House-Agape Care in Lexington, South Carolina with loved ones by his side.

John, affectionately known as “Chubby” due to his plump size as a child, was born to the late Robert and Ersell Royster on October 3, 1946, in Long Branch, N.J. John was the sixth of seven children, three girls and four boys.

John attended the Matawan Public School System and thereafter was able to achieve his Culinary Arts Degree.

John was blessed to have not just one but two special women in his life that he loved and cherished dearly. One day in the early 80s he met Denise Curtis, the love of his life, and they were married for over 10 years until her death in 1997. They were blessed with two children, Jonece Katura Curtis and John Walter Royster Jr. John eventually reconnected with a hometown friend named Glenrose Arnold, they fell in love, and she was the perfect mother to his children and in addition he gained her son, Shawn Arnold. They were married in 1999 and were together in love until his death.

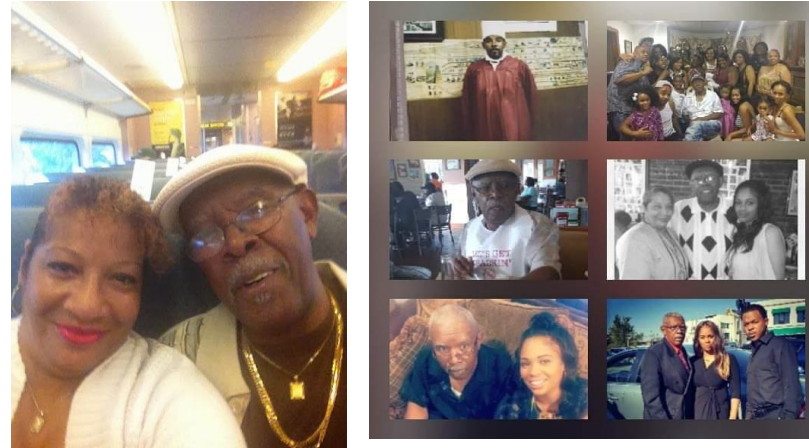
John held various jobs throughout his early life, but his longest and most loved job was spent at Rahway Geriatric Center in Rahwy, N.J., where he was Head Chef for over 35 years, retiring in 2019.

John was a very nice man, he was honorable, faithful, loyal, dedicated, loving, kind, gentle, caring and a hardworking provider. He loved to cook and always enjoyed welcoming folks into his home. He loved his family very much!

John was preceded in death by both his parents, his first wife, two brothers, James Daniels Royster and Albert Lewis Royster.

John leaves to mourn his passing: his wife: Glenrose Arnold-Royster; daughter, Jonece Katura Curtis; sons, John Walter Royster, Jr. and Shawn Arnold; grandchildren, Janiyah Denise Royster-Moore, Destiny Elaine Thomas, Paris Rose Thomas, Cameron Hahson Thomas, and Elani La’Juanda Edwards; sisters and brothers, Janice Williams, Barbara McCleod, Robert Dennis Royster, and Charlotte Royster; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Darryl Lightbourne, Soraya Lightbourne, Aaron Lightbourne, Deborah Curtis, Leroy Curtis Jr. (Valarie), Don Curtis, and Lori Curtis. He also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

# Memories



# Order of Service

- Prelude
- Processional
- Opening Selection
- Old Testament
- New Testament
- Prayer of Comfort
- Remarks
  - A Family Member
  - A Grandchild
  - An In-law
- Obituary
- Musical Selection
- Eulogy



## Miss Me But Let Me Go

*When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room  
Why cry for a soul set free?*

*Miss me a little - but not too long  
And not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that we once shared,  
Miss me-but let me go.*

*For this is a journey that we all must take  
And each must go alone.  
It's all a part of the Master's Plan,  
A step on the road to home.*

*When you are lonely and sick at heart,  
Go to the friends we know  
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds  
Miss Me - But Let Me Go.*

## Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. John Walter Royster, Sr., gratefully acknowledge the many kind and beautiful expressions of sympathy and love shown during our time of bereavement. We thank Leevy's Funeral Home for their support. Our appreciation runs deep!

## Services Entrusted To:

<b>Taylor Street Chapel</b> 1831 Taylor Street Columbia, SC 29201 (803)771-7799 I. S. Leevy Johnson -Owner & Director-	<b>Leevy's</b> FUNERAL HOME Chris Leevy Johnson -President & Managing Director-	<b>Lower Richland Chapel</b> 9120 Garners Ferry Road Hopkins, SC 29061 (803) 776-6922 Leverette A. Williams, II -General Manager-
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In Loving Memory  
of  
Mr. John Walter Royster, Sr.  
"Chubby"



Saturday, July 20, 2024  
3:00 p.m.

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

Bishop Terrel Wilkins  
~Officiating~