## allbearers

Rufus Lakin Barry Hampton John Lakin, Jr. LeBron Lakin John Castor

Chris Boyd John Lakin III

## Floral Bearers

Jasmine Lakin Brenda Bradley

Danyetta Lakin Rosalyn Anderson

Jamie Lakin Charlene Bolton

#### 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.

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Homegoing Service In Loving Memory

MR. JOHN LAKIN



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 1:00 P.M.

LEEVY'S FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL **1831 TAYLOR STREET** COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

> REVEREND JOHN LAKIN -OFFICIATING-

## **Obituary**

Mr. John Lakin was born on May 17, 1943, in Columbia, South Carolina. He was the second child of the late Mose "Jack" Lakin and Julia Mae Lakin ("Sister Lakin.") He departed this life on Wednesday, August 21, 2024.

Mr. Lakin was educated in the public schools of Richland County, South Carolina. He excelled in many vocational positions, but he worked many years for the advertising company, Columbia Outdoor. After retirement, he formed his own landscaping business.

Mr. Lakin came to know Jesus Christ personally and for years was a member of Greenview First Baptist Church, in Columbia, SC. He was a generous soul and if he could help you in any way, he would. He loved keeping his cars clean, cooking for those he loved, keeping a manicured yard, and he loved James Brown. He will be remembered for being affectionate, caring, and a fierce champion for those he was connected to.

In addition to his parents, Mose and Julia Mae Lakin, John was preceded in death by his brothers, Jake and Fred; a son, Calvin Hampton; a grandson, Antwon Gregg; a stepdaughter, April Boyd; and a stepson, Barron Boyd.

Mr. Lakin leaves to mourn his passing: his wife, Betty Lakin; a daughter, Cathy (James) Harris, of Columbia, South Carolina; three sons, John (Virginia) Lakin, Jr, of Columbia, South Carolina, Rufus (Nicole) Lakin, of Columbia, South Carolina, and Barry (Linda) Hampton, of Gilbert, South Carolina; beloved stepchildren, to whom 'step' was merely a word, as he cherished them as his own, Robert Boyd, of Charlotte, NC, Valerie Matlock, of Columbia, South Carolina, Chris (Ouida) Boyd, of Columbia, South Carolina, and Pamela Boyd, of Atlanta, GA; sister-in-law, Susanna Lakin, of Columbia, South Carolina; 17 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; many other relatives, and caring friends, all of whom will cherish his memory.

#### **Order of Service**

Prelude
Processional
ViewingFuneral Directors
Opening Selection
Scripture Readings
PrayerPastor John Lakin
Musical Selection
Remarks
Musical Selection
Words of ComfortPastor John Lakin
Recessional
Postlude



#### Committal, Benediction and Interment

Lincoln Cemetery 4900 Farrow Road Columbia, South Carolina

# Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. John Lakin, would like to thank each of you for your prayers and support shown to us during the passing of our loved one. It is our prayer that the Lord blesses each of you in a very special way.