

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Floral Bearers

Women of First Nazareth Baptist Church

Proverbs 3:5-6

⁵Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

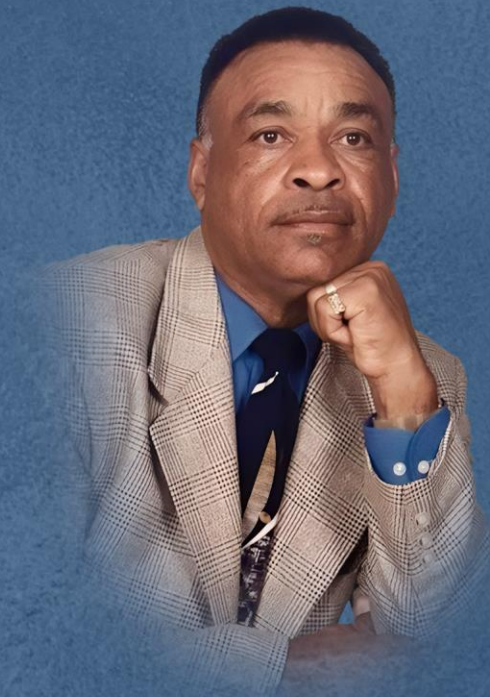
⁶In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. Lonnie Elijah Overby, 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.

Homegoing Service Celebrating the Life of

MR. LONNIE ELIJAH OVERBY



**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2024
11:00 A.M.**

**FIRST NAZARETH BAPTIST CHURCH
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COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA**


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-PASTOR-**

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Obituary

Mr. Lonnie Elijah Overby was born on June 23, 1931, in Oxford, North Carolina to the parents of Earnest and Nancy Overby. He was educated in the Oxford Public School System. He worked on his father's farm with his siblings growing tobacco and other vegetables in his youth. After graduating from high school, Lonnie sought employment opportunities outside of North Carolina and received permission from his father to move to Jersey City, NJ. After staying briefly with a family member, Lonnie found employment working as a longshoreman, in Jersey City. He later moved to Spring Valley, New York, where he began working at the Rockland Psychiatric Center, (formerly known as Rockland State Hospital until 1970) in Orangeburg, NY.

Lonnie worked tirelessly at Rockland, and it was where he also met Mable Elizabeth Thorne. They married on July 5, 1959, in Bronx, NY. They worked hard to save and purchase their first home in Spring Valley, NY. There they joined and faithfully attended The First Baptist Church of Spring Valley. They both worked at Rockland Psychiatric Center, until retirement in 1989. After retiring, they moved to the St. Marks Community, of Columbia, South Carolina.

During visits back and forth from Spring Valley, NY to Columbia, SC, Lonnie and Mable became members of First Nazareth Baptist Church, Columbia, SC, and have remained faithful for 54 years. After joining, Lonnie immediately followed his passion and began singing with the Men's Brotherhood Choir. He often said, not only were they a men's choir, but they were also a "true brotherhood." He also enjoyed joining Pastor Scott in traveling to other churches to sing at many Christian special events. Lonnie was an avid fisherman and went on various fishing outings with family, friends and church members.

During his time at First Nazareth, Lonnie received several appreciation awards, was a member of the Sunshine Gardening and Senior Ministries. Both he and Mable were members of the Couple's Ministry. Lonnie was also active as the Neighborhood Block Captain in the St. Marks Community for more than 15 years.

Lonnie found boundless joy in spending time fellowshiping with and encouraging his family and friends. He loved cars. Lonnie traveled often to New York, Maryland, DC, and other parts of the country to fellowship with friends, former co-workers and most especially with his family. He valued and cherished his relationships with his family and was known as "good hearted" Uncle Lonnie. He was proud of that role, especially when it gave him the opportunity to talk about growing up in Oxford, NC on the farm that he, his father and siblings worked tirelessly on.

He was a highly regarded and respected man, husband, uncle and was admired for his many efforts of helping family members and others; cheerfully giving his time, advice, and support.

On Monday, November 11, 2024, Lonnie was released from his earthly illness and called home to be with the Lord. Lonnie was preceded in death by all his siblings, brothers, Fuller, Frank, George, and Earnestine Overby; sisters, Adel Clark, Mary Alice Morton, and Exie Lee Clark.

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Mable; children, Lonnie, Jr. (Tamara) of Silver Spring MD; stepdaughter, Thelma Chapman (Kenneth) of Harrisburg NC; foster son, Sidney Milton of NY; six grandchildren, Nicole Martin of Severn MD, Elijah and Noah Overby both of Silver Spring MD, and three grandchildren from Sidney; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

Musical Prelude	
Processional	
Viewing.....	Funeral Directors
Opening Hymn.....	The Brotherhood
Old Testament.....	Minister
New Testament.....	Minister
Prayer.....	Minister
Musical Selection.....	The Brotherhood
Remarks.....	Deacon Marcus Davis
Musical Selection.....	The Brotherhood
Words of Comfort.....	Reverend Dr. Blakely N. Scott
Recessional.....	The Brotherhood
Postlude	



Committal, Benediction and Interment

Greenlawn Serenity Park
Windwan Drive
Columbia, South Carolina