

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

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.*

*Homegoing Service  
In Loving Memory  
of*

**MR. CLARENCE EARL HOPKINS**



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025  
12:00 NOON

SECOND UNION BAPTIST CHURCH  
1168 ANDREWS ROAD  
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINAA

REVEREND ANDREW SCOTT  
-PASTOR-

**CONTACT US:**

Taylor Street Chapel  
803-771-7799

Lower Richland Chapel  
803-776-6922

WWW.LEEVY.COM

I. S. Leevy Johnson  
-Owner-

Services Entrusted To:



Chris Leevy Johnson  
-Managing Director-

SIGN THE ONLINE REGISTRY:



Leverette A. Williams, II  
-General Manager-

## *Obituary*

Mr. Clarence "Cookie" Earl Hopkins was born on November 22, 1943, in Columbia, South Carolina. He was the oldest child of the late Jessie Bell Squash Hopkins and Earl Ray Hopkins. He departed this life on February 17, 2025.

Clarence was educated at South Carolina Midlands Center for Disabilities. Clarence later developed skills and knowledge that he was taught to be independent and later developed a career at Fort Jackson Commissary of over 34 years. Clarence also served as a member of Second Union Baptist Church Usher Board and choir for over 50 years. Clarence was also a member of the Thrifty Savings Social Club.

Clarence was affectionately known as "Cookie". He was a caring son, uncle, brother and friend. He enjoyed spending time with family, vacationing, and spreading the word of God. Clarence was known for his ability to offer a helping hand to family and friends in the community.

Mr. Hopkins was baptized in his early life and became a dedicated member of Second Union Baptist Church. He also enjoyed football and serving on the usher board.

He was preceded in death by his parents, siblings: Mary Hopkins and Wallace Hopkins.

Mr. Hopkins leaves to mourn his passing his siblings, Bessie Goodwin of Columbia, SC, Herman (Verdell) Hopkins of Columbia, Wyman (Nenita) of the Philippines; brother-in-law, Joe Cummings of California; longtime friend, Deloris Brown; a host of nieces and great-nieces, nephews and great-nephews, many other loving relatives, and caring friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of Mr. Clarence "Cookie" Earl Hopkins, wishes to express our heartfelt gratitude for your condolences and sympathy during this difficult time. Special thanks to his niece, Felicia Goodwin.

## *Order of Service*

Prelude

Processional

Viewing.....Funeral Directors

Opening Hymn..... "I'll Fly Away"

Old Testament..... Pastor Bernard Grant

New Testament.....Pastor Belton Goodwin

Prayer.....Pastor Andrew Scott

Selection..... "This Too Shall Pass"

Remarks.....Mr. Herman Hopkins  
Deacon Jamie Harris  
Mrs. Christel Harris

Words of Comfort.....Pastor Andrew Scott

Recessional

Postlude



## *Committal, Benediction and Interment*

Lincoln Cemetery  
4900 Farrow Road  
Columbia, South Carolina