

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.

Pallbearers

Leland Blakely

Carl Bradley

Courtland Collins

Vinson Rivers

Terry Rivers

Elijah Brooks

Menelik Farmer

Theodore Anderson

Aaron Brooks

Floral Bearers

Che-Nita Blakely

Cassandra Brooks

Tanya Harshaw

Shondra Rivers

Shonda Rivers

Tiffany Fisher

Veronica Tucker

Kierra Jackson

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Deacon Richard Benjamin Scott III, extend our sincere and heartfelt thanks to all of you for your love, support, and many acts of kindness and prayerful support shown during the passing of our loved one. It is our prayer that the Lord blesses each of you in a very special way. A special thank you to his team of healthcare providers, Pruitt Health, Dr. Albert Humphrey, and Dr. Solomon Chesoni.

Celebrating The Life of Deacon Richard Benjamin Scott III



Saturday, March 1, 2025

1:00 p.m.

Leevy's Funeral Home Chapel

1831 Taylor Street

Columbia, South Carolina

Elder Thomas J. Smith

-Officiating-

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Obituary

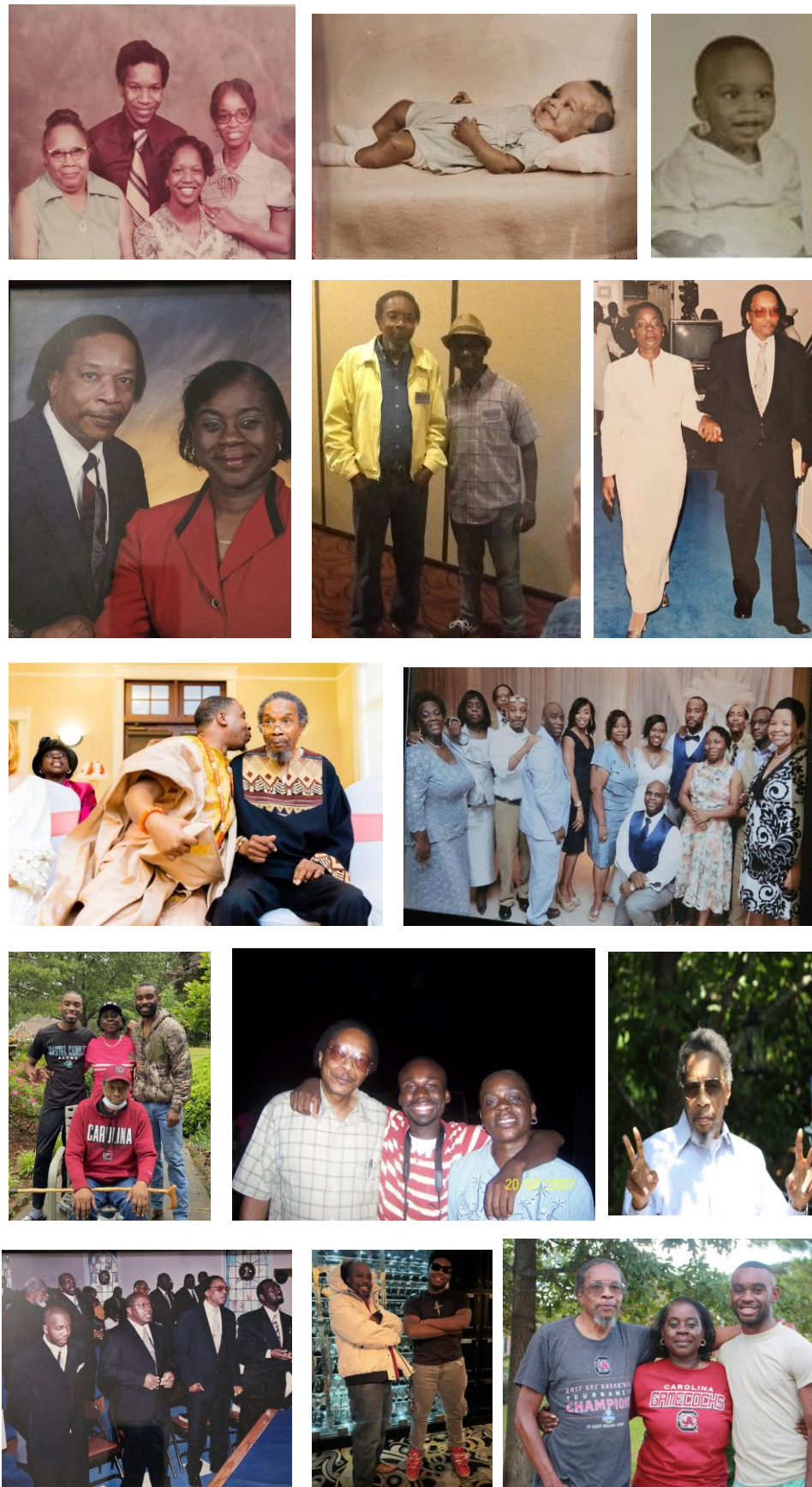
A beacon of light descended upon the world on March 7, 1950, in Columbia, SC. Born the only son to the late Richard Benjamin Scott II and the late Ruth Holmes Scott, Deacon Richard Benjamin Scott III was loved and revered by all who made his acquaintance and was affectionately known as “Dicky” or “Unc.” During the early morning of Wednesday, February 19, 2025, he peacefully made his ascension and returned to his eternal home.

Deacon Scott attended the public schools of Richland County and graduated from C.A. Johnson High School in 1968. He left an indelible legacy at C. A. Johnson as a stellar trumpeter and a star tennis player. Post graduation, Deacon Scott furthered his education at Hampton University, earning a Bachelor of Science in Sociology. As an avid learner, reader, and eternal scholar, Deacon Scott kept education at the epicenter of his life, which inspired his attainment of a Master of Public Administration (MPA) from the University of South Carolina. This same affinity for knowledge led him to employ his expertise at the South Carolina Department of Commerce and afforded him the esteemed honor of retiring after 33 years of dedicated service.

Unquestionably, Deacon Scott loved the Lord and fervently served for many years as a Deacon at Jehovah Baptist Church, where he received many awards and recognitions for his unwavering servitude. He tirelessly yielded his gifts to many committees, auxiliaries, and departments, lending his tenor voice to the male chorus and operating as a Missionary where he’d assist in local benevolent missions’ projects.

A kindhearted, beautiful soul has departed from this earthly realm, but with great certainty his legacy will live on through his beloved wife of 43 years, Deloris Anderson Scott; son, Richard Benjamin Scott IV; sisters, Patricia Scott Blakely and Sabrina Scott (Charlie) Collins; niece, Chenita Blakely; nephews, Leland Blakely and Courtland Collins; sisters-in-law, Denise Anderson, Odell Anderson, and Theresa Anderson; along with a host of other nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, other loving relatives, and friends, all whom will miss him dearly and remember him well.

Memories



The Order of the Sacred Worship

- Prelude
- Processional.....“You Are My Strength”
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Song of Praise.....“Somehow I Made It”
- Old Testament.....Reverend Dr. Samuel K. Lewis
- New Testament.....Minister Cynthia Bookman
- Prayer of Comfort.....Minister Javonda T. Ellison
- Song of Praise.....“I Can Only Imagine”
- Remarks.....Deacon Cesar Leysath, Friend
Minister Cynthia Bookman, Church
Elder Richard Benjamin Scott IV, Son
- Song of Praise... ..“Better Days Are Coming”
- Words of Comfort.....Elder Thomas J. Smith
Progressive Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ
- Recessional.....“When We All Get to Heaven”
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

Crescent Hill Memorial Gardens
2603 Two Notch Road
Columbia, South Carolina