When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not here to see, If the sun should rise and find your eyes, filled with tears for me.

I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today, while thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me, as much as I love you, and each time you think of me, I know you'll miss me too.

When tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand That an angel came and called my name and took me by the hand

The angel said my place was ready in heaven far above And that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.

But when I walked through Heaven's gate, I felt so much at home When God looked down and smiled at me from His great golden throne.

He said, "This is eternity and all I've promised you." Today my life on earth is past, but here it starts anew

I promise no tomorrow but today will always last
And since each day's the same day, there's no longing for the past.

So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart, For every time, you think of me, I'm right there in your heart.

Pallbearers

Nephews

Floral Bearers

Nieces

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. Richard Benefield, Jr., would like to thank each of you for your prayers, support, and acts of kindness extended 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. RICHARD BENEFIELD, JR.



FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2025 1:00 P.M.

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

REVEREND CHARLES EPPS
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Obituary of

Mr. Richard "Duck" Benefield, Jr.

Mr. Richard "Duck" Benefield, Jr., was born on September 4, 1949, in Columbia South Carolina. He was the fourth child of the late Richard Benefield, Sr. and Viola Boykin-Benefield. He peacefully departed this life on Friday, April 25, 2025.

Mr. Benefield was educated in the public schools of Richland County, South Carolina, where he attended Atlas Road Elementary and Hopkins High.

Richard was baptized at an early age at Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church.

Richard began working on cars at a young age developing his mechanical skills. He loved hunting, fishing, and in his later years enjoyed sitting on the porch.

He retired from Johnson Janitorial Service after many years of loyal service.

In addition to his parents, Richard was preceded in death by his son, Rico, Johnson; brother, Jake W. Boykin; sisters, Laura A. Kennedy and Julia M. Youmans; two brothers-in-law, Rufus Youmans and Melvin McDaniel; and one sister-in-law, Vivian T. Benefield.

Mr. Richard "Duck" Benefield, Jr. precious memory and love will never be forgotten by his brothers, Walter and Lester Benefield; two sisters, Amy B. McDaniel and Mary Benefield; all his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, loving relatives, and caring friends, all of whom are sadden by his departure, but rejoice that he is resting in the fullness of the Lord.

Memories





















A Service of Remembrance

Musical Prelude

Processional		
Viewing		Funeral Directors
Opening Hymn		Mrs. Lillian Williams-Isaac
Old Testament	Psalm 23	Deacon Joe Epps
New Testament	II Timothy 4:6-8	.Minister Kent McFadden
Prayer of Comfort		Elder Benjamin Aiken
Musical Selection		Mrs. Lillian Williams-Isaac
Remarks		Minister Ronald McFadden Mr. Rashiem Youmans
Musical Selection	"Standir	ng In The Need of Payer"
Words of Comfort		Reverend Charles Epps
Recessional		"I'll Fly Away"
Postlude		



Committal, Benediction and Interment

Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church Cemetery 808 Barnes Street Columbia, South Carolina