

## Pallbearers and Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

### *"The Way He Was"*

He didn't mince his words—  
he spoke them plain and loud.  
A voice that cut through silence,  
a laugh that drew a crowd.  
He had no time for sugarcoats,  
for things that didn't last.  
He lived with grit and humor,  
his eyes forever cast—  
On what was real, what mattered most,  
like family, work, and truth.  
He carried life with steady hands,  
and rarely missed his youth.  
He taught with tales and teasing,  
with lessons laced in fun.  
He'd shake his head, then help you up,  
when all was said and done.  
And though he's gone, his stories stay,  
in every laugh we share—  
A father strong, a heart of gold,  
a presence always there.

### Services Entrusted To:

#### Taylor Street Chapel

1831 Taylor Street  
Columbia, SC 29201  
(803)771-7799

I. S. Leevy Johnson  
-Owner & Director-

# Leevy's

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Chris Leevy Johnson  
-President & Managing Director-

#### Lower Richland Chapel

9120 Garners Ferry Road  
Hopkins, SC 29061  
(803) 776-6922

Leverette A. Williams, II  
-General Manager-

## *Home Going Service In Loving Memory of*

MR. HOWARD ANTHONY LABERNE MCQUEEN



FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2025  
3:00 P.M.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH  
3101 PERCIVAL ROAD  
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

REVEREND REGINALD T. BYRDEN  
-PASTOR-

## Obituary

Mr. Howard Anthony Laberne McQueen was born on April 24, 1964, in Columbia, South Carolina. He was the son of Idella Collins and Howard Scott, Sr. and was raised with devotion by Henry Collins. He departed this life on Saturday, April 12, 2025.

Howard was educated in the public schools of Richland County, South Carolina, and graduated from C.A. Johnson High School, Class of 1982, where he was affectionately referred to as “Maestro.”

During his career, he served a variety of employers, including but not limited to Midlands Center, City of Columbia, Mayflower, and the Big DM 101.3. Howard often called sporting events held at Bolden Stadium. He was a professional CDL driver, and after many dedicated years, he retired from the City of Forest Acres.

Howard was a member of Gill Creek Baptist Church, where he enjoyed singing in the male chorus and assisting with grilling and food preparation for many family and friends events. He also enjoyed fishing, traveling, and football.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Idella and Henry Collins, and Howard Scott Sr.; his brothers, Jerome McQueen, Palmer Scott, and Reginald Scott; and his sister, Hazel Rose.

Howard leaves to mourn his passing: his loving wife of 37 years, Wilma "Denise" McQueen; two daughters, Kelli McQueen and Keri (D'Vaughn) Kelley, both of Columbia, SC; his brothers, Todd (Michelle) Collins and Howard Scott Jr.; his sisters, Henrietta Starks, Athea Houser, Wendy Lewis, Rosahal Scott, and Irish Jackson; his mother-in-law, Judith Spry; his sisters-in-law, Marilyn (Randy) Samuel, Geneva Snyder; his brother-in-law, Reginald (Leslie) Spry; special aunts, Frankie Scott, Margaret Latimore, and Jill Sexton; special relatives, Holley (Marvin) Taylor, Lydia (Daniel) Wells, Yolanda Blair, Alondra Blair, Tavion Collins, Brittney Stearns, and Stephanie Green.

He is also survived by his goddaughters, Courtney Starks and Deondra Scott; his godson, Kirby Johnson; a host of nieces, nephews, and many other loving relatives, and caring friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

## Order of Service

Prelude.....Mrs. Jennifer Young Richmond  
Processional  
Viewing.....Funeral Directors  
Opening Hymn.....Mrs. Jennifer Young Richmond  
“Jesus is the Light”  
Old Testament.....Psalm 23.....Reverend Eddie Woods  
New Testament.....John 14:1-3.....Mr. Daniel Wells  
Prayer.....Reverend James C. Woodley  
Musical Selection.....“He’s Able”.....Rejoice  
Remarks.....Mr. Robert Fulwood  
Mr. Gregory Chandler  
Mr. Thomas Williams  
Mr. Todd Collins  
Mrs. Keri McQueen Kelley  
Solo..... “God Is”.....Evangelist Melinda Legette  
Words of Comfort.....Reverend Reginald T. Byrden  
Recessional  
Postlude



## Committal, Benediction and Interment

Lincoln Cemetery  
4900 Farrow Road  
Columbia, South Carolina

## Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. Howard Anthony Laberne McQueen, would like to thank each of you for our prayers and support during the passing of our loved one. May God bless each of you in a special way.