

## Honorary Pallbearers

Deacons of First Calvary Baptist Church

## Pallbearers

Stephen Cunningham   Carter Chaplin   Jo-Jo Geiger  
Jai'Den Stringfellow   Sherrod Craft   Shomarick Hiller

## Floral Bearers

Deaconesses of First Calvary Baptist Church

## Acknowledgement

We, the family of Deacon Ronald Levester Sewell, 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.

**The Broken Chain**

We little knew that morning,  
that God was going to call your name.  
In life we loved you, dearly,  
in death, we do the same.  
It broke our hearts to lose you,  
but you didn't go alone;  
For part of us went with you  
the day God called you home.  
You left us peaceful memories,  
your love is still our guide.  
And though we cannot see you,  
you are always at our side.  
Our family chain is broken,  
and nothing seems the same.  
But as God calls us one by one,  
the Chain will link again.  
We love and miss you ever so much.


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## *Homegoing Service Celebrating the Life of*

DEACON RONALD LEVESTER SEWELL



SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025  
12:00 NOON

FIRST CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
1401 PINE STREET  
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

REVEREND DR. SAMUEL K. LEWIS  
-PASTOR-



# Obituary of Deacon Ronald Levester Sewell

Deacon Ronald Levester Sewell, 78, of Columbia, South Carolina, peacefully transitioned to his eternal rest at home on Saturday, May 10, 2025. He was born in Columbia to the late James T. "Candy Boy" Sewell and Elizabeth C. Thomas Sewell. Ronald was predeceased by his beloved older brother, James T. Sewell, of Gig Harbor, Washington.

A proud graduate of C.A. Johnson High School, Class of 1965, Ronald was deeply committed to education. He furthered his academic journey at Benedict College, earning his degree in 1973, before obtaining a Master of Education from Cambridge College in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Over an impressive 35-year career, he transformed countless lives as an educator, coach, and athletic administrator within Richland School District One, igniting a passion for learning and excellence in his students.

Beyond his notable contributions to education, Ronald proudly served six years in the U.S. Air Force, followed by several years in the Air Force Reserve at McEntire Joint National Guard Base. His courageous service included a tour during Operation Desert Storm in the Persian Gulf War, where he exemplified unwavering bravery and dedication to his country.

As a devoted member of First Calvary Baptist Church, Ronald's faith was a cornerstone of his life. He was baptized there and later ordained as a Deacon in 2007 under the exemplary leadership of Dr. Rev. Samuel K. Lewis.

Ronald was a loving husband for 50 years to Maxine Cunningham Sewell and a devoted father to three biological children and one child by love, Dr. Kenya Sewell (Randy) James, Dr. Candace Sewell Hannah, Warren M. Sewell, and Sharon E. Lowman, all of Columbia, SC. He found profound joy in being the grandfather of ten beloved grandchildren, Shambrea L. Mack, Sedaria (Rashida) Mack Clinton, Ayonna V. Sewell, Kyzer O.M. Hannah, Zachary W. Sewell, Londyn S. James, Logan G. James, Kylee A. Sewell, Laila S. James, and Le'Ainna J. Fluker.

In addition to his immediate family, Ronald leaves behind five devoted cousins, Bobby Craft Jr., Veronica Craft Cohens, Gail Craft, Yolanda Craft Hiller, and Leon Thomas, all of Columbia, SC. Ronald's legacy will continue through a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends who love him dearly.

*“For we know when we die and leave this earthly body, we will have a house in heaven, an eternal body made for us by God himself and not by human hands.” 2 Corinthians 5:1 New Living Translation*

## Memories



## A Service of Remembrance

Musical Prelude.....Ms. Beverly Rhoden and First Calvary Baptist Madrigals  
“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

Processional

Viewing.....Funeral Directors

Opening Selection.....First Calvary Baptist Madrigals  
“Goodness of God”

Old Testament.....Psalm 23.....Deacon Ronnie Gibson

New Testament.....II Corinthians 5:1-3..... Apostle Sharon Feaster

Prayer.....Reverend Willie Jackson

Musical Selection.....First Calvary Baptist Madrigals  
“God Is”

Remarks.....Miss Ayonna V. Sewell, Granddaughter  
Mr. Leon Middleton – C.A. Johnson Class of 1965

Resolution.....Richland School District One

Musical Selection.....First Calvary Baptist Madrigals  
“God is Still Moving”

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Samuel K. Lewis

Musical Selection..... “The Other Shore”  
Recording by: Luther Barnes

Recessional

Postlude



## Committal, Benediction and Interment

**10:00 a.m.**  
**Monday, May 19, 2025**  
**Fort Jackson National Cemetery**  
**4170 Percival Road**

