

## Pallbearers

Family and Friends

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## 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.

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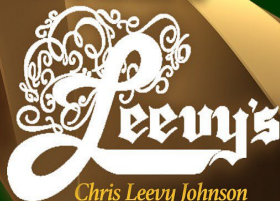
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## A CELEBRATION OF LIFE



SUNRISE  
MAY 22, 1938

SUNSET  
MAY 5, 2025

MR. BENJAMIN  
*Stearns*  
SR.

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025 | 11:00AM

LEEVY'S CHAPEL

1831 TAYLOR STREET  
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29201

Pastor Jermaine L. Stearns- Officiant

# Obituary

Mr. Benjamin Stearns Sr., affectionately known as “Bunny Boy,” was born on May 22, 1938, in Columbia, South Carolina. He was the oldest of ten children of the late Pauline “Granny” Stearns. He departed this life on Monday, May 5, 2025.

Benjamin was educated in the public schools of Richland County, South Carolina. He earned his barbering license and later served in the United States Army. After his military service, he continued his career building boats for Sunbird and Galaxy Boat Companies and worked in housekeeping for several schools in Richland County until his retirement.

## The Man...

“Bunny” was truly the life of the party! He loved cooking and was known for hosting yearly 4th of July family gatherings filled with music and enough food to feed a nation. His famous hash and cha-cha were always on the menu. He could often be found in the kitchen watching wrestling or westerns at volumes loud enough for the neighbors to enjoy. When not cooking or watching TV, he was usually under the hood of one of his many cars or relaxing on the porch with his sons, friends, and Meadow Lake family.

## The Stearns Legacy...

In November of 1965, Benjamin married his lifelong love, Eveyln Stearns. They shared 60 years of love, laughter, and hosting unforgettable family events. From this union came five children: Benjamin (Monica) Stearns of Columbia, SC, Nettie (John) White of Ontario, CA, Stanley (Paula) Stearns of Keysville, Georgia, Tyrone Stearns of Columbia, SC, and Lamar Stearns of Columbia, SC. “Bunny’s” legacy extended to twelve beloved grandchildren. Four of them, Alex, Erica, Ariel, and Patrick, were raised with additional love and care by him and Eveyln, a testament to their deep commitment to family. These twelve grandchildren blessed him with seventeen great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild, ensuring that his life and legacy will continue to flourish for generations.

## His Memory

He is also lovingly remembered by his siblings: sisters, Alice Bratton and Barbara Ann (Alonza) Haynes, and brother, Jessie Stearns, all of Columbia, SC; along with a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and dear friends.

In addition to his mother, Benjamin was preceded in death by his father Frank Hamilton, his brother, Edward Stearns, and sisters, Ethel, Josephine, Ella Mae, and Geneva.

Though Benjamin “Bunny” Stearns is no longer with us, his humor, passion, and zest for life will live on forever in our hearts.

# Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Viewing.....Funeral Directors

Opening Selection.....Elder Anthony Stubbs

Old and New Testaments.....Reverend Teresa Wilson

Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Jermaine L. Stearns

Musical Selection.....Elder Roni D. Stearns

Remarks.....Mr. Stanley Stearns, Son  
Mr. Kevin Griffing, Cousin

Ms. Ericka Rodgers and Ms. Ariel Stearns, Grandchildren

Musical Selection.....Elder Roni D. Stearns  
Granddaughter-In-Love

Words of Comfort.....Pastor Jermaine L. Stearns  
Victorious Hope Ministries, Inc.

Recessional

Postlude

## Committal, Benediction and Interment

1:00 p.m.

Fort Jackson National Cemetery  
4170 Percival Road  
Columbia, South Carolina

## Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. Benjamin “Bunny” Stearns, 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.