

## *Tribute*

A quiet strength, a steady guide,  
A light that could outshine the gloom.

You taught us more by how you lived-  
With patience, purpose, grace.  
A man who found his greatest joy  
In faith, in love, in place.

You cheered us on from every seat,  
You have what words can't show.  
And now we carry all you were  
In hearts that won't let go.

The stories, laughs, the wisdom shared,  
Still echo soft and true.  
I hope you know, dear Papa,  
How proud I am of you.

So rest now in your perfect peace,  
Your work on earth is done.  
But I'll keep walking in your light-  
Your legacy lives on in me.

## *Honorary Pallbearers* Deacons of Zion Baptist Church

### *Pallbearers*

Jerry Osborne  
Sylvester Hallman

Steveland Hallman  
Reginald Turnipseed

Eugene Gray  
Cedric Osborne, Jr.

### *Floral Bearers*

Nieces and Women of Wisdom/Deaconesses

## *Acknowledgements*

We, the family of Mr. John "Skip" Turnipseed, wish to express our sincere gratitude for all acts of kindness extended to our family during the illness and passing of our loved one. A special thank you is extended to his devoted nephews, Steveland Hallman, Timothy Madison, Reginald Turnipseed, and Kerry Osborne, whose unwavering support during his illness meant so much. Thank you to Wygeana McQueen and Annie Bovain for your support.

# *Homegoing Services* Celebrating the Life of *Mr. John "Skip" Turnipseed*



Friday, July 25, 2025  
12:00 Noon

Zion Baptist Church  
801 Washington Street  
Columbia, South Carolina

Reverend James Palmer  
-Interim Pastor-

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# Obituary

## of Mr. John "Skip" Turnipseed

Mr. John Turnipseed, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and beloved member of the Columbia community, passed away peacefully at his home on Monday, July 14, 2025, at the age of 80.

Born on April 29, 1945, John was the cherished son of the late Edwin and Carrie Turnipseed. A proud 1963 graduate of Booker T. Washington High School, John went on to further his education at Benedict College, Maritime Trade School, and New York University, laying the foundation for a life of service, hard work, and intellectual curiosity.

Throughout his professional journey, John made lasting impression at every stop, including Kroger Save On, Republic National Bank, and Net Bank. He later found great fulfillment working with SC Medical Transportation, where his compassion and reliability touched many lives.

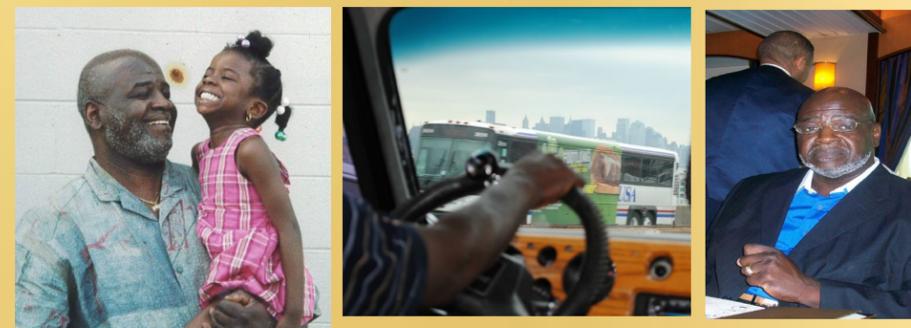
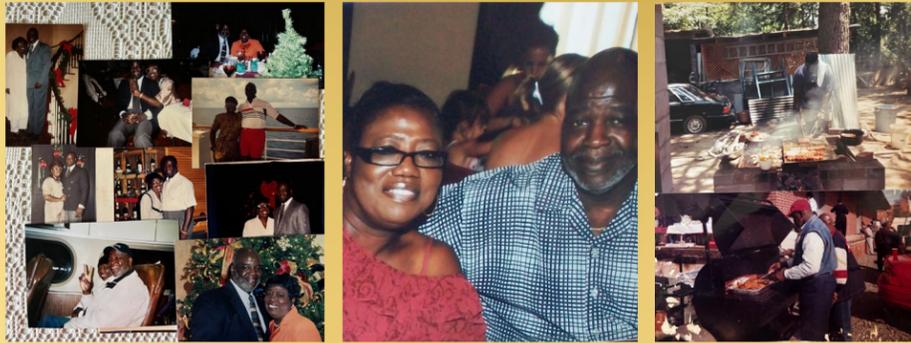
In 1977, John was united in marriage to Luvenia Hallman, with whom he shared a deep and enduring love. John's gentle presence and quiet strength were felt by all who knew him.

John was a Trustee and a dedicated member of the Male Choir of Zion Baptist Church, where he served faithfully and with joy.

In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by his brothers, Howard, Joseph, and Edwin Turnipseed, and Nathan Muller; and sister, Beatrice Cue Myers.

Mr. John "Skip" Turnipseed leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Luvenia Hallman Turnipseed; his son, Marlon Gunter; his daughter, Tonia Hallman (Cristus); his treasured granddaughters, Najalah Hughes, Jasmine Gunter, Cynthia Gunter, and Monet Turnipseed. He is also survived by his loving sister, Carolyn (Robert) Weeks; his brother, Ronnie Turnipseed; sisters-in-law, Elizabeth Osborne, Helen Osborne, Catherine Osborne, Janice Hallman, and Cynthia Turnipseed; brothers-in-law, Michael Osborne, Ernest Hallman, and William (Jesse) Osborne; his dear mother-in-law, Leatha Osborne; a special cousin, Emma Patron; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members, and friends, all whom will continue to honor his legacy of kindness, humility, and quiet wisdom.

# Memories



# A Service of Remembrance

Reverend Dr. Cynthia Walters, Presiding

- Musical Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Musical Selection.....Zion Baptist Church Mass Choir
- Old Testament.....Psalm 23.....Deacon Robert Mack
- New Testament..... John 14:2-3.....Ms. Helen Osborne
- Prayer.....Deacon Donnie Mack
- Solo....."I'm Free".....Deacon Herbert Barnette
- Remarks.....Sister M. Lanelle Kohn  
Brother Stanley Bovain  
Deacon Frankie Moore
- Musical Selection.....Zion Baptist Church Mass Choir
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend James Palmer
- Recessional
- Postlude



## Committal, Benediction, and Interment

**Lincoln Cemetery  
4900 Farrow Road  
Columbia, South Carolina**