

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.

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. Donald Lester Benefield, would like to thank each of you for your prayers, love, 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.

Services Entrusted To:

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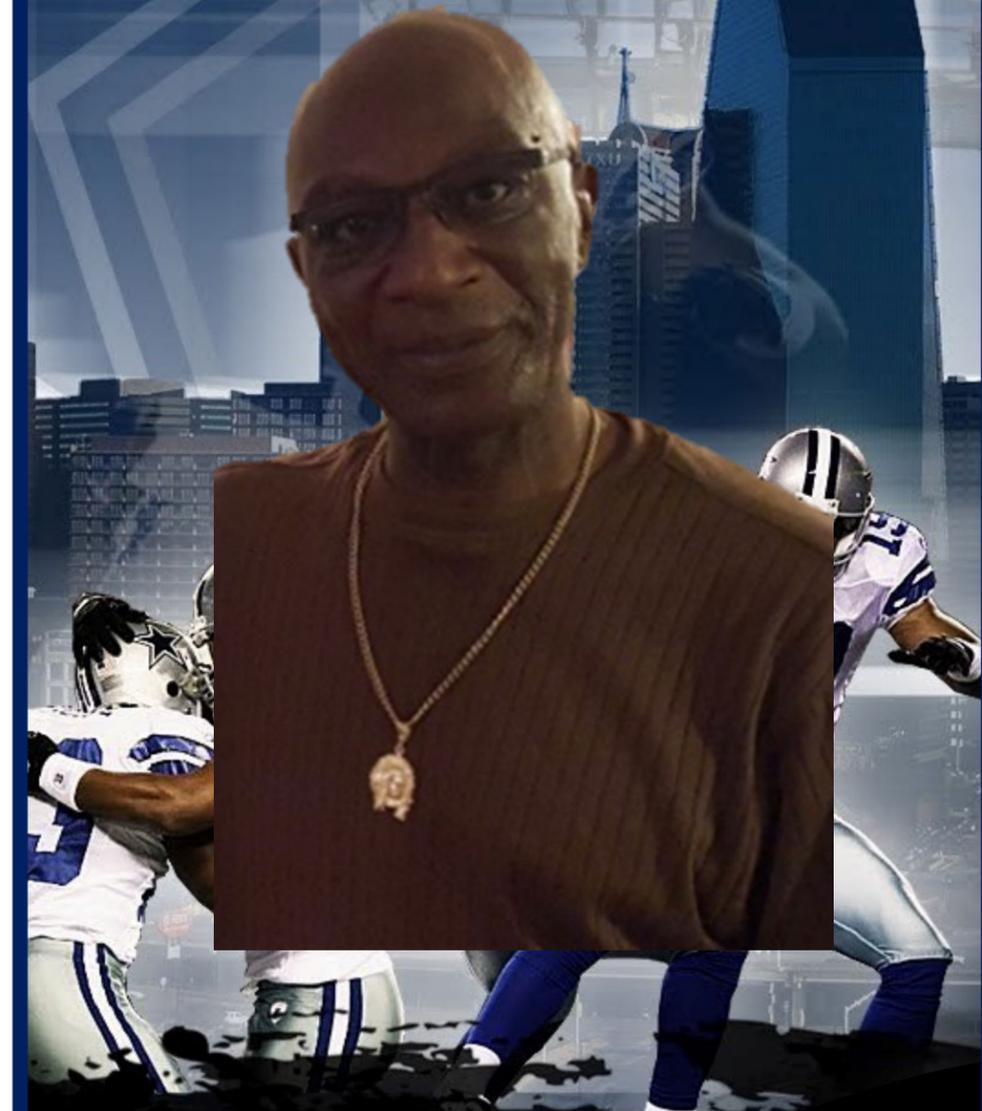
FUNERAL HOME

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Celebration of *Life*



Mr. Donald Lester Benefield

January 7, 1955 – August 22, 2025

Obituary of Mr. Donald Lester Benefield

Mr. Donald Lester Benefield was born on January 7, 1955, in Columbia, South Carolina. He was the eighth child of the late Richard Benefield, Sr. and Viola Boykin Benefield. Donald peacefully departed this life on Friday, August 22, 2025, at Prisma Health Richland.

Lester, as he was affectionately called and known around town as *Motor Hip*, was educated in the Richland County Public Schools, and was a 1977 graduate of Dreher High School. After high school, he attended Midlands Technical College. Baptized at an early age, *Lester* was a member of Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church.

Lester was employed for several years with Eastern Airline as a baggage handler at Columbia Metropolitan, J.F.K., and LaGuardia Airports. He was later employed with Senn Brothers, and Rawls Produce at the State Farmers Market.

He was kind-hearted and generous soul. *Lester* was always ready to lend a hand to anyone in the community. He had a special love for sharing fruits and vegetables with everyone. Known for his sharp sense of style, *Lester* was always well dressed. But above all, he had a deep passion for cars, especially a Cadillac, which he cherished with pride.

In addition to his parents, *Lester* was preceded in death by his only son, Donnie Hipp; his beloved dog, Princess (who was always by his side); brothers, Jake and Richard, JR.; sister, Laura A. Price and Julia M. Youmans; two brothers-in-law, Rufus Youmans and Melvin McDaniel; one sister-in-law, Vivian T. Benefield.

Mr. Donald Lester Benefield leaves to cherish his precious memory: his brother, Walter Benefield; two sisters, Amy B. McDaniel and Mary Louise Benefield; a host of nieces, nephews, great-nephews, great-nieces, other loving relatives, and caring friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Memories



1,2,3,4,5
Lester Benefield
Don't take no jive!

Saturday, August 30, 2025 – 11:00 a.m.
Leevy's Funeral Home Chapel
1831 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina
Reverend Charles Epps, Officiating

A Service of Remembrance

- Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Hymn of Praise.....Mr. Billy Jefferson
- Old Testament.....Mr. Brian McLaughlin
- New Testament.....Elder Benjamin Aikens
- Prayer.....Reverend Charles Epps
- Musical Selection.....Elder Anthony Stubbs
- Reflections.....Mr. Ronald McFadden
Mr. Perry Dreher
Mr. Kent McFadden
- Musical Selection.....Elder Anthony Stubbs
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend Charles Epps
- Recessional
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction and
Interment
Brown Chapel A.M.E. Cemetery
808 Barnes Street
Columbia, South Carolina