

Pallbearers

Friends and Family

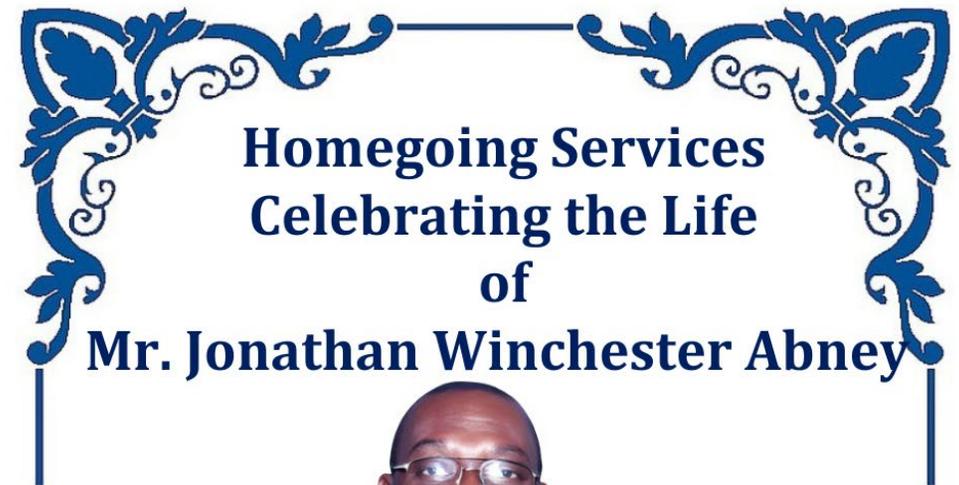
Floral Bearers

Missionary Ministry of First Nazareth Baptist Church
and
Women's Working Ministry of First Nazareth Baptist Church

We Give Our Loved Ones Back to God

We give our loved ones
back to God.
And just as He first gave
them to us
and did not lose them
in the giving,
so we have not lost them
in returning them to Him ...
for life is eternal,
love is immortal,
death is only a horizon ...
and a horizon is nothing
but the limit
of our earthly sight.

-Helen Steiner Rice



Homegoing Services Celebrating the Life of

Mr. Jonathan Winchester Abney



**Saturday, September 20, 2025
1:00 p.m.**

**First Nazareth Baptist Church
2351 Gervais Street
Columbia, South Carolina**

**Reverend Dr. Blakely N. Scott
-Pastor-**

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Obituary of Mr. Jonathan Winchester Abney

Mr. Jonathan Winchester Abney of 6540 Haley Drive in Columbia (Richland County), South Carolina entered eternal rest peacefully and quietly on September 14, 2025, at Prisma Health Richland Hospital after an extended illness. Born in Columbia, SC on September 6, 1957, he was the beloved son of the late John and Mildred Abney.

Mr. Abney attended the public schools of Richland County and graduated from Columbia High School in 1975. He furthered his studies at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, SC where he received his BA degree in Political Science. While at USC-Columbia, he joined the Theta Nu Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

At the University of South Carolina, it was his good fortune to have met the former Iris Ann Cooper. After a lengthy courtship, they were joined in holy matrimony in 1977. To this blessed and loving union, two adorned daughters were born. His stability was found in his family.

Mr. Abney accepted Jesus Christ as his personal savior at an early age and was a lifelong member of First Nazareth Baptist Church for approximately 55 years. He was a supporter of several church activities and was a member of the Brotherhood Choir. Until ill-health prevailed, Mr. Abney was a teacher. He retired from Richland County School District One. Mr. Abney was appreciated by his family, students, colleagues, and church family. Losing one so dear shall hurt awhile; but the assurance that he rests now, and forever, in the everlasting arms will always remain in the hearts of those who loved him so well.

Mr. Jonathan W. Abney leaves to cherish precious memories; his devoted wife of the home, Iris Abney; two daughters, Latisha Michelle Johnson of Aiken, SC and Jessica Abney of Columbia, SC; one grandson, Zyan Abney of Columbia, SC; three loving aunts, Mrs. Thelma Miller and Mrs. Vearma Abney of both of Columbia, SC, Mrs. Bernetha Simmons and Mrs. Barbara Abney both of Jamaica, New York and Mrs. Cynthia Simmons of Baltimore, Maryland; three cherished uncles, Mr. Timothy Abney and Mr. Vernon Abney, both of Columbia, and Mr. Alvin (Linda) Abney of Charleston, SC; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Viewing.....Funeral Directors

Opening Hymn

Scripture Reading.....Psalm 121.....Pastor Willie Haile

Prayer of Comfort..... Deacon James Gadson

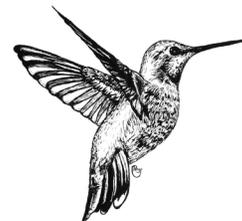
RemarksMr. Timothy Abney, Family
Deacon Eddie Web, Friend

Solo.....Mr. Kenneth White
“The Last Mile of the Way”

Words of Comfort Reverend Dr. Blakely N. Scott

Recessional

Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment
Greenlawn Serenity Gardens
7600 Garners Ferry Road
Columbia, South Carolina

Acknowledgement

The worth of true friends can be measured by words, deeds and actions. Your expressions of love and caring have done much to lighten our load. Your calls, visits, prayers, gentle words, and acts of kindness are deeply appreciated; to you we say... “Thank you” and may you continue to radiate sunshine through your kind acts to others. May God’s blessing be upon each one of you.

-The Abney Family-