

Obituary

Ralph Young, of Eastover, South Carolina, was born on March 31, 1963, the beloved son of Thelma Wright Young and the late Robert Lee Young, Sr. He was the seventh of eight children. On Tuesday, October 14, 2025, Ralph departed this earthly life in Columbia, South Carolina. He will be remembered for his joyful spirit and warm heart.

Ralph was educated in the public schools of Richland County and proudly graduated from Lower Richland High School, Class of 1981. He accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Progressive Church of Our Lord in 1982. He later married his childhood sweetheart, Elaine, and from that union came two children.

A dedicated and passionate truck driver, Ralph began his career early in life and found joy in traveling across the country. He was employed with NFI Trucking Services and was looking forward to retirement. Truck driving was not just a career for him—it was his peace of mind. He took great pride in his work and mentored many others, encouraging them to pursue careers in the trucking industry.

Music was another passion of Ralph's. He especially loved "old school" soul, with a deep admiration for the O'Jays and a special affection for the voices of Gerald and Eddie Levert.

Ralph was preceded in death by his beloved son, Cedric Young; his father, Robert Lee Young, Sr.; and two brothers, Carl U. Young, Jr. and Steve Young.

He leaves behind a lifetime of cherished memories with his only daughter, Carol (Andrea) Johnson of Columbia, SC—his pride and joy. He is also survived by his treasured grandchildren: granddaughter Cedrina Richardson of Orangeburg, SC, and grandson Master Major Johnson of Columbia, SC, who brought him endless joy.

Ralph will be dearly missed by his devoted mother, Thelma L. Young of Eastover, SC, who remained a constant source of love and strength throughout his life. He is also survived by his siblings: Robert Lee (Brenda) Young, Jr. of Columbia, SC; Elder James Richard (Kindel) Hipps of Memphis TN; Reverend Dr. Edith E. Bridges of Bennettsville, SC; Elaine (Derrick) Davis and Eva (Sylvester) Prioleau of Hopkins, SC; Edith Young and Evelyn (James) Simons of Eastover, SC.

In addition, he leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends who will forever hold his memory close to their hearts. Ralph's love, laughter, and gentleness will remain an enduring part of his legacy. He will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

Memories



Order of Service

- Prelude.....Mr. Rayechon McQueen, Musician
- Processional
- Opening Hymn.....Mr. Rayechon McQueen
- Old Testament.....Reverend Dr. Edith E. Bridges
Ecclesiastes 3:1-10
- New Testament.....Mrs. Elaine Davis
John 14:1-7
- Prayer.....Ms. Debra Middleton
- Remarks.....Mr. Carl U. Young, Nephew
Ms. Eva Young Prioleau, Sister
Ms. Carol Johnson, Daughter
- Solo..... "Open My Heart".... Ms. Eva Prioleau
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Andrew Thomas
- Selection.....Mr. Rayechon McQueen
- Recessional
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction, and Interment

Greenlawn Memorial Park
7100 Garners Ferry Road
Columbia, South Carolina

A Life Well Lived

A life well lived is a precious gift, Of
hope and strength and grace, From
someone who has made our world A
brighter, better place.

It's filled with moments sweet and
kind, With laughter, joy, and tears,
With memories that warm the heart
And will live on through the years.

Ralph, your journey here has ended,
But your love will never depart, You've
left your mark upon this world, And
forever in our heart.

With all our love, Your Family

Pallbearers

Nieces

Floral Bearers

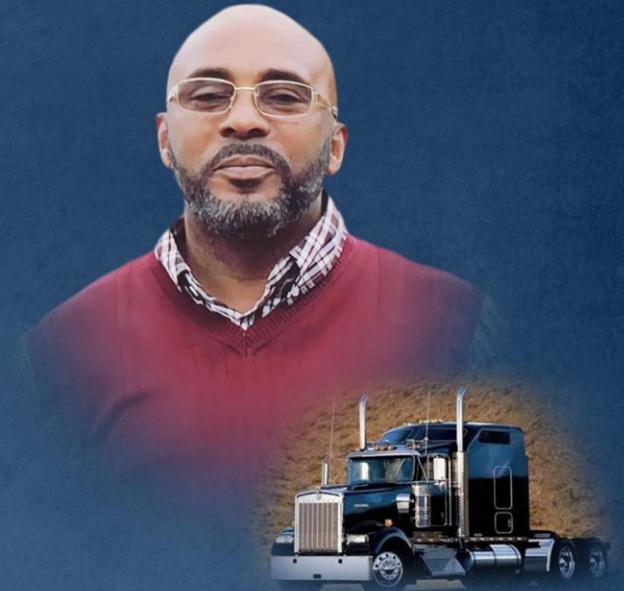
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Acknowledgement

We, the family of the late Ralph Young, extend our heartfelt gratitude for the many acts of kindness, comforting words, prayers, and expressions of love shown during our time of bereavement. Your thoughtfulness and support have provided us with strength and peace during this difficult time. May God richly bless each of you in a very special way.

Homegoing Service In Loving Memory of

MR. RALPH YOUNG



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2025
3:00 P.M.

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