

Obituary

Mr. Melvin Lee Smalls was born on November 29, 1955, to the late Herbert Smalls, Sr. and the late Janie Lou Smalls. He was the sixth sibling of twelve children. Melvin departed this life on Sunday, November 9, 2025, entering eternal rest.

Melvin was educated in the public school of Richland School District One. After graduating from high school, he faithfully served his country as a United States Marine. After being honorably discharged, Melvin held many jobs. He finally settled on a career as an HVAC Specialist.

At a young age, he attended St. James AME Church, in the Wheeler Hill section of Columbia, South Carolina. Later in life he gave his life to Christ and attended North Star Christian Center.

In 2007, Melvin was joined in holy matrimony to Denise House Smalls. Together they enjoyed 18 years of marriage. Not having any children together of their own, they poured love into their fur babies, Spanky and Little Girl. He also enjoyed pouring into his younger nieces and nephews. Melvin was big on family functions. He also enjoyed fishing and hunting.

In addition to his parents, Melvin was preceded in death by his brothers, Herbert Smalls, Jr. Robert Smalls, and Lester Smalls; sisters, Sarah Anderson, Darlene Smalls-Bolton, and Shirley Karriem.

Mr. Melvin Lee Smalls leaves to cherish his memory: his loving wife, Denise Smalls; three children, Torrey Smalls, of Lexington, SC, Tameka Smalls and Travis Smalls both of Hopkins, SC; sisters, Janie Mae Smalls and Brenda (Stanford) Bradley ; brothers, Ernest (Renee) Smalls, Gary (Rita) Smalls and Darrin Smalls; mother-in-law, Sophia House; brothers-in-law, Anthony (Candace) House, Ulysees (Ijan) House, Darrell House, and Ronnie House; sister-in-law, Elaine (John) Brown; a host of nieces, nephews, other loving relatives, and caring friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.



Memories



Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Viewing.....Funeral Directors

Selection.....Ms. Jolene Boyd

Old and New Testaments.....Pastor Anthony House

Prayer of Comfort.....Ms. Rosalyn Anderson

Selection.....Mr. Lonnie Clark

Remarks.....Mrs. Nicole Lakin
Pastor Candice House

Selection.....Mr. Lonnie Clark

Words of Comfort.....Pastor John P. Lakin

Selection.....DJ Jazzy O
"More of You God"

Recessional

Postlude



Committal, Benediction, and Interment

1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 18, 2025
Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road
Columbia, South Carolina

Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.

I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
and bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve to dry before the sun;
Of happy memories that I leave
when life is done.

Unknown

Pallbearers

Nephews

Floral Bearers

Nieces

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. Melvin Lee Smalls, would like to thank each of you for your prayers, love, and support 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:

Taylor Street Chapel 1831 Taylor Street Columbia, SC 29201 (803)771-7799 I. S. Leevy Johnson -Owner & Director-	Leevy's FUNERAL HOME Chris Leevy Johnson -President & Managing Director-	Lower Richland Chapel 9120 Garners Ferry Road Hopkins, SC 29061 (803) 776-6922 Leverette A. Williams, II -General Manager-
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*A Celebration of Life
In Loving Memory
of*

MR. MELVIN LEE SMALLS



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025
11:00 A.M.

LEEVY'S FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL
1831 TAYLOR STREET
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

PASTOR JOHN P. LAKIN
-OFFICIATING-