

**Pallbearers**

Marlon Butler II      Mekhi Butler  
Julian M. Bowman    Matthew Carpenter  
Tahjair Davis        Marcus J. Bowman  
Craig Jamison        John Rivers, III  
Marquis Roberts

United States Air Force Honor Guard

**Floral Bearers**

Missionaries  
Family and Friends

**Acknowledgement**

The family would like to express sincere gratitude for every act of kindness and love that you have shown through your thoughts, prayers, and deeds. We draw strength from your love and support which we are eternally grateful for as we navigate through this time of bereavement. A special Thank You to **Mr. Lex Prailius, ASPIRE, and NHC Parklane** for the compassionate care that you provided. May God truly bless each of you with His grace and mercy.

**Services Entrusted To:**

**Taylor Street Chapel**

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**Leevy's**

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*A Celebration of Life  
In Loving Memory  
of  
MR. HENRY BUTLER, JR.*



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025  
2:00 P.M.

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH  
1800 GERMANY STREET  
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

REVEREND DR. YANCY C. MARTIN, SR.  
-PASTOR-

## Life's Reflections

Mr. Henry Butler, Jr. was born on June 1, 1940, to the late Henry Butler, Sr. and Inez Holman Butler in St. Matthews, South Carolina. He departed his earthly life on December 14, 2025.

He was reared in a loving and Christian home and was baptized at an early age at Holy Trinity Catholic Church and later joined Union Baptist Church. He was a faithful and dedicated member of Union and served in various ministries and organizations of the church. He served as Chair of the Trustee Ministry, Sunday School Teacher, Brotherhood Ministry, Vacation Bible School Teacher, a member of the Chancel and Men's Choirs, and member of the Men's Day Committee. He also worked with the Media Ministry. Mr. Butler was honored as "Man of the Year" in 2013.

He received his early education in Charleston and Orangeburg, SC. He was a graduate of the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Management Science and also a recipient of a Double master's degree in business administration and computer information from Webster University.

He retired from the United States Air Force after twenty years of service. He was an honorable Vietnam Veteran and proud of his service to our country. During his time in the military, he was stationed in Greece, Pakistan, Germany and Laos. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross Medal, Air Medal, and Air Force Commendation Medal.

He retired from Wachovia Bank (now Wells Fargo) in the position of Vice President in Charge of Wachovia's South Carolina Check Processing Center. Mr. Butler was also an entrepreneur, co-owner of "Outer Orbit" Record Shop in Greenview Plaza and a well-known DJ around the city and state of South Carolina.

He loved spending time and traveling with his family. Henry loved to read, attend football games, concerts, listen to jazz, and cook his famous "Hank" barbecue ribs. He was also a marathon runner and participated in several marathons in Atlanta, GA, Columbia, Charleston and other cities throughout South Carolina! But above ALL, he loved and dedicated his life to our Lord and Savior! His loving and kind spirit will forever live in the hearts and lives of all who loved and knew him.

He was married to his "Queen" the former Gail Murray in December 1981. They celebrated 44 years of a beautiful and loving marriage on December 12, 2025.

Mr. Butler was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Marlon Butler; and his sisters Marilyn Butler and Carolyn (Butler) Jamison.

Mr. Henry Butler, Jr. is survived by his devoted wife, Gail Murray Butler; daughter, Kiah (Matthew) Carpenter of Cumming, GA; son, Elhajj Davis of Cream Ridge, NJ; grandchildren, Auriel Carpenter, Matthew (MJ) Carpenter, both of Cumming, Ga, Marquis Roberts, Makayla Butler, both of Columbia, SC, Marlon Butler II, of El Paso, TX, Mekhi Butler, of Augusta, GA, Diamond Davis, Tahjair Davis, and Savannah Davis, all of Cream Ridge, NJ; Father-in-law, James E. Murray, of Columbia, SC; Sister-in-laws, Belinda Bowman, Tawanna (Lance) Bennett, both of Columbia, SC; Nephew, Craig Jamison, of Orangeburg, SC; Special Cousin, Venus Robinson, of Columbia, SC, along with a host of other relatives and friends.

## Miss Me But Let Me Go

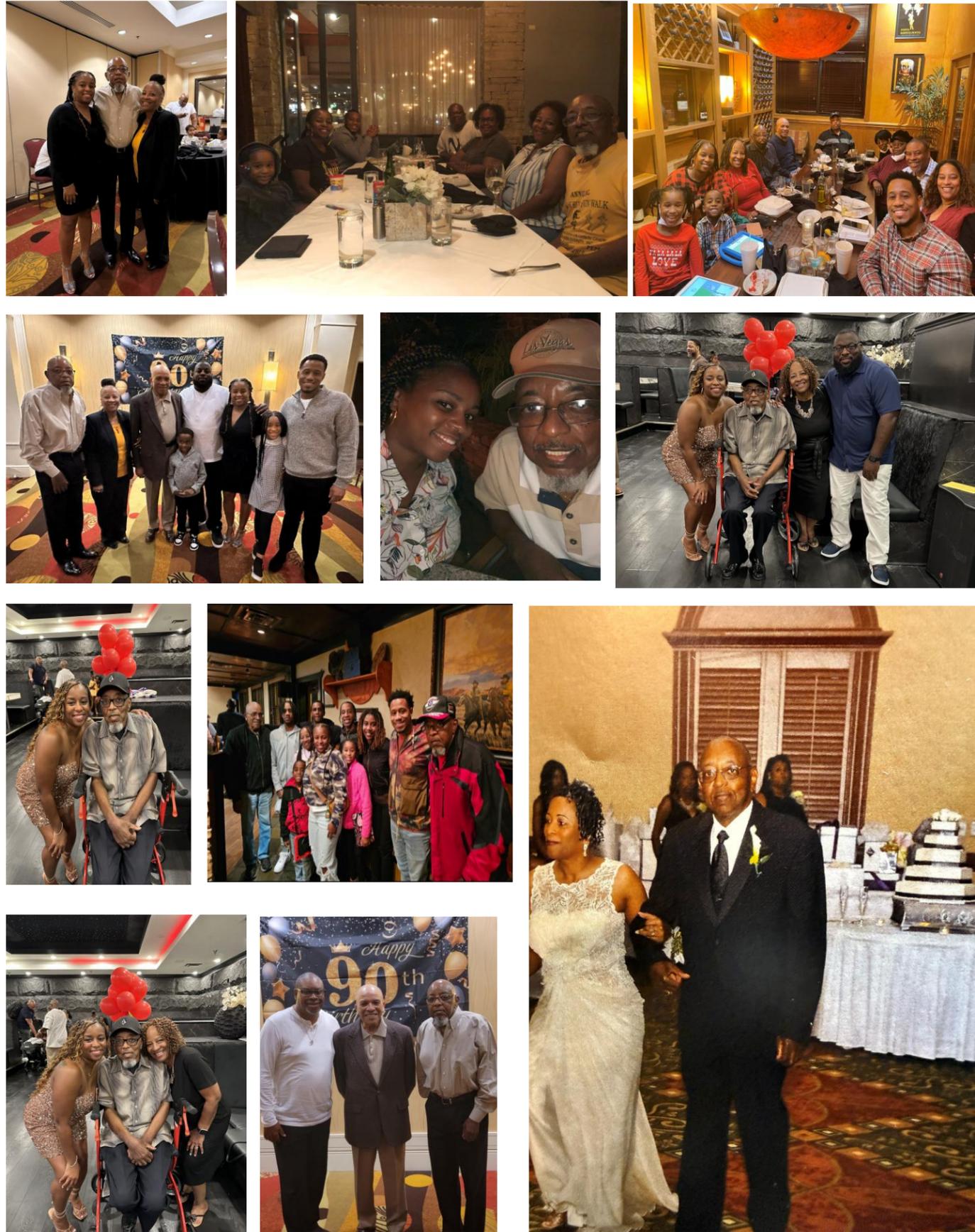
*When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room  
Why cry for a soul set free?*

*Miss me a little - but not too long  
And not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that we once shared,  
Miss me-but let me go.*

*For this is a journey that we all must take  
And each must go alone.  
It's all a part of the Master's Plan,  
A step on the road to home.*

*When you are lonely and sick at heart,  
Go to the friends we know  
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds*

# Memories



# Order of Service

Prelude  
 Processional  
 Viewing.....Funeral Directors  
 Opening Hymn.....“Amazing Grace”  
 Old Testament.....Psalm 23.....Reverend Derra Ramsey  
 New Testament.....Revelation 21:1-7.....Reverend Chris Leevy Johnson  
 Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Yancy C. Martin, Sr.  
 Musical Selection.....Mrs. Tawanna M. Bennett and Mrs. Jazmine B. Crumpton  
 “Safe In His Arms”  
 Remarks.....Deacon William Witherspoon  
 Mrs. Anya Knight, Trustee Ministry  
 Mr. Thomas Rakes, Friend  
 Mr. Lance Bennett, Brother-In-Law  
 Mrs. Kiah Butler Carpenter, Daughter  
 Musical Selection.....Mr. Terry Scott  
 “God’s Grace”  
 Words of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Yancy C. Martin, Sr.  
 Recessional  
 Postlude



**Committal, Benediction, and Interment  
 10:00 a.m., Monday, December 22, 2025  
 Fort Jackson National Cemetery  
 4170 Percival Road  
 Columbia, South Carolina**

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