

Caged Bird

Dr. Maya Angelou

A free bird leaps
on the back of the wind
and floats downstream
till the current ends
and dips his wing
in the orange sun rays
and dares to claim the sky.

But a bird that stalks
down his narrow cage
can seldom see through
his bars of rage
his wings are clipped and
his feet are tied
so he opens his throat to sing.

The caged bird sings
with a fearful trill
of things unknown
but longed for still
and his tune is heard
on the distant hill
for the caged bird
sings of freedom.

The free bird thinks of another breeze
and the trade winds soft through the sighing trees
and the fat worms waiting on a dawn bright lawn
and he names the sky his own.

But a caged bird stands on the grave of dreams
his shadow shouts on a nightmare scream
his wings are clipped and his feet are tied
so he opens his throat to sing.

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Pallbearers

Nephews, Friends, Eau Claire High School Class of 1984

Floral Bearers

Nieces, Friends, Eau Claire High School Class of 1984

Acknowledgement

The family of the late Reginald Sterling "Fuzzy" Garvin, Sr. would like to share our deepest gratitude for the overwhelming love you have shown us. Your prayers, hugs, kind words, visits, calls, and every thoughtful gesture have lifted our spirits more than you know. In this season of loss, your support has been a true blessing to our family, and we are sincerely grateful. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we hold on to the memories of our beloved Fuzzy. May God's grace and richest blessings be with each of you.

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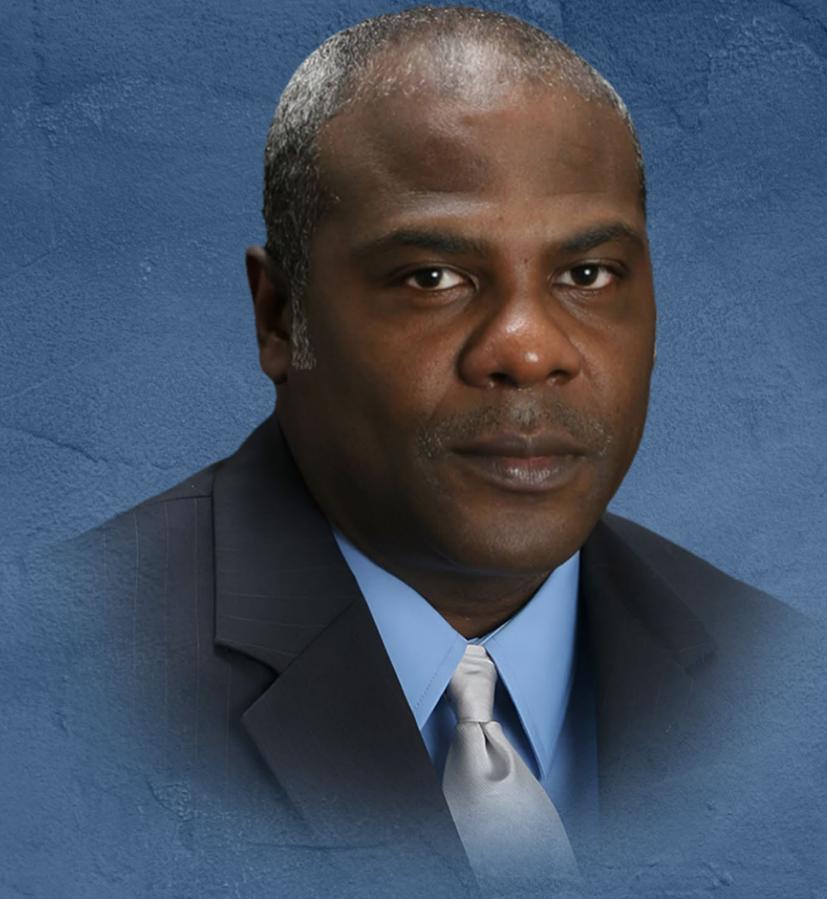
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Celebration of Life

MR. REGINALD STERLING GARVIN, SR.



"FUZZY"

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2025
1:00 P.M.

BROOKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH-WEST
1066 SUNSET BOULEVARD
WEST COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

REVEREND DR. CHARLES B. JACKSON, SR., PASTOR
REVEREND CHARLES B. JACKSON, JR., EULOGIST
REVEREND DR. BLAKELY N. SCOTT, PRESIDING

Obituary

“Reach high, for stars lie hidden in your soul. Dream deep, for every dream precedes the goal.”
-Langston Hughes

Mr. Reginald Sterling Garvin, Sr., 60, affectionately known by family and friends as “Fuzzy,” departed this earthly life on Friday, December 6, 2025, at his residence following an extended illness.

Born on August 26, 1965, in Columbia, South Carolina, Reginald was the youngest child of the Late Reger Lee Garvin and Ernestine Hampton Garvin. In addition to his parents, he was reared by his paternal grandmother, the Late Clay Anna Steadman Garvin. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, father, and a brother, Larry Donnell Hampton.

Accepting Christ at an early age, Reginald held membership at New Samaritan Baptist Church, Greater Carolina Baptist Church and Brookland Baptist Church for more than 30 years.

He was a proud product of the Richland One Public Schools and is a 1984 graduate of Eau Claire High School. He engaged in further studies at Mansfield College, SC Real Estate School for Success, and The Brewer Insurance Information Service.

As a teenager, Reginald worked his first job running a newspaper route. Over the years he held employment with: Budweiser, Carolina Wine and Spirits, Pulliam Ford, Lee & Stein Funding Group, and Outlook Financial Services. Reginald always possessed an entrepreneurial spirit and preferred being his own boss, so he pursued business ventures through: Garvin Automotive, Garvin Insurance Agency, Garvin Realty Group, Theta Nu Phi Records, as well as other entertainment-related endeavors. At the time of his passing, he aspired to expand his realty business by launching a real estate brokerage and worked as an office assistant at the Kambrell Garvin Law Firm.

Known for his charm, keen insight, down-to-earth nature, sharp dress, “street smarts,” bright smile, and “go getter” spirit, Reginald was able to walk with kings and never lost the common touch. He enjoyed prayer and meditation, traveling, watching sports, hosting friends, playing trumpet, flying crop duster planes, recreational racquetball, jazz, shooting pool, reading, coffee, sampling craft beer, sharing life lessons with his children, and spending time with family.

Reginald was a BMW enthusiast, skilled large machine operator, and a loyal Carolina Panthers, USC Gamecocks, and Chicago Bulls fan. He took great pride in working behind the scenes for his son’s political campaigns and always “kept his ear to ground”, offering invaluable insight. He also enjoyed volunteering with the Eau Claire High School Shamrocks Alumni Association. Reginald will be remembered most for his unwavering dedication to self-improvement, his tenacious and persistent spirit, and his determination to never let a setback hold him back.

He was most proud of his children whom he called “my three heroes” who are left to cherish precious memories: Lindsay Breyon Garvin, Reginald Sterling Garvin, Jr., and State Representative/Attorney Kambrell Houston (Monique) Garvin. His favorite new title was “Papa Fuzzy” to his granddaughter, Wrenley Primrose Garvin, whom he nicknamed “my crown” and who brought him much joy. In addition to his children, granddaughter, and his mother, he is survived by siblings: Sadie Garvin, Sadie Thomas, Reverend Thomas Mitchem (Reverend Cathy), Sandra Castile, Maurice Hampton, Doretha Robinson, Lee Davis; sister-in-law, Rosa Hampton; the mothers of his children, Rita Seals and Dr. Sonji Garvin Baxter; a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Memories



Order of Service

- Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Opening Hymn.....Brookland Baptist Church Choir
“Blessed Assurance”
- Old Testament.....Psalm 23.....Reverend Dr. Anthony McCallum
Pastor, Bethlehem Baptist Church
- New Testament.....II Timothy 4:6-8.....Reverend John K. Baxter
Pastor, First John Baptist Church
- Prayer of Comfort.....Senior Pastor Darrell Jackson
Pastor, Bible Way Church of Atlas Road
- Musical Selection.....Reverend Curtis Young
“Fix It Jesus” *Pastor, Cedar Grove Baptist Church*
Reverend Thomas Mitchem
Pastor, Love Center Baptist Church
- Remarks.....(Two Minutes, Please).....Mr. Ronald Free, Classmate
Mr. Aundra Holloman, Friend
Reverend Thomas Mitchem, Brother
Dr. Sonji Garvin Baxter, Family
- Selection.....Mr. Andre Brown, Cousin
“I Won’t Complain”
- Special Reflections.....Ms. Lindsay B. Garvin, Daughter
The Honorable Kambrell H. Garvin, Esq., Son
- Acknowledgements.....Mrs. Monique P. Garvin, Daughter-In-Law
- Musical Selection.....Brookland Baptist Church Choir
“You Fight On”
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend Charles B. Jackson, Jr.
- Recessional
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment
Lincoln Cemetery
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Columbia, South Carolina