

Farewell My Love

By: Josephine A. McRant

If I were a bird, I would fly far, far away
To escape the pain, I'm feeling today.
We both knew at some point this hour
would come

But we didn't know the date or which one.

If I could turn back the hands of time,
I would take a little longer to keep you
mine.

Though I'm left behind to tarry for a spell
Someday we'll be reunited, so scripture
tells.

Decades of cherished time I have to
ponder

I'm grateful for our life together, it's no
wonder.

Our time spent together, never apart,
Will help me get through the pain in my
heart.

Life was not perfect and not always right
But we were united until you took flight.
Though we are parting at this point in the
road,

My love for you remains solid as gold.
Sometimes through laughter sometimes
through tears,

I will reflect and cherish all of our years.
Today I'm releasing you to the Heavens
above

And saying for now, farewell, my love.

Your Wife "Josie"

Pallbearers

Nephews

Floral Bearers

Nieces

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thanks to everyone for your support and
kindness during this difficult time.

Special thanks to I. DeQuincey Newman United
Methodist Church for the loving support,
glorious music and beautiful repast.

Lexington Hospital, Northeast - Dr. Kim, P. A.
Lexington Medical Emergency Center and
Intensive Care Unit
Dr. Rowlingson, Nurses Tiffany and Jen

Repast following service at:
I. DeQuincey Newman United Methodist Church
7801 Wilson Boulevard
Columbia, South Carolina 29203

Services Entrusted To:

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

of

MR. NEHEMIAH D. MCRANT



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2025
1:00 P.M.

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

REVEREND MARY L. JOHNSON
OFFICIATING

Obituary of Mr. Nehemiah David McRant

Mr. Nehemiah David McRant was born in Richland County on December 26, 1946, to Mr. Alexander David and Mrs. Sallie Bell Hayes McRant. He departed his earthly life after a brief illness on Tuesday, December 16, 2025.

He was married to Josephine “Jo” Alston McRant and has one daughter, Tyra Shea McRant. He was a loving husband and devoted father.

Nehemiah, affectionally known by many as “Mack,” graduated from Hopkins High School where he played basketball. After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Air Force where he served a term of duty and received an honorable discharge. He received an associate’s degree in Aircraft Mechanics from Chanute Military Institute during his tour and later received an associate’s degree from Columbia Commercial College.

He was baptized at an early age at St. John Baptist Church, Hopkins, SC, and most often attended I. DeQuincey Newman United Methodist Church, Columbia, SC with his wife.

His career included employment with Allied Chemicals, Richland County Government, Southern Railway where he was offered the role of supervisor of the Andrews train yard, Greyhound, and South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy, from which he retired. While at the Academy, he designed the vehicle service building, which was named in his honor.

Nehemiah was a certified master mechanic whose expertise was highly respected and sought after. After retiring, he and his wife enjoyed national and international travel. They enjoyed going to the State Fair each year and Friday morning breakfast dates. He had a tremendous green thumb and enjoyed maintaining his yard. He was an excellent cook – especially collard greens. He collected American and foreign cars and lots of baseball caps. He was also fond of a stray cat who adopted them and they named her Kitty.

He is survived by his wife and daughter, one sister, Blanch M. McFadden, one bonus “sister,” Ella W. McRant, Hopkins, SC and was a second father to nephews, Wayne McRant (Linda) of Hopkins and Albert “Duck” Weston (Cilenta) of Charlotte, NC. He was predeceased by his parents and brothers, Alexander, Beverly, Albert, Cleveland, and Harold McRant; one sister, Joan McRant Silver.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

*Reverend Mary L. Johnson, Presiding
Retired United Methodist Minister*

- Musical Prelude
- Processional.....Clergy and Family
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Opening Selection.....I DeQuincey Newman UMC Choir
- Prayer.....Mrs. Dorothy Tyson, Chair, Evangelism Committee
I DeQuincey Newman UMC
- Scripture Readings.....Mr. Freddie Chalmers, Chair Administrative Council
I DeQuincey Newman UMC
 - Old Testament – Psalm 23
 - New Testament – John 14:1-7, 15-16
- Reflections.....Deacon Wayne McRant, Nephew
St. John Baptist Church, Hopkins, South Carolina
 - Mr. Leon Cureton, Sr., Coordinator
Richland County Sheriff's Department
 - Mr. Henry P. “Mack” McFadden, Brother-In-Law/Friend
- Acknowledgements/Resolutions
- Musical Selection.....I. DeQuincey Newman UMC Choir
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend Mary L. Johnson
- Benediction.....Reverend Mary L. Johnson
- Recessional
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

12:00 Noon
Wednesday, December 24, 2025
Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road
Columbia, South Carolina