

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid
you see.

I took His hand when I heard His call
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work, or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found the peace at the close of the
day.

If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joys
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of
sorrow,

I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved
one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue
grief.

Lift up your heart, and peace to thee-
God wanted me now; He has set me
free.

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C. A. Johnson Class of 1962

Pallbearers

C. A. Johnson Breakfast Club

Honorary Floral Bearers

C. A. Johnson Class of 1962

Floral Bearers

C. A. Johnson Class of 1968

Acknowledgement

We, the family of the late William McKinley Bowman, Jr., wish to express our sincere appreciation for the many acts of love, kindness, and support during the loss of our loved one. Your prayers and concerns have strengthened us and have brought great comfort and encouragement. We love you and may God continue to bless you all in the name of Jesus.

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Home Going Services In Loving Memory of Deacon William McKinley Bowman, Jr.



Friday, February 27, 2026
11:00 a.m.

Second Nazareth Baptist Church
2300 Elmwood Avenue
Columbia, South Carolina

Reverend Johnny Ray Noble, PhD
-Pastor-

Obituary of Deacon William McKinley Bowman, Jr.

Deacon William McKinley Bowman, Jr. was born on March 11, 1944, in St. George, South Carolina. He was the oldest child of the late Reverend William McKinley Bowman, Sr. and Sister Annie Mae Jones. He departed this life on Friday, February 20, 2026

Deacon Bowman was educated in the public schools of Richland County, South Carolina and graduate from C.A. Johnson High School, Class of 1962. He served his country in the United States Army, making the rank of First Lieutenant.

Deacon Bowman was baptized at an early age and served as a Deacon at Second Nazareth Baptist Church. He was a member of many organizations to include the United Baptist Deacons of Greater Columbia, and the South Carolina Baptist Deacons Association.

In addition to his parents, Deacon Bowman was preceded in death by his brother, Joseph A. Bowman, and sister, Beverly B. Crawford.

Deacon William McKinley Bowman, Jr. leaves to mourn his passing: his wife of 47 years, Florist Capers Bowman, of the home; children, Shanda Capers Marshall, of Irmo, South Carolina, Donyietta Melvin, of Charlotte, North Carolina, Willie Lee (Stacie) Capers, Jr., of Columbia, South Carolina, and Carmen (Cory) Dozier, of Columbia, South Carolina; ten (10) grandchildren with one whom resided in the home, Zaria Dozier; two great-grandchildren; sister, Audrey Richardson Felkel, of Columbia, South Carolina; a host of nieces, one whom he always talked about, Allison Demary; nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, many other loving relatives, and caring friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

- Prelude.....Musician
- Processional.....Clergy and Family
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Presentation of Military Honors
- Opening Hymn.....Second Nazareth Baptist Church Combined Choirs
- Old Testament.....Pastor Geroqe A. Ashford, PhD
Journey United Methodist Church, Columbia, SC
- New Testament.....Bishop Eric W. Davis
Word of God Church & Ministries International, Columbia, SC
- Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Willie C. Outlaw, PhD
Mount Moriah Baptist Church, Jenkinsville, SC
- Musical Selection.....Second Nazareth Baptist Church Combined Choirs
- Reflections: (Three Minutes, Please)
- Dialysis Partner.....Brother Tyriom Edwards
- Best Friend.....Deacon Henry Geathers
- Brother-In-Law.....Pastor Lonnie Jackson
Jesus Christ Tabernacle, Aiken, SC
- Reading of the Obituary.....Soft Music Playing
- Reflections: (Three Minutes, Please)
- Daughter in Christ.....Minister Marla J. Mitchell, PhD
United Baptist Deacons of Greater Columbia.....Deacon Theodore Jackson
C.A. Johnson High, Class of 1962...Dr. Debra Johnson Binns Austin RN, Retired
- Musical Selection.... Second Nazareth Baptist Church Combined Choirs
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend Johnny Ray Noble, PhD
- Committal
- Closing Prayer
- Benediction
- Recessional
- Postlude

