

Pallbearers

Deacons of Brookland Baptist Church

Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

A Cornerstone

What a great husband, father, grandpop, son, brother, uncle, Sailor and friend.

Jim Jim, my dear brother-in-law, I have known you all my life.

54 years ago, you asked my sister Carrie to be your wife.

She blushed and smiled; she surely did.

The grownups were skeptical because you were both just kids.

You whisked her away and sailed the ocean blue.

I said what about me. You sent for me too.

I was the first child and the summers were neat.

Then along came LaTanya and Akeem oh what a treat!

The years flowed with wisdom and the Lord's mighty plan.

You and Carrie were so strong, and you were a God-fearing man.

You were generous in giving, stayed ready to lend a hand,

You would fix this and cook that because you were a man with a brand.

At the end of the day, you took your post.

You sat next to the woman you loved the most.

The years went by, the family grew.

Nieces, nephews and grandkids too!

The family all thrived and was filled with so much love.

You sat back, smiled and thanked the Lord above.

Your time came without warning and God called you home.

This gap in life is huge because you were The Cornerstone.

Rest easy my brother, you exceeded the best. We will take care of Carrie because she is so blessed.

The years you gave us are worth more than gold, take your walk with the Lord and thank you for living BOLD.

Your Sister/Daughter,

Mary

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Deacon Jimmy L. Garvin, wish to acknowledge, with sincere appreciation and heartfelt gratitude, the many prayers and acts of kindness shown in our time of bereavement. Thank you for the cards, calls, tributes, and gifts of love.

*A Celebration of Life
In Loving Memory
of*

DEACON JIMMY LEE GARVIN



**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2026
12:00 NOON**

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

**REVEREND DR. CHARLES B. JACKSON, SR.
-PASTOR-**

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Reflections of the Life of Deacon Jimmy Lee Garvin

Deacon Jimmy Lee Garvin was born March 20, 1951, to the late Heyward Garvin, Sr. and Emma Mae Paul Garvin in Orangeburg County, South Carolina. He departed this life at the age of 74 on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, leaving behind Carrie Mae Jackson Garvin, his beloved wife of 54 years, and his adult children LaTanya Garvin and Akeem L. Garvin, Sr.

Jimmy was the fourth of seven boys. As a child he liked to take things apart and this often caused him to get in trouble with his brothers. Jimmy fell in love with his wife Carrie in grade school. He used to ride his bike across the town of Springfield, SC to visit her. Jimmy graduated from Norfield High School, Class 1971, formerly located in Norway, South Carolina. After graduating high school, he married the love of his life, Carrie, in 1971. Shortly after, he joined the United States Navy. After his service, Jimmy and his wife relocated to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where he worked for the railroad and then for the United States Postal Service. After spending 17 years in Pennsylvania, Jimmy, his wife, and children moved to South Carolina. In South Carolina, Jimmy was the first African American to work in his position as a maintenance troubleshooter and mailbox repairman for the United States Postal Service. In addition to working for the United States Postal Service, Jimmy also had his own carpentry and ceramic tile and marble business. He retired from the United States Postal Service after 37 years and retired from his personal business 7 years ago.

Jimmy loved his family with all his heart. His wife was very precious to him and wherever she went, he was never far behind. He took great care of her. Their love was rare and beautiful. He liked cooking, looking at homes, and home designs, loved hats, and generally loved staying active. He had a great sense of direction and could tell you where anything was. Jimmy could fix a lot of things and was a great plumber. If he didn't know how to fix it, he knew someone who could. He knew thousands of people and was very sociable. Though Jimmy would never admit it, he loved talking and almost every day he would reach out to someone and check them on. Jimmy was always helping his friends, family, and associates. He was an honest, caring, and family oriented man.

Jimmy was preceded in death by his parents, Heyward Garvin Sr. and Emma Mae Paul; brothers Thomas, Wallace, Reuben, and Benny. Jimmy leaves his love with; his wife, Carrie Mae Jackson Garvin; a son, Akeem L. (Dawn) Garvin, Sr., of Ft. Stewart, GA; a daughter, LaTanya Garvin, of West Columbia, SC; brothers Heyward (Betty) Garvin, Jr., of Nesses, South Carolina and Joseph (Shambra) Garvin, of Springfield, South Carolina; six grandchildren, Aaliyah, Destiny, Jerin, Akeem Jr., Akhil, and Ason; one grand-pup Frank; nieces; nephews; great-nieces; great-nephews; and many other loving relatives, colleagues, and caring friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Tributes

To My Loving Husband

Jimmy, you are the love of my life. I miss you so much and love you so much. Jimmy when you called my name, I rushed to your side to help you and I told you that I love you. Jimmy, I love you and miss you. God loves you more. Jimmy you were a good man and took care of me and you loved me. You took care of our family. You will always be mine and my Husband. I will forever love you. I will forever miss you.

Your wife. Your Honey. Your "Mrs. Garvin" - Carrie

To My Daddy

Daddy I will forever be your baby girl. You taught me so much in life from installing a toilet to reading good books. You loved God and Our Savior Jesus Christ, and you instilled that love in me. You taught me how to love our family and care for others. I thought we would have more time. I will miss telling you to put dishes in the dishwasher. I will miss laughing with you, talking to you, hugging you, and fussing with you. I will miss you forever. Till we meet again "Father".

Your Daughter, Your "Tank-Tank"- LaTanya

To My Jim Jim

I grew up watching you from your back. Always teaching or showing someone how things had to be done. Never afraid to get your hands dirty yourself, because you loved the work just as much as the money you made from it. The love of your family pushed you to work hard as you did for your entire life. Your last words were asking Mom if she was ok instead of worrying about yourself. This let me know you regretted none of it. I grew up wanting for nothing in life. You shared your love with those around me, who grew up to love you as a father figure as well. Everybody loved "Mr. Jimmy"!! I didn't mind sharing because I was, and still am, proud to be your son. I will never get the chance to tell you but you were my hero and I strive to be half the man you were. I know there'll never be another "Slim Snake" aka "Jim Jim" aka "Jimbo" aka "Uncle Jimmy" aka "Pop Pop" aka "My Pops".

Your Son - Akeem

Pop-pop

Rest in peace to my wonderful, ever-loving grandfather. I miss you so much already and it's hard to believe that you're gone so quickly. Though I wish you could've seen me graduate and fulfill my dreams for the future, I am forever grateful and thankful for the time I was allowed to spend with you. You could not love me for your entire life, but I will love and cherish you for mine. It will be hard to see all of your usual places and wonder why you're no longer there. I will hold on to the fond memories I have of you and honor the legacy you left behind for as long as I live. Love you always.

Your Grandbaby Destiny

To My Brother

The death of a person is not the time to weep, for they are gone and shall no more return. It is a time for rejoicing, for the Lord, our God, has brought His child to sit by Him-forever. This is a time for all to remember the pleasant times that were shared between yourself and those departed. Do not be selfish and wish them back. For they have gained what every human desires...Eternal peace.

From Your Brother Heyward

Memories



Order of Service

- Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Opening Hymn.....“Blessed Assurance”
- Old Testament.....Joshua 24:15Mr. Akeem L. Garvin, Sr.
- New Testament.....II Corinthians 1:3-4.....Mr. Akeem T. Garvin, Jr.
- Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. James Jamison
- Musical Selection.....“Jesus Promised Me A Home”Ms. Ebonie Williams
- Remarks.....Mrs. Marilyn Jamison
- Musical Selection
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Charles B. Jackson, Sr.
- Recessional
- Postlude



***** For Immediate Family Only*****
Committal, Benediction, and Interment
9:00 A.M.
Monday, February 16, 2026
Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road
Columbia, South Carolina

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