

Papa

Grandpa always seemed to know the answer, even when he didn't say much at all. You could ask him anything—about life, or a broken hinge— and he'd figure it out, calm and sure.

His hands were never still for long. They fixed what was worn, built what was needed, and showed us how to do it ourselves. He believed in learning by trying, and in taking pride in honest work.

He taught us how to fish, how to cook a good meal, how to make do with what we had— but more than that, he taught us how to live true to who we are.

He lived a quiet life, but it was full— full of knowledge, patience, and love shown through action.

We will hear him in the small moments: when something needs fixing, when we cast a line, when we trust ourselves to find the answer.

And in those moments, we will know he is still teaching us.

Acknowledgements

The family of James McFadden would like to express their sincere gratitude to all family members, friends, and loved ones for the prayers, visits, calls, and kind expressions of sympathy during this time of loss. Your love and support have been a great source of comfort.


The family would also like to extend special thanks to the compassionate teams at Hope, Love and Compassionate Care and McLeod Home Care for the dignity, kindness, and devoted care provided to James during his final months. Your dedication will always be remembered and deeply appreciated.

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Homegoing Service
Celebrating the life
of

MR. JAMES MCFADDEN



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026
2:00 P.M.

FORT JACKSON NATIONAL CEMETERY
4170 PERCIVAL ROAD
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

REVEREND WARREN LYKES
-OFFICIATING-

Obituary of Mr. James McFadden

Mr. James McFadden, lovingly known as “Da,” “PaPa,” and “Pops,” was born on December 4, 1945, to Fred and Louise McFadden in Rock Hill, South Carolina. He passed away peacefully on Thursday, February 12, 2026.

James was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Mae Francis Jamison McFadden.

He was a proud graduate of Columbia High School and attended Columbia Commercial College, where he studied carpentry. James also honorably served in the United States Armed Forces, an experience that shaped his strong sense of discipline and character. A skilled craftsman, James, worked at Southern Tables, where his dedication and attention to detail could be seen in every piece he touched. He loved working with his hands and found joy in fishing, gardening, and playing the guitar. A quiet, thoughtful introvert, James was known for his gentle spirit, steady presence, and the love he shared with family.

Affectionately known as “Pops” throughout the community, he was “Da” to his children and “Papa” to his grandchildren — a devoted father and grandfather, a gentle philosopher and trusted counselor to many, and a steady, loving presence in countless lives. As he took his leave, he offered one final piece of wisdom to all who loved him: “Be you.” In those two simple words lives the heart of who he was.

James leaves to cherish his memory his loving children: Andrena McFadden, Joseph (Tameka) McFadden, Tyrone (Katy) McFadden, Maria McFadden, Theresa Tymes-Maxwell, Melissa (Eddie) Wilson, and Hope McFadden. He is also survived by his sister, Peggy McFadden; his sister-in-law, Rubell McFadden; his beloved grandchildren, Carol McFadden, Rodrena Patrick, Brittany Myers, Valerie (Brandon) Sims, Keiosha Harrison, Datron McFadden, Antwon McFadden, Averee Scipio, James Thompson IV, Chance McFadden, and Brooklyn Taylor; his special nephew, Willie Reese; a host of loving great-grandchildren, relatives, and dear friends.

James McFadden will be remembered for his hardworking hands, kind heart, and the quiet love he gave to everyone who knew him. His legacy lives on in his family and in everything he built.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

Presentation of Military Honors

The Call to Worship.....Reverend Warren Lykes

Opening Prayer.....Reverend Warren Lykes

Scripture Reading.....Reverend Warren Lykes

Poem.....Ms. Kemiya Taylor

Words of Comfort..... Reverend Warren Lykes

Committal

Closing Prayer

Benediction

