

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

*When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not here to see,
If the sun should rise and find your eyes, filled with tears for me.*

*I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today,
while thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.*

*I know how much you love me, as much as I love you,
and each time you think of me, I know you'll miss me too.*

*When tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand
That an angel came and called my name and took me by the hand*

*The angel said my place was ready in heaven far above
And that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.*

*But when I walked through Heaven's gate, I felt so much at home
When God looked down and smiled at me from His great golden throne.*

*He said, "This is eternity and all I've promised you."
Today my life on earth is past, but here it starts anew*

*I promise no tomorrow but today will always last
And since each day's the same day, there's no longing for the past.*

*So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart,
For every time, you think of me, I'm right there in your heart.*

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Floral Bearers

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Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. Robert Donald Whetstone, would like to thank each of you for your love, prayers, and support shown to us during the passing of our loved one. It is our prayer that the Lord blesses each of you in a very special way.

*A Service of Victory
Celebrating the Life
of*

MR. ROBERT DONALD WHETSTONE



SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026
2:00 P.M.

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Obituary of

Mr. Robert Donald Whetstone

On March 8, 1948, Robert Donald Whetstone was born in Columbia, South Carolina. He was the only male child of the late James and Rhudine Whetstone. Robert had two older sisters, Loretta and Geneva, who preceded him in death in 2024.

He was raised in the Ridgewood neighborhood by his grandparents, the late Moses and Gertrude Bookert.

From childhood to his senior citizen years, Robert enjoyed different sports, cars, and a great social life. He became a member of Ridgewood Baptist Church in his youth and committed many Sundays to attending services there.

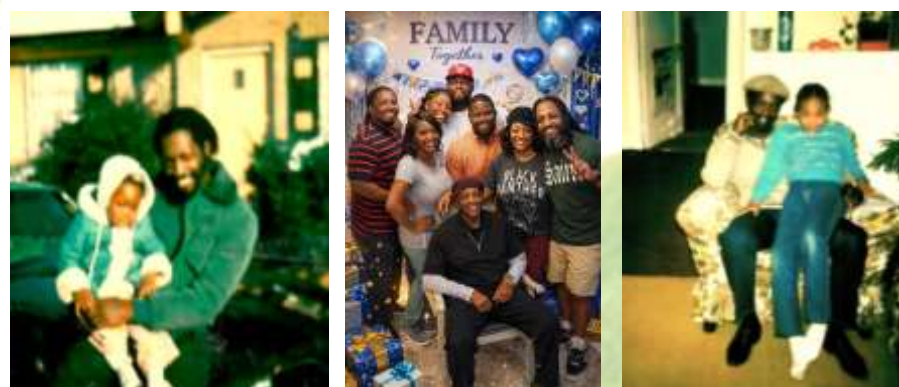
Educated in the public schools of Richland County, South Carolina, Robert was a graduate of C.A. Johnson High school. At C.A. Johnson, he ran track, played basketball and became a part of the Joe Black All-Star baseball team. His passion for baseball transitioned to golf. He played many rounds at The Spur at Northwoods Golf Club and other locations. He was also a member of the Ridgewood Golf Club.

Robert was employed with Pepsi as a truck driver for many years in the 70s and early 80s. As a young adult, he acquired skillsets such as brick masonry and carpentry. Through sports, loved ones and his social life, he was able to experience travel and many joyous moments.

In addition to his parents and two sisters, Robert was preceded in death by his son, Robert Johnson and granddaughter, Jamirrah Riley.

Robert Whetstone leaves his most cherished love and memories with his children: Rickie (LaToya) Trapp, Melissa (Jeremy) Jenkins, Anita (Terrance) Robinson, David (NaTasha) Lide, Tammie Temple, Michael (S. Renee) Bethel, LaToya McNulty, Silas (Teresa) Palance, and Rhonda Benjamin (stepchild); and his companion, Verna "Hope" Herrington. He also leaves a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Memories



The Order of Worship

Reverend Darrius Graves, Presiding

Prelude

Processional

Musical Selection.....Reverend Loraine Anderson
"Goin' Up Yonder"

Old Testament.....Psalm 116.....Minister

New Testament.....Revelation 21:1-7.....Minister

Prayer of Comfort.....Bishop Melvin Brown

Musical Selection.....Reverend Loraine Anderson
"Lily In The Valley"

Remarks.....Mr. David Lee Isaac
Mr. Melvin Davis
Bishop Melvin Brown

Musical Selection.....Reverend Loraine Anderson
"Won't It Be Grand"

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Yancy Martin, Sr.

Viewing.....Funeral Directors

Recessional

Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

Woodlawn Cemetery
10216 Farrow Road
Blythewood, South Carolina