

# Obituary

**Mr. Kelly Tabert Charles, Sr.** was born on December 24, 1965. He peacefully entered eternal rest on Friday, April 24, 2026, at Prisma Health Richland Hospital.

**Kelly** was educated in the Orangeburg County Public School System and graduated from Edisto High School. After graduation, **Kelly** worked for the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) until his health declined.

**Kelly** was a member and served faithfully at Progressive Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Kelly** loved his children and grandchildren with his whole heart. He was a loyal # 1 fan of South Carolina State University (SCSU), Clemson University, and the Pittsburgh Steelers Nation.

**Kelly** was preceded in death by: his wife, Debra Jones Charles; his father, Alfonso Lott, Sr.; a sister, Juliet Lott; and a brother, Raymond Hammond.

**Mr. Kelly Tabert Charles, Sr.** leaves to cherish his precious memory: his mother, Rebecca Hammond; two sons, Josh (Janeshia) Charles and Kelly (Jasmine) Charles, Jr.; a daughter, Princess Charles, of Columbia, SC; his siblings, Janie Guinyard, Iris Ann Lott, both of Orangeburg, SC, Alfonso (Veronica) Lott, of Columbia, SC, and Wannda Hammond, of New Jersey; his grandchildren, Payten Charles, Joshua Charles, Landon Charles, and Parker Charles; a host of nieces, nephews, other loving relatives and caring friends and church members, all of whom will miss him dearly.

# Memories



# Order of Service

Prelude

Processional..... “Perfect Peace”  
Recording by: Marvin Sapp

Viewing ..... Funeral Directors

Opening Hymn..... Columbia’s Senior Choir  
“It Is Well With My Soul”

Prayer ..... Elder James Robins

Old Testament .....Minister Carton Jenkins  
**Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8**

New Testament ..... Minister Leroy Epps  
**Matthew 11: 28-30**

Selection..... Columbia’s Senior Choir

Reflection ..... Brother Larry Payne  
Elder Simon Jenkins  
Mr. Kelly Charles, Jr.

Tribute..... Ms. Alexis Guinyard-Shuler, Niece

Selection..... Columbia’s Senior Choir

Acknowledgements..... Sister Janie Davis

Selection ..... Columbia’s Senior Choir

Words of Comfort.....Bishop Theodore Jenkins, Sr.

Recessional & Postlude



## Committal, Benediction and Interment

Lincoln Cemetery  
4900 Farrow Road  
Columbia, South Carolina

## 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.

## Pallbearers

Columbia's Ushers and  
Members of Progressive Church

## Floral Bearers

Columbia's Women Department and  
Members of Progressive Church

## Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. Kelly Tabert Charles, Sr.,  
would like to sincerely thank you for your  
prayers, love, and support during this difficult  
time. We are truly grateful for your compassion  
and for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers.

## Repast

Family Life Center

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Managing Director

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**Leevy's**  
Chris Leevy Johnson  
Managing Director

SCAN THE ONLINE REGISTRY:



Zsuzette A. Williams, II  
General Manager

# Celebration of *Life*



**Mr. Kelly Tabert Charles, Sr.**

**Saturday, May 2, 2026 – 1:00 p.m.**

**Progressive Church of Our Lord  
Jesus Christ**

**2222-24 Barhamville Road  
Columbia, South Carolina**

**Bishop Theodore Jenkins, Sr.,**

**-Pastor-**