

Obituary of Mr. Luther Gaston, Jr.

Mr. Luther Gaston, Jr., was born on May 27, 1957, in Columbia, South Carolina. He was the son of the late Luther Gaston, Sr. and Ivory Lee Smith Nelson. Luther departed this life on Monday, March 30, 2026, at Prisma Health Richland Hospital, Columbia, South Carolina.

Luther was educated in the public schools of Richland County, South Carolina, and later attended Job Corps. He was employed and retired as a concrete/dump truck driver, where he was given the nickname, "Luke."

He enjoyed watching football and watching his Dallas Cowboys play.

In addition to his parents, Luther was preceded in death by his stepfather, Leon Nelson; great-grandson, Micah D. Samuels; sisters, Minnie L. Smith-Jacobs, Vickie Gaston, and Zinnie Woodberry; brothers, Albert Smith, Roosevelt Smith, Leonard Brown, and Nathaniel Smith, Jr.

Those who will forever cherish his memory are: the mother of his children, Cassandra Manigault; his daughters, Geraldine Manigault, Eboney (Johnny) Johnson, Khalilah Manigault, and Jah'nette (James) Chapman; a special nephew/son, Corey Smith; sisters, Willene Sessions and Mildred Cherry; sisters, Rebecca (Prince) Robinson and Ella Taylor; brother, Percy (Sandra) Smith; 13 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other loving relatives, and friends, all of whom will miss him dearly

Memories



Order of Service

- Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Musical Selection.....Mr. Rayechon McQueen
"Praise Him In Advance"
- Old Testament.....Ms. Cassandra Manigault
- New Testament.....Mrs. Tamiko Jones
- Prayer.....Evangelist Linda Sabb
- Musical Selection.....Ms. Chicoria Jacobs
"The Battle Is Not Yours"
- Remarks.....Ms. Michelle "Shell" Rivers, Special Friend
Ms. Zauria Manigault
Mrs. Rebecca Smith Robinson
- Poem.....Mrs. Jah'nette Chapman
- Musical Selection.....Mr. Rayechon McQueen
"I Am Free"
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend Bersail Jones
- Musical Selection.....Ms. Chicoria Jacobs
"I'm Gonna Be Ready"
- Recessional
- Postlude



**Committal, Benediction and
Interment**
Lincoln Cemetery
4900 Farrow Road
Columbia, South Carolina

This Is Not Goodbye

By: Mrs. Jah'nette Chapman

Grief tries to tell me I've lost you, but love proves otherwise. Daddy, your love is forever imprinted on my heart and every step I take I carry you with me. The world sees me walking alone, but I know I'm walking with your love. When I close my eyes, I see you daddy. When I open my eyes, I miss you all over again. A thousand times I've cried, a thousand times I've needed you. If love alone could've saved you, you never would have died. Before your surgery I told you I loved you and that I would see you later. That later came but you were no longer with us. They all say you're in a better place, but I thought this was the best place. Daddy, I feel like I'm all alone. Your baby girl is hurting, and you always said, "I'll kill a brick and choke a rope behind this one." If you truly knew my Daddy, then you knew what he meant. In life I love you dearly. In death I love you still and, in my heart, you hold a place no one else can ever fill. Thank you for being my anchor and my guide. Just know we will meet again one day Daddy, as this is not goodbye.

Pallbearers

Grandsons & Nephews

Floral Bearers

Granddaughters & Nieces

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. Luther Gaston, Jr., 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.

Repast

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General Manager

Homegoing Celebration for Mr. Luther Gaston, Jr.



**Friday April 10, 2026
11:00 a.m.**

**Leevy's Funeral Home Chapel
1831 Taylor Street**

Columbia, South Carolina

Reverend Bersail Jones

-Officiating-