

## **“To My “Honey B”**

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.

## **Honorary Pallbearers**

Combat Veterans

## **Pallbearers**

Nephews

## **Floral Bearers**

Nieces

## **Repast**

**Bell Memorial Baptist Church  
7205 Farrow Road  
Columbia, South Carolina**

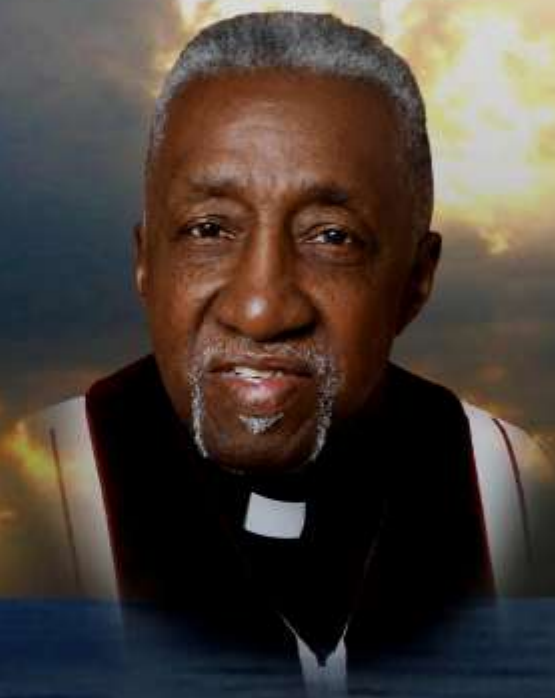


## **Acknowledgement**

**We, the family of Pastor Lee Roy Butler, Jr. would like to thank each of you for your prayers, love, 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. We would like to extend a special thank you to the staff of Pruitt Health Medical, Pruitt Health Palliative & Hospice Care, and Pruitt Health-Blythewood.**

## *Homegoing Service Celebrating the Life of*

**PASTOR LEE ROY BUTLER, JR.**



**SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026  
2:00 P.M.**

**CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH  
3625 CLEMENT ROAD  
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**REVEREND DR. RICKY RAY EZELL, SR.  
-PASTOR-**

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# Obituary of Pastor Lee Roy Butler, Jr.

Pastor Lee Roy Butler, Jr., the oldest son of twelve children born to the late Lee Roy Butler, Sr. and Idell Shuler Butler was born on June 26, 1939, in Lone Star, South Carolina. He departed this earthly life on Monday, May 22, 2026.

Pastor Butler was a native of South Carolina, where he attended Saxon Elementary School and Booker T. Washington High School. After leaving high school to join the United States Air Force, Pastor Butler returned to complete his high school diploma from Richland School District One. He also attended Morris College, Sumter, South Carolina, where he studied Religion, completing all tasks that were required of him. Pastor Butler also attended the Lutheran Theological Seminary, in Columbia, South Carolina and several other religious institutes earning numerous awards and certificates of completion.

He was joined in holy matrimony to First Lady Johnnie Mae Rich-Butler on September 13, 2008. They were blessed with five children.

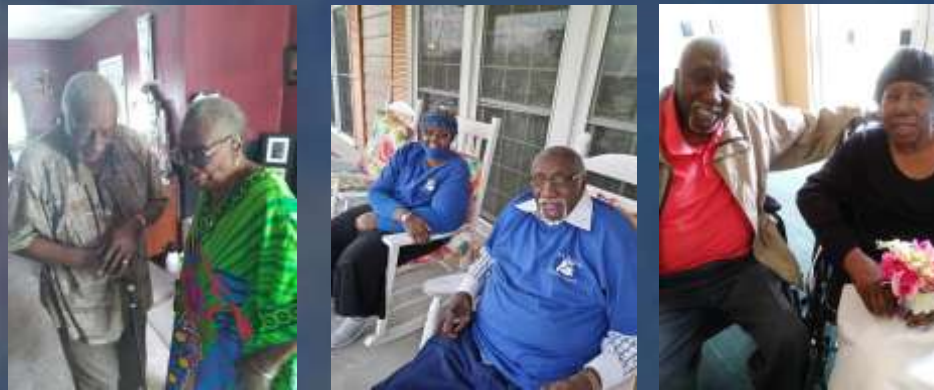
Pastor Butler was the proud founder of Bell Memorial Baptist Church, Columbia, South Carolina. He attributed this success in ministry to first his dedication to God, his loving wife, family members, and friends, who have supported him in every effort.

In addition to his parents, Pastor Butler was preceded in death by his son, Harold Lee Butler; one brother, John Vernon Butler; and three sisters, Janie Pickens, Gloria Collier, and Edwina Hampton.

Pastor Lee Roy Butler, Jr. leaves a legacy of love to be cherished by: his devoted wife, Johnnie Mae Rich-Butler; one daughter, Victoria Butler-Smith (Michael); stepchildren, Carey D. Rich, Sr., Shakita N. Rich, and Brandon L. Brown; four brothers, Kenneth Butler, Melvin (Wank) Jones, Edwin Jones, and Clyde Butler; three sisters, Mary Johnson, Frances Sessions, and Adell Howard; eleven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, sisters-in-laws, brothers-in-law, other loving relatives, and caring friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

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## Memories



## A Service of Remembrance

*"Well Lord You Know All About It"*  
-Pastor Lee Roy Butler, Jr.-

- Musical Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Musical Selection
- Old Testaments.....Reverend Dr. Blakely N. Scott  
*Psalm 27:1-6*
- New Testaments.....Reverend Elizabeth Wine  
*John 14:1-6*
- Prayer.....Pastor Nicky Wilson
- Musical Selection.....Ms. Charlene Johnson
- Special Presentation.....Reverend Loretta Coleman
- Musical Selection.....Mount Moriah Male Chorus
- Remarks.....Pastor Stanley Ladson, Midlands Quarter Ministry  
Commander Tommy Oldes, Combat Veterans Organization  
Deacon Steve Wilson, Cornerstone Baptist Church  
Sister Runetta Johnson-Mitchell Bell, Memorial Baptist Church  
Mr. Clyde Butler, Brother
- Musical Selection.....Midlands Quartet Choir
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Ricky Ray Ezell, Sr.
- Closing Selection.....Midlands Quartet Choir
- Recessional
- Postlude



## Committal, Benediction and Interment

**Crescent Hill Memorial Gardens**  
2603 Two Notch Road  
Columbia, South Carolina