

Remember Me

To the living, I am gone.

To the sorrowful, I will never return.

To the angry, I was cheated,

But to the happy, I am at peace,

And to the faithful, I have never left.

I cannot be seen, but I can be heard

So as you stand upon a shore,

Gazing at a beautiful sea-remember
me.

As you look upon a flower and

Admire its grand majesty—remember
me.

Remember me in your heart, your
thoughts,

your memories of the times we loved,

The times we cried, the times we
fought, the times we laughed.

For if you always think of me, I will
never be gone.

Pallbearers

Maurice Alexander Quincy Hester

Bobby Jones Vanchell Robinson

Brock Donald, Jr. Quentin Murphy

Floral Bearers

Jessica Sanders Victoria Sanders Tyler Dunlap

Syera Dunlap Sakari Dunlap Belinda Hester

Ariana Snipes

Acknowledgement

We, the family of CSM (Ret) Leroy Richard Dunlap, extend our deepest and most heartfelt gratitude during this time of sorrow and remembrance. Your love, prayers, visits, kind words, and expression of support have brought us comfort and strength beyond measure. Though the words “thank you” seem so small, they carry the depth of appreciation we feel in our hearts. We are especially grateful to those who traveled near and far, called, reached out, and shared treasured memories of my husband and our father. Each act of kindness has meant more to us than words can fully express. Please continue to keep our family in your prayers and in your hearts as journey through this season of our lives. May God richly bless each of you for the love you have shown us.

The Dunlap Family

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Homegoing Service
Celebrating the Life
of

CSM (RET) LEROY RICHARD DUNLAP, SR.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2026
11:00 A.M.

LONGCREEK CHURCH OF CHRIST
720 LONGTOWN ROAD
BLYTHEWOOD, SOUTH CAROLINA

MINISTER KELVIN L. BRIGGS
-OFFICIATING-

Obituary

CSM (Ret) Leroy Richard Dunlap, Sr. began his life's journey on January 29, 1953, in Clinton, South Carolina Born to the late Lucy Dunlap Sweetenburg and the late Willie Murphy, Jr, he peacefully departed this life on Tuesday, June 2, 2026.

Education remained an important part of CSM (Ret) Dunlap's life and personal growth. He received his early education in the public schools of Laurens County, South Carolina, and graduated from Clinton High School in 1971. He continued his academic pursuits by earning an associate's degree in accounting from Friendship College, in Rock Hill, South Carolina. Demonstrating a lifelong commitment to learning, he later earned a bachelor's degree in general studies from Columbia College in Saint Louis, Missouri, followed by a master's degree in business administration, and a master's degree in human resources, both from Webster University, in Saint Louis, Missouri.

CSM (Ret) Dunlap's life was marked by honorable and distinguished military service. On May 5, 1974, he enlisted in the United States Army at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. After 30 years of faithful service, he retired in June 2004 from Fort Stewart, Georgia, having attained the rank of Command Sergeant Major. During his military career, he served in Operation Desert Storm and received numerous awards and decorations, including the Bronze Star 1st Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal 3rd Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal 3rd Oak Leaf Cluster, and Army Achievement Medal 2nd Oak Leaf Cluster.

Family was central to CSM (Ret) Dunlap's life, and he leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife, Sophia H. Dunlap, with whom he shared 53 years of marriage; his mother, Ella M. Murphy of Clinton, South Carolina; five children, Vida Sanders of Rock Hill, South Carolina, Sharlon (John) Johnson of Charlotte, North Carolina, Richard Dunlap of Blythewood, South Carolina, Samuel Dunlap of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Luella Dunlap of Blythewood, South Carolina; three brothers, Wilber (Diann) Murphy of Valdosta, Georgia, Watson Murphy of Clinton, South Carolina, and Tony (Renee) Kinard of Clinton, South Carolina; one sister-in-law, Carolyn Williams of Wendell, North Carolina; four brothers-in-law, Harvey Hester of Columbia, South Carolina, Clarence (Kim) Hester of Yonkers, New York, Willard (Mary) Hester of Simpsonville, South Carolina, and Michael Williams of Wendell, North Carolina.

He is also lovingly remembered by eleven grandchildren, including Tyler Dunlap, Leroy Dunlap, and Allan Dunlap, who resided in the home; six great-grandchildren; a beloved nephew, Quincy (Kr istina) Hester of Hartsdale, New York; a beloved niece, Belinda Hester of Long Island, New York; a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, other dear relatives, and cherished friends, who will forever treasure his memory.

Memories



Order of Service



- Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Welcome.....Mr. Reese Palmer
- Opening Prayer.....Mr. Henry Wigfall
- Selection.....Mr. Gilberto Kennedy
"It Is Well with My Soul"
- Obituary Reading.....Mr. Reese Palmer
- Selection.....Mr. Al Ravenell
"Lily of the Valley"
- Scripture Readings:
 - Old Testament.....Mr. David Redmond
Psalm 46:1-3
 - New Testament.....Mr. Darnell Williams
John 14:1-6
- Solo.....Mr. Gilberto Kennedy
"Sing Hallelujah"
- Remarks.....(Two Minutes, Please).....Mr. Bobby Jones
Mr. Sammie Taylor
Mr. Charles McGriff
Mr. Richard Patterson
- Selection.....Mr. Al Ravenell
" My Jesus Is Coming Soon"
- Words of Comfort.....Minister Kelvin Briggs
- Closing Prayer.....Mr. Gil Potter
- Recessional
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction, and Interment

1:00 P.M./Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road
Columbia, South Carolina