

Pallbearers

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Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. Ernest Lee Hopkins III, would like to thank each of you for your acts of kindness, contributions, and prayers during the passing of our loved one. It is in our prayers that the Lord blesses each of you in a special way.

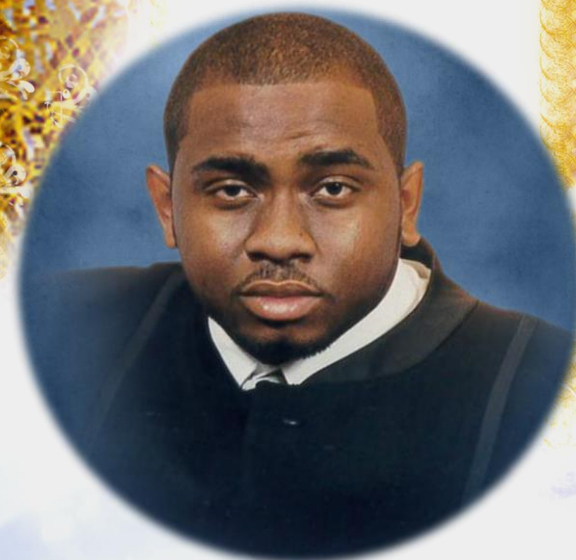
I'm Free

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.

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In Loving Memory of

Mr. Ernest Lee Hopkins, III



Monday, July 6, 2026

11:00 A.M.

**Leevy's Funeral Home Chapel
1831 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina
Reverend Alan D. Suber
-Officiating-**

Obituary

Mr. Ernest Lee Hopkins III, was born September 20, 1984. He was the eldest child of Ernest Lee Hopkins, Jr. and Shelly Love Hopkins, of Columbia, South Carolina. He departed this earthly life on Monday, June 15, 2026.

Ernest Lee was a product of Richland School District Two. He was a proud graduate of Richland Northeast High School, class of 2003. One of his proudest moments was being selected as one of the 16 students out of South Carolina, and of the two students from Columbia to attend the 10th annual Summer Science Program at the Governor's School for Science and Mathematics. Ernest Lee loved reading books and exploring science related topics. After graduating high school, he attended Midlands Technical College. He then furthered his education, graduating from ITT – Technical Institute, located in Houston Texas, graduating with honors. After completing his degree, he obtained a job with Lockheed-Martin Institution, building computers for the U.S. Military. He later enlisted in the United States Navy from June 15, 2006 to March 16, 2007, receiving an honorable discharge. He was stationed in Houston, Texas, which he decided to make his home.

He later began working while going to school to obtain his HVAC/R degree. Ernest was also a worker of a security company from 2017 until his passing. He decided to further his education by attending Houston Community College, majoring in Health Science. It was confirmed that he had started his prerequisites. Ernest Lee was also a proud Carolina Panthers fan.

Ernest Lee was preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents.

Mr. Ernest Lee Hopkins, III, leaves to cherish his precious memory: his parents, Ernest Lee Hopkins, Jr. and Shelly Love Hopkins; two sisters, Chanel Hopkins and Kimberly Harris; brother-in-law, Rodrequez Harris; along with a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins, all of whom loved him dearly. All that's left are the memories that we will cherish and hold dear to our hearts.

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional..... “I Shall Wear a Crown”
Recording By: Yolanda Deberry

Viewing.....Funeral Directors

Musical Selection..... “ I Can Only Imagine”
Recording By: Tamela Mann

Scripture Readings.....Mr. Rodrequez D. Harris

Prayer.....Deacon Alan Suber

Selection..... “At The Cross”
Recording By: CeCe Winans

Reflections.....Mrs. Kimberly Harris
Ms. Carolyn McDaniel

Selection.....Ms. Chauntel Suber
“Jesus Promised Me A Home Over There”

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Alan Suber

Recessional..... “ I’m Free”
Recording By: Peter Spacey

Postlude



Committal, Benediction, & Interment

Woodlawn Cemetery
10216 Farrow Road
Columbia, South Carolina