

Pallbearers and Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

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.

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. David Lawson, would like to thank each of you for your prayers, love, and support shown to us during the passing of our loved one. May God bless each of you in a special way.

Homegoing Service In Loving Memory of

MR. DAVID LAWSON



MONDAY, JULY 6, 2026
1:00 P.M.

LEEY'S FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL
1831 TAYLOR STREET
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

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Obituary

On Monday, June 29, 2026, surrounded by the love of his family, David Lawson peacefully entered eternal rest. Born on April 18, 1944, in Summerton, South Carolina, David was raised in Clarendon County, where he attended and graduated from the historic Scott's Branch High School as a member of the Class of 1964.

Like many of his generation seeking new opportunities, David made his way to New York City, where he built both a career and a future. Shortly after arriving, he met the love of his life, Sarah J. Brailsford, beginning a love story that would span 57 years of marriage. Together, they built a home rooted in love, faith, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment while raising their two daughters, DeAndrea and Cheryl.

David dedicated much of his professional life to Norel Industries in Brooklyn, New York. Following his retirement, he and Sarah returned to Columbia, South Carolina, in 2005.

David was a member of Santee AME Church. He was a man whose faith guided every aspect of his life. This was evident in his quiet strength, humility, steadfast spirit, and the unwavering love and care he showed to his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his beloved grandmother, affectionately known as "Big Mama," Mary Richardson; his grandfather, Boston Richardson; his mother, Emma "Ms. Sweetie" Israel; and his siblings, Eartha Mae Ross, James Lawson, Boston Lawson, Henry Lawson, Abraham Lawson, Wash Israel, and Frank Israel.

David leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife, Sarah J. Brailsford Lawson; his daughters, DeAndrea Lawson and Cheryl (Cliff) Wilson; his beloved grandchildren, Jordan (Chris) Turner, Lauryn Wilson, Jada Furtick, Alexandra Wilson, and Bryce Wilson; his siblings, Mary Mardy, Delores Israel, Margie Robinson, Billy (Donna) Israel, and Emma Brooker; his sister-in-law, Lucille Lawson; and his beloved cousin, Abraham Richardson, along with a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

David's life was a testament to perseverance, quiet strength, enduring faith, and unwavering love. Though he is no longer with us in body, his legacy lives on through the family he cherished, the values he instilled, and the countless memories that will continue to bring comfort, strength, and joy.

"Well done, good and faithful servant."
Matthew 25:23

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Viewing.....Funeral Directors

Opening Hymn.....Musician

Old Testament.....Reverend Dorothy Boyd
Job 14:1-14

New Testament.....Mrs. Jordan Turner
II Corinthians 5:1-7

Prayer.....Reverend William T. Johnson
Pastor, Taw Caw Missionary Baptist Church

SoloReverend Dorothy White
"Can't Give Up Now"

RemarksMs. Delores Israel
Ms. Annie Stocker, Scotts Branch High School Class of 1964
Mrs. Cheryl Wilson

Selection.....Musician

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Ronald I. Best
Pastor, Zion Pilgrim Baptist Church

Recessional

Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

Bush River Memorial Gardens
5400 Bush River Road
Columbia, South Carolina