

Obituary

1Sgt (Ret) Thriso Hamilton Jr. affectionally known as “Jr”, “Junebug”, or just “Bug,” was born on September 17th, 1959, in Central, South Carolina. He was the beloved son of the late Thriso Hamilton Sr. and Carrie Williams-Hamilton and was reared by his beloved late grandparents, Stacy and Ed Hicks. He departed this life to be with the Lord on Wednesday, August 5th, 2026.

He attended Daniel High School and lettered in four sports including track and field, basketball, football and baseball, which he excelled in. Shortly after he graduated, he joined the U.S. Army in July of 1978, retiring as a 1SGT after 26 years of service. He attended basic training at Ft. Jackson SC, and there after he served in multiple stateside assignments which included California, Hawaii, New Jersey, and South Carolina. His overseas assignments were Haiti and South Korea.

During his tenure in the military, he held numerous positions which included, Deputy Commandant of the Drill Sergeant School, First Sergeant, Drill Sergeant, Platoon Sergeant, Platoon Leader and Squad Leader. His awards and decorations include but aren’t limited to, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Professional Development Ribbon, Expert Infantryman Badge, Air Assault Badge and Drill Sergeant Badge. He was inducted into the Drill Sergeant Hall of Fame September 2016.

Upon retiring from the US Army, he then went on to become a Department of Army Civilian at Fort Jackson where he served for 20 years. He held the role of writing the Program of Instruction for Basic Combat Training, before retiring on September 30th, 2024. Thriso dedicated his life to his family and friends.

His infectious smile, peaceful and giving spirit, fun loving disposition, and kind heart made him well loved and respected by his family, friends, and colleagues. He was always available to lend a hand, give a listening ear, and provide advice and encouragement. He was a faithful member of Journey United Methodist Church and lived his life in service of others and his acts of love and kindness have left a lasting impact on everyone who had the privilege of meeting him.

1Sgt (Ret) Hamilton was preceded in death by his brothers, Jerome Williams and Curtis Hamilton.

He leaves behind two sons, Theron and Teric Hamilton; grandson, Tyler Hamilton; his sister, Diane Hamilton; sister-in-love, Cynthia Williams; three brothers, Stevie Davis, Darren Hamilton and Corey Hamilton; his beloved partner of 11 years, Brenda Jones; his aunt, Zinnia Mae Hamilton; his mother in love, Johnnie Mae Peppers, his niece, Rena Hamilton, who was also raised by his beloved grandmother, Stacy Hicks; a host of nieces, nephews and friends who loved him dearly.

Memories



Order of Service

Prelude.....	“I Trust In God” Recording By: Lighthouse Church of Houston
Processional	
Viewing.....	Funeral Directors
Opening Hymn.....	“At The Cross” Recording By: CeCe Winans
Old Testament.....	Reverend Margo Williams Psalm 23
New Testament.....	Reverend Alex Nelson 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Prayer.....	Deacon Ronald Anderson
Tribute.....	Mr. Richard Corbett
Family Tribute.....	Theron and Teric Hamilton
Selection.....	“Wind Beneath My Wings” Recording By: Gerald and Eddie Levert
Words of Comfort.....	Dr. George A. Ashford, Jr.
Recessional	
Postlude	



Committal, Benediction and Interment

Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road
Columbia, South Carolina

Well Done

*Lord, I thank you for this your
servant, A man you firmly planted
next to streams of living water*

*You have established him on your
Rock of solid ground, And there he
formed his foundation*

*Your servant who kept his saltiness,
and did not cover his lamp, He did
not bow to worthless idols*

*Called to testify to generations, and
before the kings and governors, With
your words upon his lips*

*He spoke to a stiff-necked people
whose hearts are hard as stone,
Returning their evil with good*

*Truly a man of wisdom and truth,
who relied upon the Lord - Fearless
in the Valley of the Shadow*

*I thank you for the race he ran, And I
pray that entering your presence, he
will hear you say: "Well done, my
good and faithful servant."*

Pallbearers

Stevie Davis
William Peppers, Jr
Ronald Anderson

Tommy Preston
J&Mil Jones
Willie Pralour

Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

Acknowledgement

We, the family of 1Sgt (Ret) Thriso Hamilton, Jr., would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your prayers, love, calls, visits, flowers, cards, and every act of kindness shown during this difficult time. Your presence and support have brought us comfort and strength as we celebrate his life and cherish the many memories we shared.

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Celebrating The Life of

1Sgt (Ret) Thriso Hamilton, Jr.



Thursday, August 20, 2026
11:00 A.M.

Journey United Methodist Church
1151 Longreen Parkway
Columbia, South Carolina

Dr. George A. Ashford, Jr.
-Pastor-