

My Journey Home

*Just for a little while God loaned me this life
He allowed me to become a son, brother, father,
Friend and gave me a loving family and wife.
I have completed God's assigned tasks to me.
I can now say goodbye to sorrows of this world.
God has answered my prayers; I am now free!
I saw one bright, perfect, shining star.
Before my death, God whispered, child come home
I am waiting, and yes, I know just who you are.
My time has come for me and God to finally meet.
I will gently close my eyes and I will fear not.
God will lift me into Heaven as I lie asleep.
I have been submissive and I have done His Will.
He is calling my name; I'm sleeping peacefully and
I am waiting for Him by lying still.
I will take my journey to my heavenly home.
To family and friends do not worry, do not fret,
He is holding me in His arms. I am not alone!
I have lived a precious and productive life.
I must now answer His call! To loved ones be at
peace
And know I am honored to take my Heavenly
flight.*

-Arthurine Rice

Pallbearers

Deacons and Trustees of Saint John Baptist
Church

Floral Bearers

Deaconess and GMO of Saint John Baptist
Church

Acknowledgement

The family of Deacon Carl Rodgers, Sr. extends our deepest appreciation for the countless expressions of love, prayers, kindness, and support we have received during this season of loss. Every phone, visit, card, floral tribute, meal, and heartfelt prayer has reminded us that we have not walked this journey alone. Your compassion has been a tremendous source of comfort and strength, and for that, we are sincerely grateful.



Homegoing Service In Loving Memory of

DEACON CARL RODGERS, SR.



**FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2026
12:00 NOON**

**SAINT JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH
3404 WEST BELTLINE BOULEVARD
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**REVEREND DR. JAMEY O. GRAHAM, SR.
-PASTOR-**

Obituary of Deacon Carl Rodgers, Sr.

Deacon Carl Rodgers, Sr. was born on November 22, 1936, in Stokes, North Carolina to Lonnie Rodgers, Sr. and Roberta Mason Rodgers. He departed this earthly journey on August 18, 2026, at Prisma Baptist Hospital, in Columbia, South Carolina.

Deacon Rodgers was preceded in death by his parents. He was the solitary survivor of twelve siblings and was also preceded in death by his granddaughter, Whitney L. Rodgers, in June 2025.

Deacon Rodgers was a man who never allowed circumstances to determine his destiny. No matter how many times life tried to knock him down, he always found a way to get back up. From humble beginnings as the son of a sharecropper, to losing his mother at a young age, to marrying the love of his life, Elizabeth Mayers Rodgers, his life was a story of perseverance. He entered the workforce early, becoming one of the first Black truck drivers at a then, emerging trucking company, where he built a career and eventually retired. Alongside his loving wife, he raised six children, helped nurture grandchildren, and remained a steady presence in our family.

He first joined Saint John Baptist Church in 1967, served on the Trustee Board and was one of the first van drivers, picking up members for church service. He was ordained as a Deacon in May 2002 and remained a faithful servant until his health declined. He also deeply loved his church, where he faithfully served for many decades as a dedicated Deacon. His service to the church reflected the kind of man he was, committed, dependable, faithful and willing to serve others.

As an adult, he completed his degree simply for his own personal satisfaction. He overcame illness, endured life’s stresses and disappointments, and kept moving forward. Through it all, he was and has been a heroic figure in his family’s life, which deeply loved and greatly admired him, never wanting to let him down.

Deacon Carl Rodgers, Sr. leaves to cherish his memory: his wife of 70 years, Elizabeth Mayers Rodgers; daughters, Jeanette Samuels and Annette Brown (Floyd), both of Columbia, South Carolina; sons, Carl Rodgers, Jr. (Gloria), of Hampton, Georgia, Darryl Kent Rodgers (Robbie), of Grifton, North Carolina, Danny Rodgers, Sr. (Pamela), of Columbia, South Carolina and Victor L. Rodgers (Tiffany), of Columbia, South Carolina; 15 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, loving relatives and friends, who will cherish the precious memories of a man who was a faithful and committed servant of the Lord.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

Prelude	
Processional	
Viewing.....	Funeral Directors
Musical Selection.....	Saint John Baptist Church Choir
Old Testament.....	Dr. Augustus Rodgers, Nephew Psalm 23
New Testament.....	Reverend Alphonso Counts II, Assistant Pastor John 14:1-6
Prayer.....	Reverend Lawrence Rodgers, Grandson <i>Pastor, Second Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan</i>
Musical Selection.....	Ms. Thompsena Brown
Remarks.....	Deacon Van Johnon, Friend/Co-worker Reverend Daniel Canty, Friend/Associate Minister Deacon Ben Duncan, Head of the Board of Deacons Minister Victor L. Rodgers, Son/Associate Minister Ms. Jeanette Samuels, Daughter
Poem.....	Ms. Khadeejah and Mr. Floyd Brown
Resolution.....	Deacons Wallace Brown and Robert Mickles <i>Saint John Baptist Church</i>
Hymn of Preparation.....	Ms. Sharon D. Minniweather
Words of Comfort.....	Reverend Dr. Jamey O. Graham, Sr. <i>Pastor, Saint John Baptist Church</i>

Recessional
Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

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