

Obituary

Mr. James Edward Hamilton, Jr., affectionately known to many as “Tiger”, was born on July 12 ,1970, in Neubrucke, Germany to James E. Hamilton, Sr and the late Mary R. Hamilton. He was one of four children that resulted from their union. Tiger departed this earthly existence on Sunday, September 6, 2026.

Mr. Hamilton was educated in the public schools of Columbia, SC and graduated from Spring Valley High School, Class of 1988. Tiger never met a stranger and was loved by so many. He had an excellent sense of humor and never hesitated to share what was on his mind. To many, he was a gentle giant who was always willing to share with others, and he absolutely loved his family. Tiger did not have children of his own, but he viewed each one of his nieces and nephews as his children.

“Tiger” accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior at a very early age. He was very well-known within his neighborhood community, and he spent a number of years working in landscaping. He was very family-oriented, and he never hesitated to come to the aid or rescue of one of his sisters, even when it was not necessary.

In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by his nephew, Jaelen Josey.

“Tiger” leaves to cherish his memory: his father, James (Melvena) Hamilton, Sr. of Charleston, SC; four sisters, Beverly (Michael) Hamilton-Pye, of Columbia, SC, Octavia (Jerion) Hamilton-Hankins, of Columbia, SC, Nicole (Michael) Hamilton-Sawyer, of Piedmont, CA, and Roteshia Hamilton, of Charleston, SC; seven nieces and nephews, Jelisa (Michael) Dishmond, Sidney Hill, Reginald (Erial) Hill, Jasmine Hill, Taylor Hamilton-Hankins, Justin Dowdell, and Jacob Hamilton Hankins; a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and great-nieces and nephews; and several other caring relatives and friends who will all miss him dearly.

Memories



Order of Service

- Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Opening Selection..... “I Can Only Imagine”
Recording By: Tamela Mann
- Scripture Reading.....Miss Taylor Hamilton – Hankins
Psalm 23
- Prayer.....Ms. Ronica Johnson, Friend
- Solo.....Elder Anthony Stubbs
- Remarks.....Mrs. Xenia and Mr. Scott Mitchell,
Family Friends
Mrs. Alfelia and Mr. Willie Carolina, Cousins
Mrs. Je’Lisa Dishmond, Niece
Mrs. Nicole Hamilton-Sawyer, Sister
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend Nicky Wilson
- Recessional..... “Take Me to the King”
Recording By: Tamela Mann



Committal, Benediction and Interment

Woodlawn Cemetery
10216 Farrow Road
Columbia, South Carolina

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
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, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah 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 savoured 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 share with me,
God wanted me now,
He set me free*

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Floral Bearers

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Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. James Edward "Tiger" Hamilton, Jr., would like to thank everyone for your prayers, love, support, calls, visits, flowers, food, and the many acts of kindness shown during this time of bereavement. May God continue to bless and keep you in His care.

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Homegoing Service In Loving Memory of

MR. JAMES EDWARD "TIGER" HAMILTON, JR.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026
3:00 P.M.

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

REVEREND NICKY WILSON
-OFFICIATING-