

Memories are Golden

Dad,

they say memories are golden well maybe this is true.

We never wanted memories, we only wanted you.

A million times we needed you, a million times we cried,

If love alone could have saved you

You never would have died.

In Life we loved you dearly, in death we love you still,

Inside our hearts you hold a place no one could ever fill.

If tears could build a stairway and heartache make a lane,

We'd walk the path to heaven and bring you back again.

Our Family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same

But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.

Your loving children



Pallbearers

Blackville-Hilda Class of 1980

Floral Bearers

Blackville-Hilda Class of 1980

Acknowledgements

We, the family of Michael E. Saxton, would like to express our sincere gratitude to those of you who so kindly celebrated his life with us. Your kindness and support will always remain in our hearts.

In loving memory of Michael, thank you all!



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Homegoing Service CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Mr. **Michael
Elliott Saxton**



SUNRISE
November 9, 1961

SUNSET
May 1, 2020

Friday, May 8, 2020 | 8:30 A.M.

Myers Mortuary Chapel
2624 Alpine Road, Columbia, SC 29223
Rev. Dr. Anthony McCallum, Eulogist

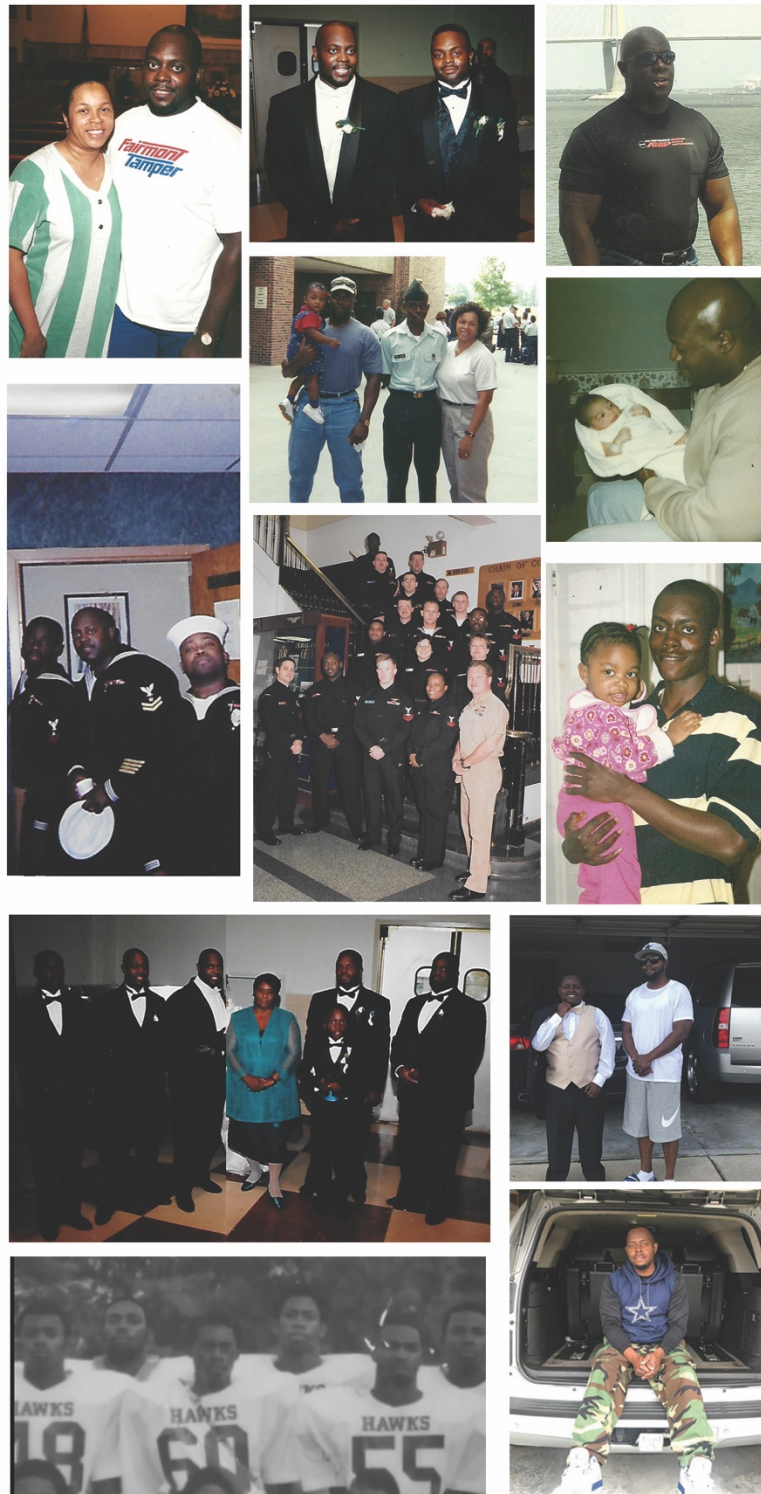
The Obituary

Michael Elliott Saxton, affectionately known as “Rusty”, transitioned to be with his heavenly father on May 1, 2020 at Dorn V.A. Hospital in Columbia, SC. He was the son of Willie Dell Riley and the late William Elmore of Blackville, SC.

Michael attended the public schools of Barnwell County and was a 1980 graduate of Blackville-Hilda High School. Michael was a member of the Blackville-Hilda Football Team (# 60) and the mile-relay team. Upon graduating, he enlisted in the United States Navy serving a total of twenty-three years which included active and reserve duty. While in the Navy, he served on the following ships: the USS Proteus, the USS Arkansas and the USS Pratt. Michael was a faithful and dedicated employee at Fairmont Tamper (now known as Harsco Rail) for twenty-nine years as a welder until his health declined. Michael enjoyed fishing and working out. Although he was very quiet, if he met you, he instantly became a dear friend.

Michael joined Bethlehem Baptist Church College Place and was baptized in 1996 under the leadership of Dr. Charles Allen Faulk.

Those who will cherish his memories are his loving daughter, Michaeli Saxton whom he referred to as “Rock” and her mother, Karen Goodwin, a former spouse of 16 years and caregiver of Columbia, SC; two sons, Michael (Tamika) Williams, Sr., of Graniteville, SC and William Wilson of Columbia, SC; one grandson, Michael Williams Jr.; mother, Willie Dell Riley of Blackville, SC; three sisters, Linda (James) Roberts and Rose (Albert) Raysor of Blackville, SC and Tracy Seymour of Trenton, SC; five brothers, Billy Johnson, Anthony Felder and Joshua Saxton of Blackville, SC, Dennis Saxton, Sr. and Rodney (Sherae) Saxton of Columbia, SC; his best friend, Mr. Ronnie Woods of Blackville, SC; two of his workout spotters, Mr. Lennox McDonald and Mr. James McCallum; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends all of who join the family in sharing the grief caused by his departure, but are rejoicing in his homegoing.



Order of Service

Rev. Adeira Black, Officiant

- Prelude
- Processional
- Hymn of Praise “Oh I Want To See Him”
- Scriptures Reverend Jimmy Duggan
County Grove Baptist Church, Winnsboro
- Old Testament: Psalm 6:1-5
- New Testament: Matthew 11:25-30
- Prayer of Comfort Reverend Jimmy Duggan
- Reflections: (Limit to 2-3minutes) Mr. Byron Tobin, *Supervisor*
Mr. Monnie Simpson “4 Amigos”, *Shipmates*
Attorney Tim Moore, *Former Football Coach*
Mr. Joshua Saxton, *Brother*
- Resolution Beverly Williams, *BHHS class of 1980*
- Selection “Order My Steps”
- Words of Comfort Rev. Dr. Anthony McCallum
Bethlehem Baptist Church College Place
- Committal
- Closing Prayer
- Benediction
- Recessional “On My Way”

Interment

Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road, Columbia, South Carolina 29229

