

# ORDER OF SERVICES

Rev. Anna Miller, *Liturgist*



## PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL  
Clergy and Family

## GATHERING / WORDS OF GRACE / GREETING

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN  
UMH 351 “*Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior*”

PRAYER  
Bishop LeBron Sellers

SCRIPTURES  
Old Testament – *Psalms 23* – Rev. Kenneth Carson  
New Testament – *2 Timothy 4: 6-8* – Rev. Velma Haywood

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  
UMH 881 “*Traditional Apostles’ Creed*”

GLORIA PATRI  
UMH 71 “*Glory Be to the Father*”

MUSICAL SELECTION  
Spiritual Voices of Praise and The Male Chorus

REFLECTIONS  
Eric Young, Sr. and Elston Williams, *Church*  
Gail Elmore, *Family*  
John Alvin Moorer, *Friend*

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS  
Doris Johnson-Felder

MUSICAL SELECTION  
Spiritual Voices of Praise and The Male Chorus

WORDS OF COMFORT  
Reverend Dr. J. Derrick Cattenhead

MUSICAL SELECTION  
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## COMMENDATION

## DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

RECESSIONAL  
Glover’s Funeral Home

COMMITTAL - BENEDICTION - INTERMENT  
Belleville Memorial Gardens  
2900 Belleville Road | Orangeburg, 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 him 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’ve found that place at the close of 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 for you the sunshine of tomorrow  
My life’s been full, I’ve savored much,  
Good friends, good times, my loved one’s touch.

If my time seemed all too brief,  
Don’t lengthen it now with undue grief  
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.

# LIFE REFLECTIONS

*Mr. Alexander “Baldy” Gelzer,*

the son of the late James Gelzer, Sr. and the late Elizabeth Perry Gelzer was born in Harleyville, SC on November 27, 1962. He was reared by Ms. Carrie Smalls and Ms. Mattie Mae Perry. He graduated from Harleyville-Ridgeville School in 1981 in Dorchester County. At a young age he joined Elem Missionary Baptist Church in Harleyville, SC. After marriage, he joined North Orangeburg United Methodist Church where he sung in the choir. He enjoyed praising God in songs with the Spiritual Voices of Power (SVOP) Choir and the Male Chorus before his health began to decline. Alex was employed by White Craft for over 20 years until the plant closed.

Alex enjoyed doing the lawn and gardening in his spare time. He also enjoyed going to South Carolina State University Football games and he was a loyal Dallas Cowboys fan.

Alex was preceded in death by his parents, James Gelzer, Sr. and Elizabeth Perry Gelzer, his brothers, John Henry Perry, Sammie Perry and Leroy Gelzer and a special aunt, Mattie Mae Perry.

He leaves to cherish his fond memories:

A devoted and loving wife of 25 years, Yvonne Davis Gelzer of the home, three sisters, Elouise Perry, Eva Mae Gelzer and Lisa Gelzer all of Harleyville, SC; two brothers, James Gelzer, Jr. of Harleyville, SC, and Steven (Cathy) Gelzer of Bowman, SC, sister-in-laws, Sarah Gelzer of Bowman, SC, Tressa Davis of Columbia, SC, Ingrid (Charles) Williams of Decatur, GA, and Sandra (Charles) Franklin of Orangeburg, SC; Aunt, Eulie Mae Perry, Gaston, SC; Lue Ellen Smalls, Harleyville, SC, Uncles, Albert Perry, Bobby Perry, Isaiah Perry; Matthew (Charlotte) Smalls, Johnny (Vernell) Smalls, Thomas Smalls. Alex assisted with the rearing of Stanford and Shavonne Smalls. He also leaves a host of caring nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.





*"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, no crying, neither shall there be any more pain for the former things are passed away."*  
~Revelation 21: 4

## PALLBEARERS

Terrence Gelzer  
Taurus Gelzer  
Matthew Perry  
Jeremiah Gelzer  
Charles Franklin, Sr.  
Kevin Reid

## FLORAL BEARERS

Sheryl Perry  
Antoinette Brown  
Marcella Fogle  
April Thomas

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We, the family of Alexander Gelzer, thank each of you for your outpouring of love, support and many acts of kindness during his hospitalization and passing. Your calls, prayers, gifts and many immeasurable things that were done from the heart will always be remembered. Please continue to keep us in your prayers



Professional Arrangements Entrusted to:

*Glover's*  
FUNERAL HOME

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Olivia Glover, Owner and Licensed Directress  
April Dickson, Licensed Mortician  
2562 Charleston Highway  
Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115  
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## CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Alpha  
November 27, 1962

Omega  
November 23, 2023



*Alexander "Baldy"*  
GELZER

Friday, December 1, 2023  
11:00 AM

North Orangeburg United Methodist Church  
106 Kinard Street | Orangeburg, South Carolina

Reverend Dr. J. Derrick Cattenhead,  
Officiant

