

## *Order of Service*

Reverend Stanley Rivers, Presiding

*Prelude.....Soft Music*

*Processional.....Clergy and Family*

*Opening Hymn....."I Heard the Voice of Jesus"*  
*Hymn #249*

*Prayer of Comfort .....Minister*

*Scriptures*

*Old Testament .....Palm 24*

*Elita White-Barnes*

*New Testament.....I Corinthians 50:50-58*

*LaShanda White Rodriguez*

*Selection....."I Don't Feel No Ways Tired"*

*Remarks (3 minutes)*

*Earl Johnson*

*LaWanda White*

*Acknowledgements.....Phyllis Funchess*

*Selection....."Order My Steps"*

*Music Instrumental*

*Eulogy.....Reverend Stanley Rivers*

*Recessional*

*Committal, Benediction & Interment*

*Belleville Memorial Gardens*

*2900 Belleville Road - Orangeburg, SC 29115*

## *Safely Home*

*I am in Heaven, dear ones;  
Oh, so happy and so bright!  
There is perfect joy and beauty  
in this everlasting light.  
All the pain and grief is over,  
every restless tossing passed;  
I am now at peace forever,  
safely home in Heaven at last.  
Did you wonder why I so calmly trod  
the valley of the shade?  
Oh! but Jesus' love illumined  
every dark and fearful glade.  
And He came Himself to meet me  
in that way so hard to tread;  
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,  
could I have one doubt or dread?  
Then you must not grieve so sorely,  
for I love you dearly still;  
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,  
pray to trust our Father's will.  
There is work still waiting for you,  
so you must not idly stand;  
Do it now, while life remaineth  
you shall rest in Jesus' land.  
When that work is all completed,  
He will gently call you Home;  
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,  
Oh, the joy to see you come!*

Arrangements Entrusted To:

### **GLOVER'S FUNERAL HOME**

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## *A Celebration of Life*

**Heyward White**

*Sunrise*

*August 12, 1944*

*Sunset*

*August 31, 2020*



**Monday, September 7, 2020**  
**11:00 AM**

**GLOVER'S FUNERAL HOME**

**2562 Charleston Highway**  
**Orangeburg, SC 29115**

**Reverend Stanley Rivers, Officiating**

## REFLECTION OF LIFE

Heyward White, son of George and Mary (Nicks) White was born on August 12, 1944 in Harleyville, South Carolina. He was the 8<sup>th</sup> of their 10 children. He received his elementary and secondary education in the Harleyville school system. He graduated from Kennedy High School in 1962.

He attended Jerusalem United Methodist Church in Harleyville where he accepted Christ at an early age.

He relocated to New York in 1962, where he worked at Avis Rental Car Company until he joined the US Army in 1965 during the Vietnam War. He received the Bronze Medal and National Defense Service Medal for his service. He left the Army with an honorable discharge as a sergeant.

At the age of 10, he met who would become to be his life partner, when she moved to Harleyville in "the corner" across the field from his house. Heyward was united in holy matrimony to his childhood playmate Johnnie Ruth Funchess in 1968. From that union they had 3 daughters, Elita, LaWanda and LaShanda. They joined Bethel AME Church in Far Rockaway New York in 1973.

Heyward was employed at Consolidated Edison Utility Company for over 40 years until he retired in 2005. He and his wife then relocated to Orangeburg, South Carolina after their

retirement. They joined William Chapel AME Church soon after their arrival.

Heyward was laid back, gentle, loyal, witty, and smart. He loved to debate and propose concepts that forced you to think outside the box. He was friendly and never held a grudge. Heyward was the epitome of a strong head of his family. He was Dad, Daddy, Pop, and Uncle Pop to too many to count. Heyward would say that he considered fatherhood a blessing and privilege that he took very seriously. He displayed that passion especially with his grandsons and anyone else that needed his care. He was unselfish with his love and gave with no boundaries. He took care of his family until his final days.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his wife of 52 years Johnnie Ruth White, his beautiful daughters Elita White-Barnes (Phillip), LaWanda White and LaShanda White Rodriguez (Jose). Three grandsons Darius Q White, Brandon J White and Julian Heyward White, his special grandson Rashawn Davis (Shannetta), one great grandson Jamir Z White, one brother Herbert White, two sisters, Mary Ann Fuller, Janie Walter, two sisters-in-law, Marian Miller, Paulette Funchess, two brothers-in-law Jimmy Funchess (Phyllis), Paul Funchess (Janice) and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

