

## I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God has laid you see.  
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, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I found that peace 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  
Oh 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 savored 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 hearts and peace to thee  
God wanted me now; He set me free.

## PALLBEARERS

*Family and Friends*

## FLORAL BEARERS

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## Acknowledgement

The family of the late Mr. James Henry Beard Senior would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions. Your calls, visits, flowers, and prayers have all helped greatly during our time of bereavement. May God continue to bless each of you is our prayer.

## **Arrangements Entrusted To:**

## **GLOVER'S FUNERAL HOME**

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*In Loving Memory*

*Of*

**James Henry Beard, Sr**



12:00 P.M.  
January 9, 2021

Macedonia Christian Church  
Erhardt, South Carolina

# ORDER OF SERVICE

Reverend Herbert W. Beard, Presiding

Gathering

Solo.....Wendell Nimmons

Scripture Readings

Old and New Testaments...Evelyn Henderson

Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Herbert W. Beard

**Tribute** (2 Minutes Please - No more than 3 people)

Family and Friends

Acknowledgements

Solo.....Wendell Nimmons

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Herbert W. Beard

**Benediction/Committal/Recessional**  
*At Graveside*



# James Henry Beard, Senior

Brother | Father | Grandfather | Uncle | Friend

Mr. James Henry Beard, Sr, 81, passed away peacefully at the residence of his son and daughter in-law after an extended illness, in Orangeburg, South Carolina, on Monday, January 4, 2021.

James Henry Beard, Sr, was born on September 25, 1939, in the small community of Ehrhardt South Carolina to Lottie Dortch and Henry Beard. His parents instilled in him the values of hard work, respect, compassion for his fellowman and obedience to God. He dedicated his life to the Lord at an early age at Macedonia Christian Church where his family are long standing members.

Growing up in Ehrhardt, James attended the Ehrhardt public schools with his brothers and sisters. They hunted, fished, and farmed these lands for decades. It was evident from an early age that James had a talent for fixing anything mechanical and a love of music.

James married his sweetheart, Gussie Barbara McMillan, and left South Carolina in the early sixties to find his fortune up north. Over the next fifty years he drove trucks, worked construction, and helped raise his grandchildren. There was no task too small or great for him to undertake for his family. James was never too busy to share a word of wisdom, bring a smile to someone's face, or to help a family member. One of his greatest joys was cooking for his family and friends from Sunday dinner to Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations every dish he prepared was done with love.

James had a full life and was a blessing to many. He was preceded in death by Ardine Beard Henderson, Thelma Beard Wright, George Beard, Lenell Beard, Emma Beard Kears, Sherman Beard, and Ronnie Beard.

James leaves to cherish fond memories two loving and devoted children: James (Gwendolyn) Beard of Orangeburg, S.C. and Cheryl (Randy) Benoit of Ringoes, N.J.; five grandchildren: Jasmine Beard, Jamie Beard, James Beard, III, Kelsey Benoit and Francois Benoit; one great-grandson: Landon Charles; four sisters: Ester Edwards of Orangeburg, S.C., Minnie Beard of Brooklyn, N.Y., Betty Beard of Ehrhardt, S.C., and Verba Beard of Bamberg, S.C.; two brothers: Matthew "Mac" Beard of Ehrhardt, S.C. and Louis Beard of Spring, T.X.. A host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends.