

Honorary Casket Bearers

United Men's Club of Clover
Former Winthrop Teammates
Former Men's Basketball Players

Casket Bearers

ΩΨΦ Omega Psi Phi Fraternity

Floral Bearers

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Should You Go First

Should you go first and I remain,
To walk the road alone,
I'll live in memory's garden, dear,
With happy days we've known.
In Spring I'll wait for roses red,
When fades the lilac blue.
On early Fall, when brown leaves fall,
I'll catch a glimpse of you.

Should you go first and I remain,
One thing You'll have to do,
Walk slowly down that long, lone path,
For soon I'll follow you.
I'll want to know each step you take,
That I may walk the same,
For some day down that lonely road,
You'll hear me call your name.

Love,
Frankie

Expressions of Appreciation

The family of the late Mr. Bennie D. Bennett wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many comforting messages, cards, floral tributes, calls, visits, prayers, and other expressions of love during our time of bereavement. May God richly bless each of you.

The Family

I Am Free

Don't grieve for me now, I am free,
I am following the path God laid out 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 found peace at the end of the day.
If our parting has left a void,
Then fill it now with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
These things I too shall miss.
Be not burdened with time of sorrow,
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life has been full, I have savored much,
Good friends, good things, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't spend it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me;
God wanted me now, He set me free.
THANK YOU LORD



The Broken Chain

We little knew that morning that
God was going to call your name,
In life we loved you dearly;
In death we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
You did not go alone.
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.
You left us peaceful memories,
Your love is still our guide.
And though we cannot see you,
You are always at our side.
Our family chain is broken,
And nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one,
The chain will link again.
With Love,
Your Children

Services Entrusted To:

F.B. PRATT & SON FUNERAL HOME
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A Service of Love

Celebrating the Life of

Mr. Bennie Dexter Bennett

Sunrise *Sunset*
April 18, 1959 *April 16, 2016*



Saturday, April 23, 2016
1:30 P.M.

Pineville A.M.E. Zion Church
4200 York Highway
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Reverend Jawwad J. Love, Pastor
Officiating

A Reflection of Life

Mr. Bennie Dexter Bennett was born April 18, 1959, in New Zion, South Carolina to the late Kelley Bennett and the late Channie McFadden Bennett. He entered into Eternal Rest on Saturday, April 16, 2016.

He was an active member of Pineville AME Zion Church where he served on the Steward Board and Budget Committee as well as Chairman of the Vision Committee. He was a graduate of East Clarendon High School and received his Bachelors Degree in Physical Education and Masters in Administration and Supervision, both from Winthrop University. As a member of Winthrop's first Men's Basketball team, he was the first to score 1,000 points. Mr. Bennett was the current Superintendent for the School District of Newberry County.

Mr. Bennett was well known and respected for his leadership skills as a Physical Education Teacher and Head Men's Basketball Coach in Fort Mill and Clover. Some of his accolades include being Fort Mill High School Teacher of The Year in 1988, a Five Time Regional Coach of the Year for Men's Basketball, Winthrop University Distinguished Alumni in 2000, York County Sports Hall of Fame in 2006, Winthrop University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2006, SC Athletic Administrators Association Superintendent of the Year in 2009, and Omega Psi Phi Educator of the Year in 2013.

Mr. Bennett served as Assistant Principal and Athletic Director of Clover High School, Principal at Clover Middle School and Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Programs in the Clover School District.

Mr. Bennett was a member of South Carolina Association of School Administrators, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, National Middle School Association, National Association of Secondary School Principals, National Association of Elementary School Principals, South Carolina Association of Black School Educators, National Association of Black School Educators, Former Member - National Federation of High School Association of Board of Directors, and Former Member - Executive Committee South Carolina High School League. He was also a member of the Winthrop University Black Alumni Advisory Council, United Men's Club of Clover, Board of Visitors - Piedmont Technical College, Board of Directors - Newberry Opera House, Rotary Club of Newberry and Epsilon Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Cherishing his memory are his wife of 31 years, Frankie Wright Bennett; daughter, Brittany Kyla Bennett of Savannah, GA; son, Benjamin Kelly Bennett of Clover, SC; special son, Jabbar Stackston of Houston, TX; sister, Mary Bennett Howard of New Zion, SC; brother, Kelley (Dorithene) Bennett of Columbia, SC; two grandchildren, Cameron Bailey Jerolamon and Jordan Karter Bodah; eleven aunts, four uncles, mother-in-law, Alberta Benjamin Wright and father-in-law, Benjamin F. Wright, Jr. of Clover, SC; nieces, nephews, numerous cousins, friends and a host of former students, who looked to him as a father figure, especially Lamont Hall, Alysia Tidwell, and Shakkia Walker.



Order of Service

- Prelude Donnelle Bivens
- Processional Clergy and Family
- Final Viewing Family and Friends
- Selection Pineville A.M.E. Zion Church Choir
- Scripture Readings
 Old Testament Reverend Oliver Davis
 New Testament Reverend Iris Kennedy
- Prayer Reverend Alton Pegues
- Reflections (2-3 minutes)
 Newberry School Board Chair Jody Hamm
 Newberry District Office Staff Jim Suber
 Superintendent / Family Friends Darrell Johnson
 Russell Booker
 Church Family Charles Joseph
 Lifelong Friend/Brother Carl Feemster
 Family Benjamin "Kelly" Bennett
- Solo Reverend Ronnie McCoy
- Eulogy Reverend Jawwad J. Love
- Solo Mrs. Melva Trigg
- Recessional
- Committal and Benediction Graveside
- Interment Lakeview Memory Gardens
 York, South Carolina

