

Obituary

Reverend Alfred Abnathey, Jr., 84, of Gastonia, North Carolina, entered eternal rest on July 17, 2018, at the Robin Johnson House in Dallas, North Carolina.

Mr. Abnathey was born on May 4, 1934, to the late Mr. Alfred Abnathey, Sr., and the late Mrs. Louise Abnathey. He was a 1956 graduate of Gallman High School in Newberry, South Carolina. After graduation, he was employed at the Market Basket, later working with the Colonial Store and Bi-Lo chains. He then went to work for Big Star in Greenwood, SC, but decided he liked home better and returned to Newberry, working for South Carolina National Bank until his retirement.

He was the founder and first leader of the Amazing Abnathey Singers. He sang in many other groups, as well. Reverend Abnathey preached the Gospel for 40 years, during which he pastored at Saint Matthew in Newberry, SC, Mitchell Chapel in Union, SC, and St. Luke’s Baptist Church in York, SC.

After retirement, he relocated to Brooklyn, New York, where he served as Associate Pastor of the Greater Free Gift Baptist Church under the Reverend D.W. Batts. In his time there, he wore many hats. He sang in the Male Chorus, Senior Chorus and the D.W. Batts Chorus. He relocated to Gastonia, where he studied at Agape Bible College, graduating in 2009 with a B.A. in Religion.

In addtion to his parents, Reverend Abnathey was predeceased by a brother, George Wilson; a daughter, Mattie Campbell, and a son, Issac Abnathey.

He leaves to cherish his memories a loving wife Parthenia Abnathey; two daughters, Martha Prophet of Newberry, and Karen Jimenez of Gastonia; three sons, Alphonso Abnathey and Alfred (Shirley) Abnathey, both of Newberry, and Marlo Seth Pope of Greenwood; four sisters, Fannie Wicker, Rebecca Price, Annie Abnathey and Mary Wilson, all of Newberry; seventeen grandchildren, including four reared in the home, Tamecka, Naquan, Thomas and Shanequa; 27 great-grandchildren; a brother-in-law, James Darby of Brooklyn; a daughter-in-law, Patricia Abnathey; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends, including a devoted friend, Peter Suber.

Order of Service

Pastor Alan E. Goggins, Jr. - Presiding

Musical Prelude	
Processional.....	Clergy and Friends
Final Viewing.....	Family and Friends
Solo.....	Minister Elenita Young
The Scripture Readings	
Old Testament	Pastor Larry Presley
New Testament	Reverend Avery Goode
Prayer	Minister Irene Parker
Remarks (please limit to 3 minutes)	Emma Lee Crump
	Reverend Timothy Goode
	Brother Peter Suber
	Antonio Abnathey
Solo.....	Reverend R.L. Ponder
Words of Comfort	Reverend James Ponder
Recessional	
Committal and Benediction	Graveside
Interment.....	Werts Cemetery
Newberry, South Carolina	

Services Entrusted To:

F.B. PRATT & SON FUNERAL HOME
601 South Street • Newberry, South Carolina
(803) 276-1206

Tasket Bearers

Nephews

Flower Bearers

Nieces

Farewell

I used to sing, I used to shout cause praising the Lord is what it's all about.

I used to laugh, I used to cry, but now it's time to say goodbye.

No more doctors, hospitals, or medicine to take, no more pain, sorrow, or decisions to make.

For now I'm in that holy place where I can behold Him face to face.

For the battle is over and the victory's won,

Come home my child – Thou good and faithful son, well done.

Your tasks down here are finished at last, where we can only share memories of the past.

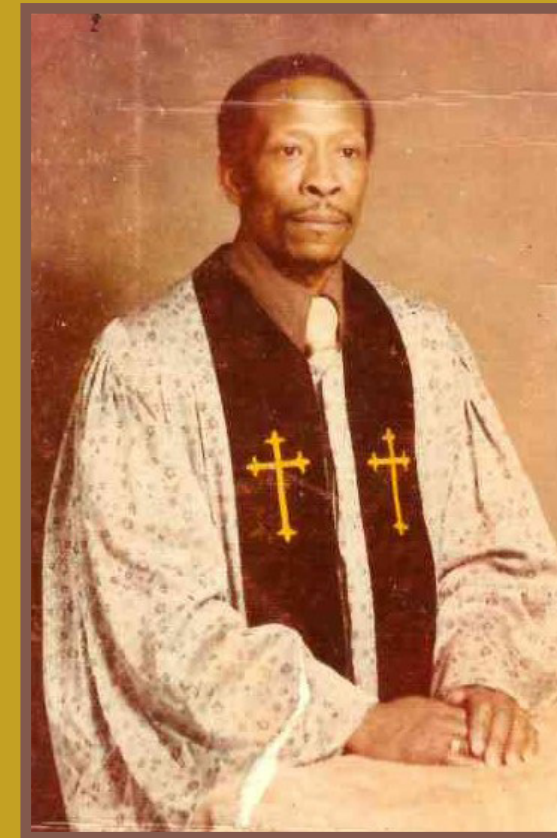
The Lord has called and I must go, for we'll meet again one day I know.

He's coming back again real soon, just get ready, for it may be morning, night or noon.

Expressions of Appreciation

We, the family of the late Reverend Alfred Abnathey, Jr., extend our deepest gratitude for all of the comforting gestures of love and sympathy rendered during this sorrowful hour. May God continue to shower you with His blessings and love.

Homegoing Services Celebrating the Life Of Reverend Alfred Abnathey, Jr.



*Sunrise
May 4, 1934*

*Sunset
July 17, 2018*

*Sunday, July 22, 2018
3:00 PM*

*Bethlehem Baptist Church
1501 College Street
Newberry, South Carolina*