

Participating In the Service

Ballbearers
Family and Friends

Floral Bearers
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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, 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 now found peace at the end of day.

If my parting has left a void, Then fill it with remembered joys.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Oh yes, these things, I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow, Look for the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much, Good friends, good times, A loved ones touch.

Perhaps my time seem all to brief, Don't lengthen your pain with undue grief,

Lift up your heart and peace to thee, God wanted me now, He set me free!

Acknowledgments

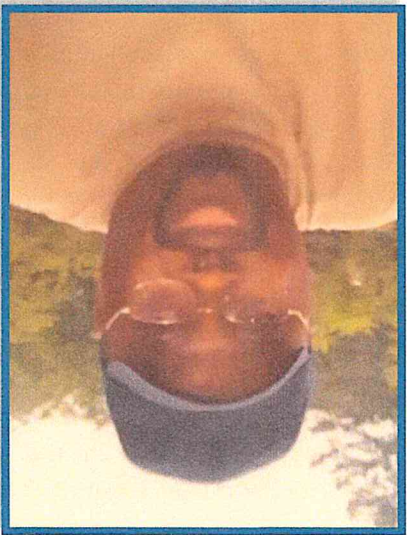
Words are inadequate to express the humbleness and gratefulness we feel toward all of our friends who consoled us during the passing of our loved one, Charles Benard Bowers. Your prayers, your love, your presence, and service have sustained us. Your cards, telephone calls, visits and gifts of food were warmly appreciated. We saw all of those as God's love expressed through you. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you very much.
...The Bowers Family

W. L. Swatt & Son

FUNERAL HOME

601 South Street
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Celebrating the Life
Of



Mr. Charles Benard Bowers

Sunrise
September 16, 1967

Sunset
December 27, 2019

Service Held
Tuesday, January 14, 2020
12:00 P.M.

Herat Funeral Home Chapel

601 South Street
Newberry, South Carolina 29108

Reverend Jacqueline Sims, Officiating

Obituary

Mr. Charles Bernard Bowers

God saw the road was getting rough and the hills were hard to climb. He gently closed "Bernard's" eyes and whispered "Peace be thine."

Mr. Charles Bernard Bowers, 52, of 4010 Old Buncombe Road,

Greenville, South Carolina entered into eternal rest on Friday, December 27, 2019 in Port St. Lucie, Florida. Born on September 16, 1967 in Newberry County, South Carolina, he was the son of Frances Nelson and the late Charles Whitney.

He attended Newberry High School in Newberry, South Carolina and was formerly employed with the GNC Company in Greenville, South Carolina. He was formerly married to Mabel Denise Wheeler and from this union two children were born.

Leaving to cherish his most fond and precious memories are two sons, Brandon Wheeler-Bowers (Janice Tayloe) of Port St. Lucie, Florida and Markell Bowers of Greenwood, South Carolina; one stepson, Joseph "Jay" Wheeler-Baker of Port St. Lucie, Florida; his mother, Frances Nelson (John Caldwell) of Newberry, South Carolina; his stepmother, Brenda (Gregory) Brooks of Greenville, South Carolina; two sisters, Gwen Nelson of Newberry, South Carolina and Lillian Whitney of Greenville, South Carolina; four brothers, Raymond Whitney of Greenville, South Carolina, Parnell Bowers, Gerald Nelson and Duane (Melissa) Nelson all of Newberry, South Carolina; three aunts, Barbara Bowers, Ruby Robinson and Dolly (Carol Lee) Martain; five uncles, Richard (Bessie) Bookman, Terry (Clariette) Bowers, Jerry (Kimberly) Bowers, Roy (Marjorie) Whitney and William (Margaret) Whitney; three devoted friends, James Duffy Lyles, Zachary Bowers and Howard Harris along with several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends who will miss him dearly.

Joan

Sorry I had to leave in a sudden kind of way, but my friend Jesus said He needed me today. So I won't call or even say goodbye, Jesus is a friend of mine is waiting so I won't even try. Don't worry about the future, it's really not that long, I know you'll be waiting because that's the way of a saints home.

He told me He had a house larger than all the mansions in the earth So I must go with Him now, in my life He comes first.

We'll family, saints and friends, I got to go first, my friend Jesus told me for I'll be late So I must leave with Him in order to get to the Pearly Gate.

Don't wait up and please don't cry, besides you didn't hear me say goodbye! Remember who I am leaving with, He's the same one that knows the way. So don't take another kind of route and be lost because,

He's coming back for you one day.

Order of Service

Reverend Jacqueline Sims, Residing

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;

and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying;

neither shall there be any more pain; for former things are passed away." Rev. 21:4

Processional

Final Viewing

Solo.....Roy Livingston

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer

Selection.....Sammy L. Drennon, Jr.

Demetrius Wideman

Remarks

Solo.....Reverend Jacqueline Sims

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Jacqueline Sims

Prayer of Strength

Recessional

Interment.....Newberry Memorial Gardens

*15127 C R Koon Highway
Newberry, South Carolina*

Repast

Oakland Community Center

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