

## *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 my 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



## *Acknowledgment*

At a time like this when sorrow invades the heart and home, it means so much to have loving family and friends. Your kindness is deeply appreciated and will always be remembered.

— The Family

*Services Entrusted To:*

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## *Homegoing Services Celebrating the Life of Jackie Ray Stone*

January 10, 1956 - June 2, 2020



Saturday, June 6, 2020  
11:00 A.M.

*Saint Matthew Baptist Church No. 2*  
Blair, South Carolina

Pastor John E. Hunter, Presiding

# Obituary

Jackie Ray Stone was born to Thelma Stone and Robert Lee Brown in Blair, SC, who have both preceded him in death. Jackie gave his life to Christ at an early age and was a faithful member of Love Chapel Holiness Church until he became too ill to attend.

He loved his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and they could do no wrong in his eyes. He loved going fishing and his grandsons often accompanied him on his trips. His favorite television show was WWF and he knew all the wrestlers by their names and in each weight class. “Jack” as he was affectionately called by his family and friends, was a loving gentle giant, who used to sit in his favorite rocking chair on their porch and communicate with his neighbors until he became ill. He was loved by all that came in contact with him.

Jackie drove an 18-wheeler concrete truck for a number of years until his health failed him.

He married Annette Brown in August of 1975, and three children were born in that union, one that preceded him in death, Jennifer. Those he leaves to cherish his precious and loving memories include his daughters, Stacy Alston (Brandon) and Angela Stone (Nick); two sisters, Vivion Stone-Ferguson (Rob) and Lanita Wadlington; brothers, James Anthony Wadlington (Zena) and Robert Lee Lyles (Bridgett); sister, Kathy Lyles; twelve grandchildren, Matthew Stone, Tiammorian Gallman, Deandre Gallman, Tiandre Gallman, Luther Gallman, Jordan Stone, Zykeria Alston, Bryson Alston, Kanaga Wise, Latorya Griffin, Julius Griffin and Zykeria Griffin; four great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends; and last but not least, he leaves to mourn the love of his life of nearly thirty years, Quanda Hopkins.

*A  
Loving  
Farewell*

# Order of Service

Pastor John E. Hunter, Presiding

Opening Selection ..... Tomika Means

Opening Prayer

Scripture Readings

Old Testament ..... Minister Kathey Neal

New Testament ..... Pastor Geraldine Oliver

Solo ..... Darlene Hunter

Words of Comfort ..... Pastor John E. Hunter

Committal and Benediction