



*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.

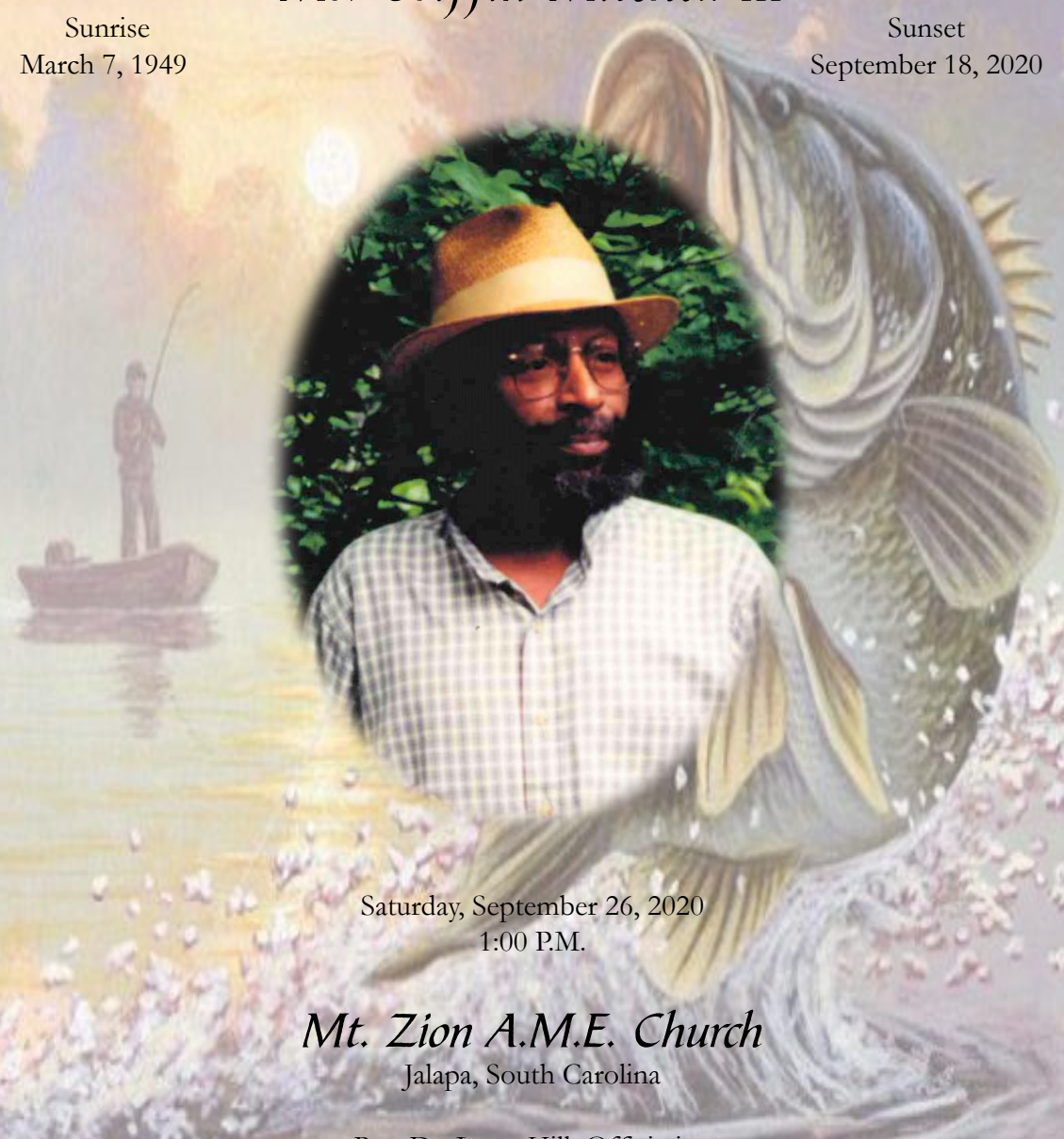
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**F.B. PRATT & SON FUNERAL HOME**  
 601 South Street • Newberry, South Carolina  
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*Homegoing Services  
 Celebrating the Life  
 of  
 Mr. Griffin Mitchell III*

Sunrise  
 March 7, 1949

Sunset  
 September 18, 2020



Saturday, September 26, 2020  
 1:00 P.M.

*Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church*  
 Jalapa, South Carolina

Rev. Dr. Larry Hill, Officiating



Obituary

“Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was; and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.”  
—Ecclesiastes 12:7

Mr. Griffin Mitchell III, entered into eternal rest on Friday, September 18, 2020. He was born in Newberry, South Carolina, on March 7, 1949, to Mrs. Susie Mae Byrd Mitchell and the late George Mitchell.

Griffin received his education at Drayton Street Elementary School graduating in May, 1963, and U.S. Gallman High School graduating in May, 1967. Griffin continued his education at the South Carolina Area Trade School receiving his diploma in Heating and Air Conditioning.

Mr. Mitchell served his country with honor, loyalty and dedication in the U.S. Navy. He received on of the Navy’s honors when he became a Shellback. After serving his Country, Griffin received an Honorable Discharge and returned to Newberry.

Griffin was a very hard working man who was dependable and loyal to his employers. During his work career, he was employed with numerous Heating and Air Conditioning firms in the Newberry Area. Griffin did not like snakes and crawling under houses, so that career interest finally subsided. He worked at Georgia Pacific Plywood, where he served as the Union Shop Steward, SFI Custom-ized Desk Company, where he was sent to England to study new procedures for producing these customized desks, Good Scents Furniture Store, and his last employer, Love Truck Stop.

Before developing health issues, Griffin was an avid hunter of deer and rabbits. He loved fishing with a passion. He has taught many of his friends how to fish, when and where to fish. He was very generous with helping and encouraging other to do better, to improve themselves. Griffin has impacted the lives of numerous people in Newberry, and the surrounding area.

Griffin was predeceased by his loving wife of forty-four years, Mrs. Jessie Price Mitchell, approx-imately sixteen months earlier last year.

Those who celebrate his life and cherish precious and loving memories include his mother, Mrs. Susie Byrd Mitchell of Newberry, SC; his son, Griffin Mitchell IV of Charleston, SC; brothers, George (Dorothy) of Newberry, SC, Dolphus (Tammy) of Springfield, VA, Jimmy (Lucile) of Newberry, SC, and Darren “Bennie” Mitchell of Winsborough, SC; sisters, Loretta Carter of New-berry, SC, Susie Mance of Newberry, SC, and Ann (Joseph) Shokpeka of Atlanta, GA; sisters-in-law, Mary Suber of Newberry, SC, and Trudy Price and Ella Williams both of Columbus, OH; and brothers-in-law, Willie (Alfreda) Price and John Price, both of Newberry, SC.

Griffin was a caring man who loved people! He will truly be missed by family and friends.

Order of Service

Rev. Dr. Larry Hill, Officiating

Prelude

Scripture

Old Testament.....Rev. Dr. Larry Hill

New Testament .....Rev. Dr. Larry Hill

Prayer ..... Rev. Jacqueline R. Sims

Selection.....Rev. Jacqueline R. Sims

Remarks

Words of Comfort.....Rev. Dr. Larry Hill

Selection..... Rev. Jacqueline R. Sims

Committal and Benediction..... Graveside

Interment.....Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church  
Jalapa, South Carolina

Expression of Appreciation

We, the family of Mr. Griffin Mitchell III, would like to graciously thank everyone for their personal and collective prayers, food, visits, calls, flowers and other acts of kindness. Your many expressions of sympathy and love will always be remembered. God bless you all.

— The Family