

Celebration of Life

Let your light so shine – Matthew 5:16



Tommy Henry Glymph, Sr.

Born into Time
May 7, 1951

Born into Eternity
October 18, 2019

Friday, October 23, 2020 ▪ 1:00 pm

Newberry Memorial Gardens
5127 C.R. Koon Hwy. Newberry, SC 29108

Wayne Pratt, Officiating Minister



Obituary

Tommy Henry Glymph, Sr. was born May 7, 1951, in Newberry, South Carolina to the union of Asberry and Electia Glymph, Sr. He departed his life on October 18, 2020 after a brief illness at Lexington Medical Center in Lexington, SC.

He was the ninth child of ten siblings and was preceded in death by his parents, one sister Thelma Glymph Goodwin (Bill), three brothers, Ulysses Glymph, Asberry (Gloria) Glymph and Clarence Glymph; brother-in-law, Wilbur Caldwell; and sister-in-law, Carolyn Pitts Glymph.

Tommy accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Fellowship Baptist Church in Pomaria, SC. He was educated in the Newberry County public school system, and graduated from Gallman High School in 1968. Following graduation, he moved to Brooklyn, NY with his siblings to seek new job opportunities. He later returned to South Carolina and married Loraine Young on August 18, 1970. Although divorced after 31 years, three children were conceived through their union: Tonia, Keisher and Tommy "JR", Jr.

That same year, he began his career as a lineman with the City of Newberry (SC). He later took his skillset to Louis Rich Company, then

returned to The City of Newberry for several years before beginning a fruitful journey with South Carolina Electric and Gas, Inc. in 1983. He retired in 2016 after a 33-year tenure.

Tommy fulfilled his life through his love for people and serving as a father figure for many. He was a dedicated championship winning baseball coach for Newberry Parks and Recreation where he coached several teams from 1987-94. The experience enabled him to touch the lives of countless young men, with many of those relationships remaining strong.

Tommy has been an engaged and active citizen of his community, working tirelessly to enhance the offerings of Newberry County. He was an elected official for the Newberry County School Board from 1993-2003 the



1990's. He was also a founding member of the Emperical Club and was one of the chief founders of the Helena Community Mayfest.



Over the years, he acquired a passion for cooking and was the owner of A-Team Catering. Tommy had a unique way of galvanizing people through food and was best known as a 9-time Pork in the Park award winning pit master who perfected chicken, brisket, ribs and his homemade mustard based BBQ sauce. He longed for the gathering of people and entertainment and even enjoyed being in the spotlight himself through his comedic performances.

His love for travel took him to four of the seven continents and was anticipating future trips to Asia and Europe.

Tommy was a devoted father and grandfather who demonstrated his unapologetic love and support for his children and gave them the

greatest gifts any dad could render, his presence, provision and protection. His love for all of his family was extraordinary and deep and left memories to treasure for a lifetime. He leaves to cherish in his precious memory: children, Tonia Glymph (Wayne, Sr.) Walker of Rural Hall, NC, Keisher Glymph of Lake Wylie, SC, and Tommy "JR" (Ladine) Glymph, Jr. of Winston-Salem, NC; four grandchildren: Daijah, Wayne Jr., Ladanian and Lincoln; two great grandchildren, Skylar and Jrue; two sisters, Bessie G. Caldwell of Newberry, SC and Essie M. Glymph of Columbia, SC; three brothers, James (Leola) Glymph of Newberry, SC, George Glymph of Columbia, SC, and Walter (Roberta) Glymph of Pomaria, SC; sister-in-law (Ernestine Glymph) and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.



Order of Service

*The LORD is close to the brokenhearted
and saves those who are crushed in spirit - Psalm 34:18*

PrayerPastor Rembert Billie

Scripture

Old Testament Pastor N. Ray Matthews

New TestamentMinister Katie Wicker

Solo Nikki Brooks

Remarks

Gallman High School c/o'68..... Jerry Caldwell

Community Mayor Foster Senn

Co-workerRonald Wright

FamilyAlvin Glymph

Additional Remarks (please limit to 1 minute)

Words of ComfortPastor Wayne Pratt

Recessional

Committal and Benediction

Interment Newberry Memorial Gardens

Our Superhero

"Heroes are made by the path they choose, not the powers they are graced with." – Iron Man

It hurts to think that you are not here anymore. You were the first man I ever loved... the first coach I ever had and my very first cheerleader. Now you are my angel who will watch over me until the end of time and shine light into all areas of my life. I can't help but smile with tears in my eyes as I think of how we cherished each and every moment of our lives together. I miss you terribly! I love you so much Daddy! -Ton

It's a beautiful thing to have known what type of mode you were in simply by which name you called me....'Baby Girl' = Love mode, 'Kee' = Light mode, 'Keisher' = Uh Oh, I'm in trouble mode. Ha! I appreciate every laugh & every yell.... you certainly played and all-in game Dad! You left us with so many stories, jokes and memories and I so, so love you. I know you are with me always, just as your favorite R&B group, The Whispers, says..."The Beat Goes On". Keep rockin' daddy! With love & gratitude - Kee

Pop, you are the epitome of a father's love for his son and you gave me the tools to love my own. Thank you for just being there and being you. Because of you, I can follow the map to leaving a legacy. I love you, I love you, I love you!!! Fly high, Pop! - Your son...Nuck



Our Superhero Continued...



Tom, you were so much more than a father-in law. I am just thankful to have had this time with you. Save some brisket for me! I love you! – **Big Daddy**

Pop, you have been one of my GREATEST BLESSINGS. I am so incredibly grateful for EVERYTHING you ARE. Thank you for SHOWING UP... In ALL ways... FOR EVERYONE... ALL OF THE TIME!!! Thank you for allowing me to be your FAVORITE Daughter in Law and making sure everyone knew it. I have so much more to tell you. I wasn't ready. I Love You more than I'll ever be able to show you. Rest in Power, Peace and all of the Love that surrounds your spirit. Allow that bright Light you are to all of us, shine on in your transition. I LOVE YOU POP!!!!!!! - **Ladine**

To the one who took me on my first plane ride; the one who took me on my first trip to NYC; the one who spoiled his only granddaughter like no other; I love you. Thank you for all you have done for me. What I'll miss the most is our talks about life and how you gave me a different perspective. You taught me so much and for that I am eternally grateful. I'll have you right beside me as I finish my journey through grad school and I promise to continue to make you proud. Fly high Pops and keep me covered. I love you so, so much. Until we meet again - Your favorite granddaughter - **Dai**

My superhero you always kept my childhood full of adventure and love! To my superhero that can never be replaced... I love you! – **Lil Wayne**

Papa. Not only are you grandfather to me and my cousins but you are a friend, brother, father, neighbor, and a father figure to many in the Glymph family. You mean so much to me and I cannot thank you enough for accepting me and taking the responsibility of being my grandfather, despite the difference in bloodline you are my family and always will be. This has been one of the hardest and confusing times of my life. I don't know how to feel, but I do know that you are watching over all of us no matter what. You are funny, kind, caring, and very powerful. You knew everybody and everybody knew you. Your neighborhood loved you and were very shocked to hear what happened but this situation is full of love and family. Being here today is hard but relieving because I know that you would want me here and want me to be strong. Your passing will never be forgotten by me and many others. I want to celebrate you & live on knowing you will always watch over me. Enjoy your time in peace. I love you Papa! – **Ladanian**



Papa really meant everything to me. Every single time I would come through his room he would say "Who's my little man", and I would say "Me" and it would always put me in a good mood. I really love Papa and it's very hard to lose him. He's the best grandfather any one could imagine. LOVE YOU PAPA - **Lincoln**

Grandpa, we love you. I miss you so much and I know you will be with me forever. We will still have Grandpa Day to always remember you.

- **Love Skylar and Jrue**

DADDY "POP"

"Dad, your guiding hand on our shoulder will remain with us forever."

- Unknown



SON | GRANDSON | BROTHER

"Live your life with love as your guiding principle
- keep your family close."
- Barbara Bush



PAPA | GRANDPA

"Grandpa has ears that truly listen, arms that always hold, love that's never-ending, and a heart that's made of gold."

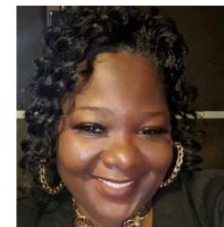
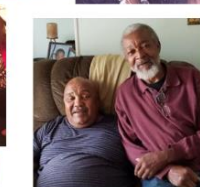
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UNCLE | FRIEND | LEADER

"Even though our time in this life is temporary, if we live well enough, our legacy will last forever."

- Idowu Koyenikan





As today I know I'm living, but tomorrow
may make me the past, but I mustn't fear.

For I know deep in my heart
For I know the love of me left behind
And I'll be loving you, always.

- **Stevie Wonder**

He is Gone (Remember Me)

You can shed tears that he is gone,
Or you can smile because he lived,
You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back,
Or you can open your eyes and see all that he has left.
Your heart can be empty because you can't see him
Or you can be full of the love that you shared,
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.
You can remember him and only that he is gone
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on,
You can cry and close your mind be empty and turn your back,
Or you can do what he would want: smile, open your eyes,
love and go on.

Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

Interment

Memorial Gardens Cemetery
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Expression of Appreciation

The family of Tommy Glymph, Sr. is grateful beyond measure for the sympathy, comforting words, prayers and expressions of kindness and concern shown to us during this most difficult time. We ask for your continued prayers and we will ask God's blessings upon you.

Special acknowledgement and gratitude is extended to the doctors, nurses and staff at Lexington Medical Center for your personal attention and care of our beloved, Tommy, in his final days.



Final Arrangements Entrusted To

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