

### ***ONLY MY BODY DIED***

I've come by once more to see you. To bring you comfort in some way.  
To let you know that I'm alright, because I'm with God today.  
I see the tears you're crying and I know you hurt inside:  
But please try to remember  
That only my body died.  
My soul is strong and healthy.  
My spirit is happy and free and I know you'll keep alive  
All the good memories of me.  
My old life was so full of struggle:  
I knew pain and I knew fear: but that day when I left you  
Jesus whispered in my ear.  
He said "It's time to come home, and I've made you a special place."  
Then he reached his hand out to me and He had a smile on His face.  
Oh, I'm so sorry to see you hurting and it's so sad to see you cry;  
But think about the promise of Jesus  
When he said, "Only your body will die."  
I will never really leave you.  
I promise I'll be watching from above and you can believe forever,  
That I'll send you all my love.  
So don't weep about my struggles and don't worry about the past.  
I'm here in a place of joy and I've found that peace at last.  
I wish I could wipe away your tears and mend the hurt you feel inside.  
But please find comfort when I say,  
It was only my body that died.

### ***Acknowledgements***

The family of Mr. Ulysses Singleton wishes to express their deepest gratitude to the many friends and relatives during their loss. The overwhelming outpouring of love, sympathy and prayers has made our loss much easier to bear. We pray God's continued blessings on each of you and we ask that you continue to keep us in your prayers.

Special thanks to White Oak Baptist Church No. 2 Family and the William Jennings Bryan Dorn VA Medical Center, SDU area for their special care.



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# **The Homegoing Celebration** *For The Drum Major*



***Mr. Ulysses "Ula" Singleton***  
***February 24, 1949 – March 22, 2017***

***Tuesday, March 28, 2017, 11:30 A.M.***

***Nelson's Funeral Home***

***270 N. Dogwood Ave., Ridgeway, SC 29130***

***Reverend Franklin D. R. Sandler, Officiating***

***Carolina Baptist Church, Bronx, NY***

Life Reflections

I rest beneath the almighty’s shade, my grief expires, my troubles cease; Thou Lord, on whom my soul is stayed, will keep me still in perfect peace. – Charles Wesley

Mr. Ulysses Singleton, affectionately known as “Uley”, the son of the late Thomas J. Singleton and Rubie Singleton Grace, was born February 24, 1949 in Lane, South Carolina. On Wednesday, March 22, 2017, at the Veteran’s Hospital in Columbia, SC, Uley humbly submitted to God’s call home.

Uley was loved and nurtured by his maternal grandparents, Robert and Laura Conyers of Lane, SC, his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Singleton-Murrell of Greeleyville, SC and his aunt, Pearl Parson.

Uley accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior at an early age and became a member of Bethel AME Church. He was later baptized at Trinity Baptist Church in Greeleyville, SC. Uley served in the United States Air Force for four years.

At a young age, Uley relocated to Springfield, Massachusetts where he attended Homer Street Elementary and Buckingham Junior High. Uley returned to South Carolina where he graduated from Williamsburg County Training School, now known as, Charles E. Murray High School in 1968. It was during his days at Charles E. Murray where Uley became the Drum Major of the High School band. He really loved that title!

Uley was united in holy matrimony to Deborah Addison. This union was blessed with a daughter, Courtney Singleton.

Uley was a jack of all trades! During his lifetime, he enjoyed working as an auto mechanic for Roberts Exxon and Heyward’s Service Station and as an electrician for Trapp Electric in Columbia, SC. Uley loved people and was loved by so many, he never met a stranger. He loved to make everyone laugh and was always willing to help others, especially the seniors.

Those left to cherish his loving memory: his daughter Courtney (Chris) Harrison of Columbia, SC; one grandson, Marcus Harrison; three sisters, Jeanette Singleton, Columbia, SC; Patricia Wilson, Kingstree, SC and Andrea Major, Charleston, SC; three aunts, Ms. Beulah M. Conyers, Brooklyn, NY; Mrs. Pearl Parson, Lane, SC and Mrs. Julia Anchrum, Denver, CO; two uncles, Mr. Edisto (Gwen) Singleton, Jersey City, NJ and Mr. Richard (Julia) Singleton, Greeleyville, SC; cousins that were like brothers and sisters, Sidney Parson, Anthony Parson, James Parson, Joseph Merrant, Robert Anchrum, Tremayne Anchrum, Tenneyson Thompson, Clayton Thompson, Gerald Thompson, Joyce Parson, Cynthia and Alicia Parson, Carolyn Andrews, Sonja Monk, and Alice Arline; a very special friend, Ms. Mariel Matheus, and a huge host of cousins, relatives and friends whom he loved so dear.

Order of Service  
Reverend Franklin D. R. Chandler, Presiding

Musical Prelude- ----- Musician

Processional ----- Clergy, Family and Friends

Opening Selections----- White Oak Baptist Church #2

Scripture Readings:  
Old Testament --- Psalm 23-----

New Testament- -2 Timothy 4:6-8 -----

Prayer of Comfort ----- Minister

Selection----- -Mr. Tony Parson

Reflections ----- (please limit to 2 Minutes) -----  
Deacon Donald Ford, Friend  
Mr. Clayton Thompson, Cousin  
Ms. Mable Canty, Classmate

Special Tribute of Song----- Mable Canty, Costella Pringle-Lyles and Nancy Bradshaw

Poem----- -Ms. Alicia Parson

Solo----- Ms. Angela Robertson

Words of Comfort ----- -Rev. Franklin D. R. Chandler

Selection----- -Choir

Recessional----- -Funeral Directors

Interment  
Fort Jackson National Cemetery  
4170 Percival Rd  
Columbia, SC 29229