

Order of Service

Reverend D. S. President, Presiding

Musical Prelude -----

Processional -----

Solo ----- **Sister Violetta Delly**

Prayer----- **Deacon Moses McGraw**

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament----- **Psalm 23**

New Testament----- **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

Solo ----- **Reverend Tammy Sowell**

Reflections -----

**James T. Kennedy, Jr.
Kendrick V. Kennedy**

Words of Comfort----- **Reverend D. S. President**

Committal-----

Recessional-----

Floral Bearers

Cousins and Deaconesses

Pall Bearers

Cousins and Deacons

Acknowledgements

We, the family of the late James Tony Kennedy, Sr. wish to express our heartfelt appreciation for the thoughtfulness and concern shown to us during our bereavement. We appreciate your prayers, calls, visits and other acts of kindness rendered to us during this difficult time. May God bless you for your kindness.

Special appreciation to Nelson's funeral Home for the services rendered during our time of need.



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A CELEBRATION *of Life*



Deacon James Tony Kennedy, Sr.

April 28, 1963 – September 19, 2020

Graveside Services

Saturday, September 26, 2020

11:00 A.M.

St. Matthews First Baptist Church Cemetery

3853 Estes Lane

Winnsboro, SC 29180

Reverend D. S. President, Pastor

The Life of Deacon James Kennedy, Sr.

James Tony Kennedy, Sr. affectionately known as Tony, was born on April 28, 1963 to Marjorie Baten Kennedy and the late David James Kennedy. On Saturday morning, September 19, 2020, Tony was called from labor to rest and entered eternal peace at Prisma Health Richland Heart Hospital in Columbia, South Carolina.

Tony graduated from McCrorey Liston High School in 1981 where he was a school bus driver and a member of the Future Farmers of America. He was awarded the title of “Bus Driver of the Year” in 1981. In addition, he attended the Fairfield County Vocational School where he excelled in their electricity program and received an award for being an outstanding student. After graduating from high school, he attended Devry Institute of Technology in Decatur, GA and graduated with a degree in electronics. He went on to become a faithful employee of Richtex Brick Cooperation (now Hanson/Meridian Brick) for over 20 years where he rose to the rank of mine supervisor.

Tony accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized and confirmed at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Jenkinsville, SC. When he became an adult, he moved his membership to St. Matthews First Baptist Church and worshipped with his father. Tony enjoyed working in the church and was always willing to help where needed. He became a trustee and later a deacon as the years went by. His favorite scripture was *Philippians 4:13*.

Tony had many highlights in his life: meeting and marrying his devoted wife, being blessed with three wonderful sons and seeing the birth of his “Main Dude,” his grandson, Trey. During the time of rearing his sons, whom he referred to as “The Boys,” he took pride in participating in their activities even coaching a baseball team where they won a first-place trophy for the season.

The Life of Deacon James Kennedy, Sr., cont’d

Tony also took pride in keeping the family vehicles sparkling clean, his yard well-manicured, sharing pictures with family members, and keeping up with the latest news on MSNBC so he could be well-versed on political issues and other current events.

He leaves to cherish his memories a loving wife of 35 years, Karen Woodard Kennedy of the home; sons, James Tony (Alisha) Kennedy, Jr. of Mableton, GA, Dr. Kendrick V. Kennedy of Durham, NC and Jarvis R. Kennedy of Charlotte, NC; his mother, Marjorie Baten Kennedy of Winnsboro, SC; grandson, James Tony Kennedy, III of Mableton, GA, sisters, Valerie Kennedy (Carl) Robinson of Blythewood, SC and Kim (Gerald) Colson of Rock Hill, SC; five sisters-in-law, Bertha (Cleveland) Hamilton of Baltimore, MD, Margaret (Henry) Gatewood of Baltimore, MD, JoAnn Hamilton of Baltimore, MD, Isabel Meadows of Columbia, SC and Shirley Woodard of Winnsboro, SC; seven brothers-in-law, James Woodard, Larry (Roxie) Woodard, Leroy Woodard, Johnnie (Ella) Woodard, and Gary (Tangee) Woodard all of Winnsboro, SC, Calvin (Barbara) Woodard of Baltimore, MD and Nelson (Elizabeth) Woodard of Columbia, SC; a soon to be daughter-in-law, Kayla Rice of Charlotte, NC and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

In addition to his father, Tony was preceded in death by his father-in-law, Jim Woodard and mother-in-law, Rosa Bell Woodard, grandparents, Reverend John Hayes and Alean Baten, David and Thomasina Kennedy, six aunts, three uncles and several special cousins.

“He Only Takes the Best”

God saw you getting tired and
A cure was not to be
So, He put his arms around you
And whispered,
“Come to Me”
With tearful eyes we watched
And saw you pass away
And although we love you dearly
We could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating
Hard working hands at rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.

Author - Unknown