

***Order of Service***  
***Reverend Michael McCoy, Presiding***

Prelude -----

Processional -----Clergy and Family

Prayer of Comfort ----- Minister

Scriptures:  
Old Testament -----  
New Testament -----

Reflections----- Mr. Larry Squirewell, Son

Solo ----- Ms. Martina Hughes

Words of Comfort ----- Reverend Michael McCoy

Committal----- Reverend Michael McCoy

Benediction ----- Reverend Michael McCoy

Recessional ----- Funeral Directors

**Interment**

St. Mark Baptist Church Cemetery  
Ridgeway, SC

*We understand that you love us and would like to come visit us during this difficult time, but, because of COVID-19, there will not be a traditional repast.*

**Floral Bearers**  
Nieces  
**Pall Bearers**  
Nephews

**Acknowledgements**

The family of the late Mr. Celess Squirewell wishes to express their appreciation for your kind thoughts and expressions of sympathy during their recent bereavement.

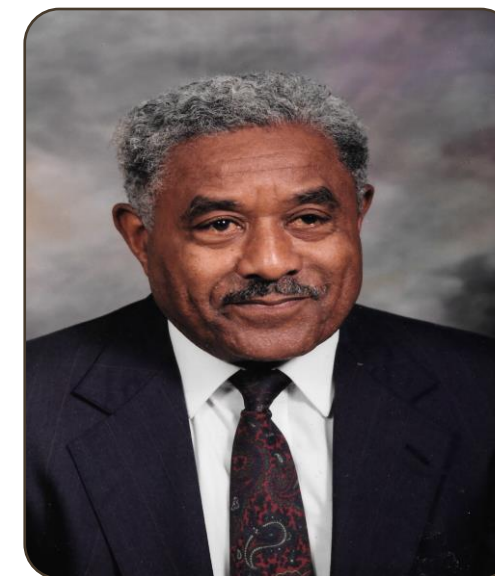
**A Special Thank You**

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the doctors and nurses of Medical Services of America, Inc. for the excellent care, support, and tender mercy shown during Mr. Celess's illness. From the depths of our hearts, we all say: "Thank You."



**Nelson's Funeral Home**  
270 N. Dogwood Avenue  
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***A Celebration  
of Life***

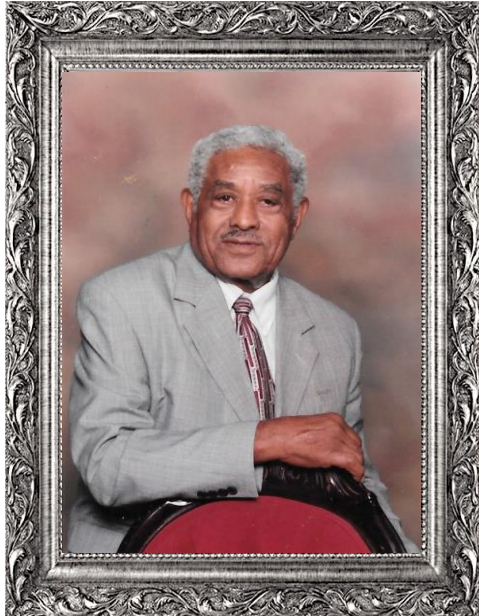


**Mr. Celess Squirewell**  
**January 17, 1925 – July 9, 2021**

**Graveside Services**  
**Tuesday, July 13, 2021, 11:00 A. M.**  
**St. Mark Baptist Church Cemetery**  
**4118 SC 34**  
**Ridgeway, SC 29130**

**Reverend Michael McCoy, Officiating**

## Obituary



*“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” Matthew 11:28-30*

Mr. Celess Squirewell was born on January 17, 1925 in Ridgeway, SC to the late Mr. James Preston Squirewell and Mrs. Clara Lee Squirewell. He departed to his heavenly home on July 9, 2021 at his residence.

He attended the Public Schools of Fairfield County and he was a faithful member of St. Mark Baptist Church where he served in the Deacon’s ministry for more than 40 years. He worked at Martin Marietta for many years. Mr. Squirewell was united in holy matrimony to the late Mrs. Christine Squirewell and they were married for 60 blissful years before her passing in 2013.

He loved his family and never met a stranger. He was always ready to make someone smile with a joke and shared many life lessons with a stern but loving spirit.

Celess took pride in landscaping his lawn, he had a green thumb and every year he produced beautiful flowers and magical gardens in his backyard.

He leaves to cherish his memories forever his sons, Larry (Lucinda) Squirewell of Winnsboro, SC, Alvin (Deborah) Squirewell of Atlanta, GA and Celess (Diane) Squirewell of Columbia, SC; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, family, and friends that will miss him dearly.

In addition to his wife and parents, Celess was preceded in death by his daughter, Charlotte Prioleau; seven siblings, Eddie Squirewell, Lewis Squirewell, James Preston Squirewell, Sidney Squirewell, Clara Gladney, Mary Kelly, and Eloise Taylor.



### His Journey’s Just Begun

Don't think of him as gone away  
his journey's just begun,  
life holds so many facets  
this earth is only one.

Just think of him as resting  
from the sorrows and the tears  
in a place of warmth and comfort  
where there are no days and years.

Think how he must be wishing  
that we could know today  
how nothing but our sadness  
can really pass away.

And think of him as living  
in the hearts of those he touched...  
for nothing loved is ever lost  
and he was loved so much.

**Author – Ellen Brenneman**