

PALLBEARERS  
CHRISTOPHER DAVIS  
DEON DAVIS  
JONATHAN DAVIS  
DARRIELL V. JOHNSON  
REGINALD JOHNSON

FLORAL BEARERS  
FAMILY & FRIENDS

## I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God has laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard his call,  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, or play,  
I found the peace at the close of the day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joys.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and peace to thee  
God wanted me now; He set me free.

### THE FAMILY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The family of the late **Deacon Lewis Ross** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation all expressions of sympathy extended during our hour of bereavement. Your many acts of kindness uplifted our spirits.  
May God bless and keep each of you.

**The Ross/Williams Family**

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# A Celebration of His Life



Sunrise  
MAY 14, 1934

Sunset  
NOVEMBER 19, 2022

Deacon  
**Lewis Ross, Sr.**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2022  
ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

BOSTICK-TOMPKINS FUNERAL HOME  
2930 COLONIAL DRIVE | COLUMBIA, SC 29203

# REFLECTIONS OF HIS LIFE

## DEACON LEWIS ROSS

*For I am ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand,  
I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.  
II Timothy 4:6-7*

**Deacon Lewis Ross** was born May 14, 1934, in Barnwell, South Carolina, the son of the late Ms. Donie Bell Ross and Mr. Melvin Williams. He was called home to be with the Lord at the age of 88 on Saturday, November 19, 2022, at his residence surrounded by his loving family.

Lewis was education began in the county school system, but was completed in 1972 thru the Wilmington, Delaware night school system while providing for his family of two sons. He became the family sanctuary to the North as one of the oldest of thirteen siblings. He worked as a Machinist and in Management for Container Corporation of America until his retirement in 1995 in the city of brotherly love Philadelphia, PA. After relocating to South Carolina where he worked and retired from Sears and Walmart corporations for an additional twenty years of service to the economic workforce. Outside of work, he was a bass guitar musician for the Lord.

Lewis Ross was a proud Christian man who gave his life and soul to his faith. An esteemed Deacon and member of Greater St. Luke Baptist Church of Columbia, SC, supporting the community in guidance as a mentor to the youth. He not only lived a spiritual life, but he praised God through song, and became a founding member of a gospel quartet, The Stars of Joy. In addition, Mr. Ross volunteered in numerous church choirs throughout the decades.

An avid bowler, he was recognized under the American Bowling Congress (ABC) as a member achieving high accolades throughout the 70s and 80s. Mr. Ross was still known for a league appearance at the local Royal Z Lanes during his retirement, he dedicated most of his time to maintaining his property. He was also an excellent roller skater who could dazzle you with his grace and dance moves in the rink.

In addition to his parents, Deacon Ross was preceded in death by his son, Lewis Ross Jr.; brothers, Clyde, Levi, George, Anthony, Melton, and Isaac; and his sisters Gloria, Geneva, Betty, May Francis, Laurie, Marion Lee, and Mildred.

Those who are cherishing his fond and precious memories are his devoted son, Lester Davis, adoring grandchildren, Clifton Ross, Lawren Moore, Christopher, Jonathan, Kiara, Derek Davis; his caring brothers, Bobby, Willie, Phillip, Joseph, and James; and his loving sisters, Lucille, Ella Louise, Virginia, and a host of loving great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and adopted family members; all of whom join the family in sharing the grief caused by his departure, but rejoice that he is resting with the Lord.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

REVEREND DR. MICHAEL H. BAKER, OFFICIATING  
PASTOR, ST. LUKE BAPTIST CHURCH

Prelude .....  
Processional ..... Clergy and Family  
Final Farewell ..... BTFH  
Scripture Readings..... Reverend Willie Wilson  
Old Testament  
New Testament  
Prayer of Comfort..... Deacon Porter Dodd  
Selection..... Greater St. Luke Choir  
Remarks ..... Deacon Robert Cook, Church  
Selection..... Greater St. Luke Choir  
Eulogy ..... Pastor Michael H. Baker  
Recessional .....

SERVICES OF COMMENDATION  
(COMMITTAL, CLOSING PRAYER & BENEDICTION)

SERENITY MEMORIAL GARDENS  
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