



PALLBEARERS

Nephews
Family & Friends

FLORAL BEARERS

Granddaughters & Nieces

**WHEN TOMORROW STARTS
WITHOUT ME**

WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME
AND I'M NOT HERE TO SEE,
IF THE SUN SHOULD RISE AND FIND YOUR
EYES FILLED WITH TEARS FOR ME,
I WISH SO MUCH YOU WOULDN'T CRY
THE WAY YOU DID TODAY,
WHILE THINKING OF THE MANY THINGS
WE DIDN'T GET TO SAY.
I KNOW HOW MUCH YOU LOVE ME,
AS MUCH AS I LOVE YOU.
AND EACH TIME YOU THINK OF ME,
I KNOW YOU'LL MISS ME, TOO.
BUT WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME,
PLEASE TRY TO UNDERSTAND
THAT JESUS CAME AND CALLED MY NAME
AND TOOK ME BY THE HAND,
AND SAID MY PLACE WAS READY
IN HEAVEN FAR ABOVE,
AND THAT I'D HAVE TO LEAVE BEHIND
ALL THOSE I DEARLY LOVE.
SO WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME,
DON'T THINK WE'RE FAR APART.
FOR EVERY TIME YOU THINK OF ME,
I'M RIGHT HERE IN YOUR HEART.

~Submitted by Sharon Freeman Johnson

THE FAMILY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The family of the late **Harold Summers** wishes to express our sincere gratitude to each of you for the gracious acts of kindness, encouraging words, and sympathy shown to us during the passing of our loved one. May God bless each of you with his love, and may Heaven's Light shine upon you.

Services Entrusted to:

Bostick-Tompkins Funeral Home

Columbia Office
2930 Colonial Drive
Columbia, SC 29203
(803) 254-2000



Sumter Office
353 Manning Avenue
Sumter, SC 29153
(803)848-4002

A Celebration of His Life

Tuesday, January 31, 2023
Twelve O'clock in the Afternoon

Sunrise
December 8, 1961

Brown Chapel AME Church
808 Barnes Street | Columbia, SC 29205

Sunset
January 23, 2023

Reverend Dr. M. Andrew Davis, Pastor
Reverend Charles Epps, Eulogist



Harold R. SUMMERS, SR.

REFLECTIONS OF HIS LIFE

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

Harold Richard Summers Sr., affectionately known as **“Big Harold”**, was born in Columbia, SC on December 8, 1961. He was the beloved and only son of the late Hiram T. Summers and Elsie English Summers. He entered into eternal rest to be with the Lord Monday, January 23, 2023, at Prisma Health Richland in Columbia.

During his early childhood years, he attended Brown Chapel AME Church with his family. He believed in the Lord and accepted Him as his savior.

Harold was educated in the public schools of Richland District One County attending Perrin Thomas and Rosewood Elementary Schools and was a 1980 graduate of Dreher High School where he played on the Varsity football, and worked afterschool. He was also often found enjoying beats and rhythms even before “Hip Hop” became popular.

After graduating high school, he worked for various state health facilities as a Mental Health Specialist. It was there he met his wife of 40 years, Deborah. He continued his career as a Medical Technician, later earning his certification at Midlands Technical College and became a Machine Operator. Harold was not afraid of furthering his education, he continued his studies by earning his CDL, and became a Professional Truck Driver.

Harold had many hobbies but loved sports the most. Clemson, the L.A. Lakers, and the Raiders were his favorite teams. In his early adult life, he played basketball at the Commission of the Blind with his friends. Along with his wife, he also played co-ed baseball with Zion Baptist Church. In giving back to his community, he coached and mentored a flag football team with the Boys and Girls Club of the Midlands. There, he also coached a boys basketball team. Harold and Deborah worked as a team to treat the boys to McDonald’s after the games and give the players rides to and from the games. In his leisure time, he enjoyed watching Cowboys and Indians movies, snacking, and spending time with his lovely wife. Harold was loving, lively, and had a good sense of humor.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Deborah Summers; daughters, Kimberly (Phil) Flowers, Deborah Latesha (Troy) Mauney; son, Harold Richard Summers Jr.; special cousins, Shirley Ann Clark, and Susan Harris; aunt, Myrtis Randall Stevens; and his mother-in-law, Lila Hammock. He was especially loved and gave a lot of love to his nieces and nephews and other family members and friends. While they mourn his passing, they rejoice that he is now resting with the Lord.



ORDER OF SERVICE

REV. DR. M. ANDREW DAVIS, PRESIDING

Prelude.....”*Rough Side of The Mountain*”

Processional Clergy and Family

Final Farewell Bostick-Tompkins Funeral Home

Selection of Praise Mr. Donnie Mack
”*Precious Lord Take My Hand*”

Scripture Readings:
Old Testament.....Reverend Dr. Phil Flowers
”*Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*”
New Testament.....Rev. Dr. M. Andrew Davis
”*Philippians 4:4-9*”

Prayer of Comfort..... Rev. Dr. M. Andrew Davis

Selection.....Mr. Billy Jefferson
”*He Saw The Best In Me*”

Special Tribute.....Harold’s Children
”*Kimberly Flowers, Deborah Mauney & Harold Summers, Jr.*”

Reflections of Love.....Billy & Greta Brown
(3 min. please)

Ms. Rebecca Barnette
Mr. George Kelly

~“Video Tribute”~

Selection..... Ms. Melissa Miller
”*This Morning When I Rose*”

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Charles Epps

Recessional

SERVICES OF COMMENDATION
(COMMITTAL, CLOSING PRAYER, BENEDICTION)

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