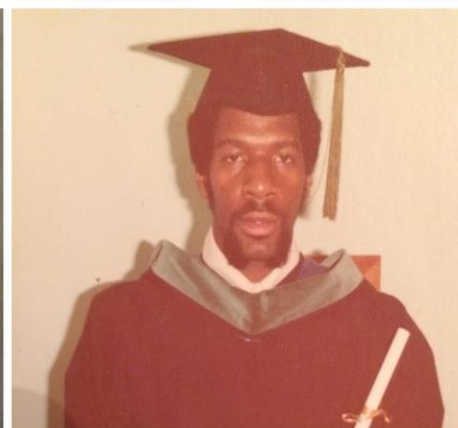
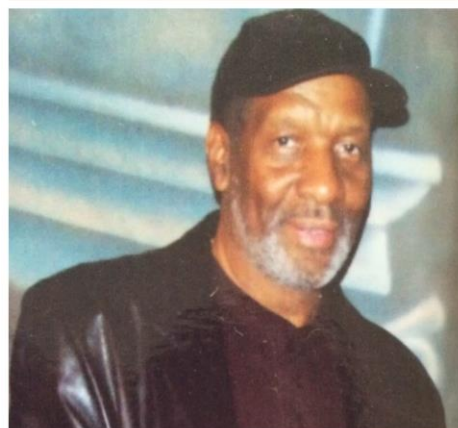
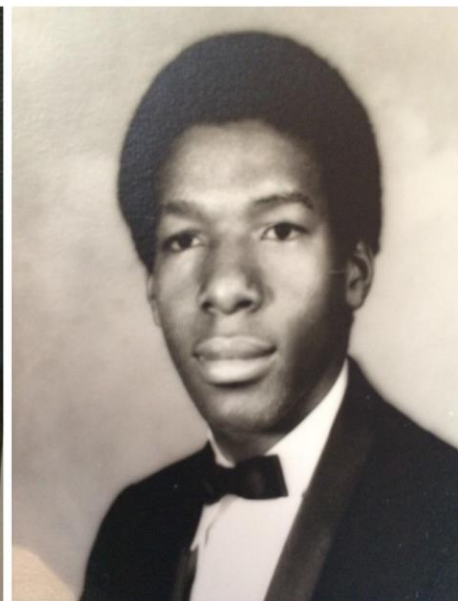
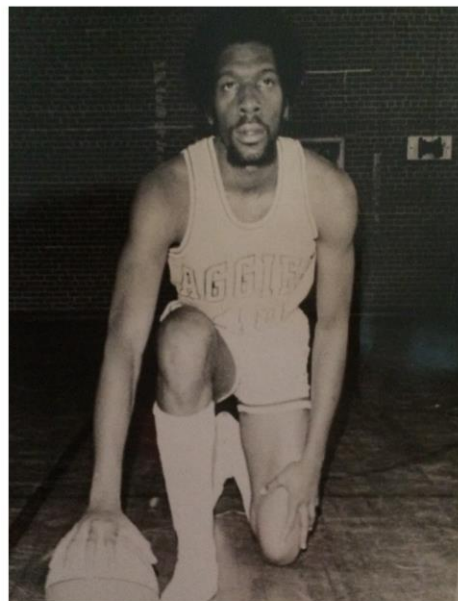




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THE FAMILY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We, the family of the late **Bobby Goodwin**, express our heartfelt appreciation for your sympathy in our time of grief. Thank you for your love and support. Your thoughts and prayers after Mr. Goodwin's passing were felt by each of us. May God bless each of you for being a blessing to our family.

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A CELEBRATION
OF **LIFE**

Bobby Goodwin

Sunrise
MARCH 13, 1951

Sunset
MAY 21, 2023

SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2023
TWELVE O'CLOCK NOON
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REFLECTIONS OF HIS LIFE

Bobby Goodwin was born on March 13, 1951, to the late John English and Lillian Goodwin, of Columbia, SC. He departed this earthly life on Sunday, May 21, 2023, peacefully at home.

LOVE for Education

Bobby attended the public schools of Richland School District One. He played basketball for Columbia High, but his love and desire was to attend Booker T. Washington High School where he later transferred and graduated in 1970. He matriculated to North Carolina A&T University on a full basketball scholarship where he earned his B.S. in Recreation in 1974.

LOVE for Work

After graduating from North Carolina, A&T University, he returned to his hometown. In 1977, Bobby was hired by the City of Columbia as the Director of Valley Park, now known as Martin Luther King Park at 2300 Greene Street. He was responsible for the development of athletic and educational programs for youth in and around the Valley Park community, and their after-school programs. His career reignited his passion and enthusiasm for sports. Under his tenure, there were a number of recreational leagues created. You could often find many talented young boys and girls playing on the courts who were later recruited by high school and college coaches. Bobby not only loved youth; he also had a love for seniors. He taught a seniors ceramic classes weekly and enjoyed being the bus driver for senior trips. One of the well-known activities developed at the Center during Bobby's leadership was what is now Columbia's national and world champion Double Dutch teams know today as the Double Dutch Forces, formed in 1985 and coached by the late Joy Holman. In their early years, there was never a time when the teams needed to be transported to competition that Bobby did not assist as a chaperone and driver. Bobby held many leadership roles with the City of Columbia, Parks and Recreations prior to his retirement in 2010.

LOVE for Family

Bobby had a true love for family. He was known as the coolest, smoothest, sharpest dressing "Uncle Bobby" or "Uncle Bob" to his many nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews. He loved to show off his grill master skills boasting about his ribs and chicken. Someone always wanted to know how he prepared them. Unfortunately, he never revealed the secret. Because of his love for family, he started a tradition of an annual New Years Day family event, where he hosted his siblings until their death, and then he continued it on with his nieces, nephews, cousins and other family and friends. However, Bobby's greatest joy and love was the birth of his only child, Bobby Jarrod Goodwin in 1989. He was there for every milestone and moment in Jarrod's life. In the early years, you would never see him without his dad – especially at the park. He also helped to raise a bonus son, Kasey Witherspoon, who he shared his basketball knowledge and love. He especially enjoyed being a "honorary Godfather" to the daughter he never had, Christa Carter Miller. Bobby was cared for by his dear forever friend, Jestine, and his children throughout his illness and through his last days. That love he showed for family was indeed returned, and he was reminded of it every day.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Thomas Goodwin, John Goodwin, Daniel Goodwin and Kent Goodwin; and sisters, Thomasina Woodard, and his twin, Betty Goodwin.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his beloved son, Bobby Jarrod (Zeakela) Goodwin; stepson, Kasey Witherspoon; and a host of other loving relatives and friends who adored and will miss him deeply.

YOU WOULD KNOW THE SECRET OF DEATH.

BUT HOW SHALL YOU FIND IT UNLESS YOU
SEEK IT IN THE HEART OF LIFE?

IF YOU WOULD INDEED BEHOLD THE SPIRIT OF
DEATH, OPEN YOUR HEART WIDE UNTO THE
BODY OF LIFE.

FOR LIFE AND DEATH ARE ONE, EVEN AS THE
RIVER AND THE SEA ARE ONE.

FOR WHAT IS IT TO DIE BUT TO STAND NAKED
IN THE WIND AND TO MELT INTO THE SUN?

AND WHAT IS IT TO CEASE BREATHING, BUT TO
FREE THE BREATH FROM ITS RESTLESS TIDES,
THAT IT MAY RISE AND EXPAND AND SEEK GOD
UNENCUMBERED?

ONLY WHEN YOU DRINK FROM THE RIVER OF
SILENCE SHALL YOU INDEED SING.

AND WHEN YOU HAVE REACHED THE
MOUNTAIN TOP, THEN YOU SHALL BEGIN TO
CLIMB.

AND WHEN THE EARTH SHALL CLAIM YOUR
LIMBS, THEN SHALL YOU TRULY DANCE.

--EXCERPT FROM "ON DEATH" BY KAHLIL GIBRAN

ORDER OF SERVICE

REV. ANTHONY MCCALLUM, PRESIDING

Prelude.....Mrs. Jennifer Washington

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Solo.....Mrs. Jennifer Washington

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament.....Rev. Gail Dudley
Psalm 27: 1-5

New Testament.....Rev. Stanley M. Nash
1 Corinthians 15: 50-57

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Lorraine Anderson

Reflections (*2 min. please*).....Booker T. Washington HS
Class of 1970

NC A&T Alumni Columbia Chapter
Ron Johnson, NC A&T Teammate
Ellery Goodwin, Nephew
Bobby Jarrod Goodwin, Son

Poem.....Zeakela McRae

Selection.....Mrs. Jennifer Washington

Words of Comfort.....Min. Jestine Goodwin

Closing Prayer.....Rev. Anthony McCallum

Recessional

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