



PALLBEARERS

United States Army
Honor Guard

FLORAL BEARERS

Family and Friends

The Lord's Prayer

***Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And do not lead us into temptation,
But deliver us from the evil one.
For Yours is the kingdom and the power and
the glory forever.
Amen.***

THE FAMILY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The family of Arthur Arnold Yearwood would like to acknowledge with sincere thanks and appreciation everyone for your prayers and acts of kindness during this time. We thank Apostle Renaldo Turner and New Destiny Church International for being a blessing to our family. We also would like to thank for their acts of kindness and care, the Doctors and Nurses of Palmetto Health Richland Medical Intensive Care Unit/Medical Step Down Unit (MICU/MSU). May the Peace of our LORD be with you now and forever more.

Love in CHRIST JESUS.

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Saturday, January 21, 2017
One O'clock in the Afternoon

New Destiny Church International
438 Rabon Road, Columbia, SC



June 21, 1933

FOR GOD
AND COUNTRY

January 16, 2017

A Homegoing Celebration

HONORING THE LIFE OF

SGM
(Ret.)

Arthur A. YEARWOOD

REFLECTIONS OF HIS LIFE

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. II Timothy 4: 7-8 (KJV)



Arthur Arnold Yearwood entered eternal rest on January 16, 2017 in Columbia, South Carolina. He was born on June 21, 1933 to the late Lela Blades and Arthur Aubrey Yearwood in La Boca, Canal Zone, Panama. He attended La Boca High school where he met and eventually married the true love of his life, Joycelyn Griffith. Together, they raised eight wonderful children. This was the origin of his favorite saying, *“I am the richest man on earth!”*

He joined the United States Army for practical reasons and discovered that he loved to travel the world and meet new and interesting people, thus began a distinguished 30-year career. From Germany to Japan and all places in between, Arthur never went to a place he did not enjoy and appreciate the culture, teaching his children to do the same. He was a Vietnam War veteran, honorably serving his country. By the end of his service, Arthur was the recipient of many medals, including Meritorious Service, and had achieved the rank of Sergeant Major. After military retirement, he continued

to work as a Civil Servant and as a security guard until the age of 70.

Arthur always greeted everyone with a smile. No one was left a stranger in his presence. He loved to work creatively with his hands, whether it was building wooden furniture, sewing, or repairing automobiles, he continuously stayed active. In 2006, he accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour. He was well-respected in the community and Body of Christ. Arthur was a mentor to many of the younger generation.

He is predeceased by three of his four siblings: Inez White, Conrad Brewster and Margiana Gordon.

He is survived by his children: Hermel Gordon (Brenda) of Fayetteville, North Carolina, Judith Jenkins of Newport News, Virginia, Debra Yearwood of Brooklyn, New York, Julieta Yearwood of Columbia, South Carolina, Margarita Bibbins (Albert) of Navarre, Florida, Juliana Horne (Wayne) of Bellevue, Nebraska, Arthur Aubrey Yearwood (Judy) of El Paso, Texas and Natacha Yearwood of Brooklyn, New York; stepdaughter, Angelique Johnson of Mobile, Alabama; seventeen grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren; one remaining sister Christine Hinds. He is also survived by his cousins: Silvia Reid, Sandra Turnbull, Clemente Ifill and Roberto Ifill; and his nieces and nephews: Carla, Lisa, Rogelio, Carlton, Mario, Antonio, George, Gregory, Guillermo, Sharon, Jose, Danilo, Marva, Antonio, David, Sabrina and Sonia. Also forever cherishing Arthur’s memory across the United States and Panama are longtime high school friends: Clifton “Tacho” Hazelwood, Horace Stevenson, James Edgehill, Charles Sims and Naomi Alleyne.

ORDER OF SERVICE

PASTOR ALBERT BIBBINS, JR., PRESIDING

Prelude	
Processional	
Hymn of Praise	NDCI Praise Team
Scripture Readings	Deacon Joseph Bennett
Prayer of Comfort.....	Elder Morris Goins
Selection.....	NDCI Praise Team
Poem.....	The Grandchildren
Reflections <i>(two minutes please)</i>	Arthur’s Children Clergy
Solo.....	Michelle Easton
Words of Comfort.....	Apostle Renaldo Turner
Final Farewell to Arthur	Bostick-Tompkins Staff
Recessional	

SERVICES OF COMMENDATION
Committal, Closing Prayer, Benediction & Interment

SERENITY MEMORIAL GARDENS
1101 Buckner Road • Columbia, South Carolina

Immediately following the interment, please join the family for a repast in the Church Fellowship Hall.