

PALLBEARERS

Brothers-in-Law

Friends

FLORAL BEARERS

Nieces

Friends

*The angels gathered near your bed
 So very close to you,
 For they knew the pain and suffering
 you were going through,
 I thought about so many things,
 so I held tightly to your hand,
 Oh, how I wished that you were
 strong and happy once again.
 But your eyes were looking homeward,
 to that place beyond the sky,
 Where Jesus held his outstretched arms,
 it was time to say good-bye.
 I struggled with my selfish thoughts,
 for I wanted you to stay,
 So we could walk and talk again,
 like we did just yesterday.
 But Jesus knew the answer and
 I knew He loved you so,
 So I gave to you life's greatest gift,
 The gift of letting go.*

*-With Love, Your Daughter
 Charnelle "Precious" Swift*

THE FAMILY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

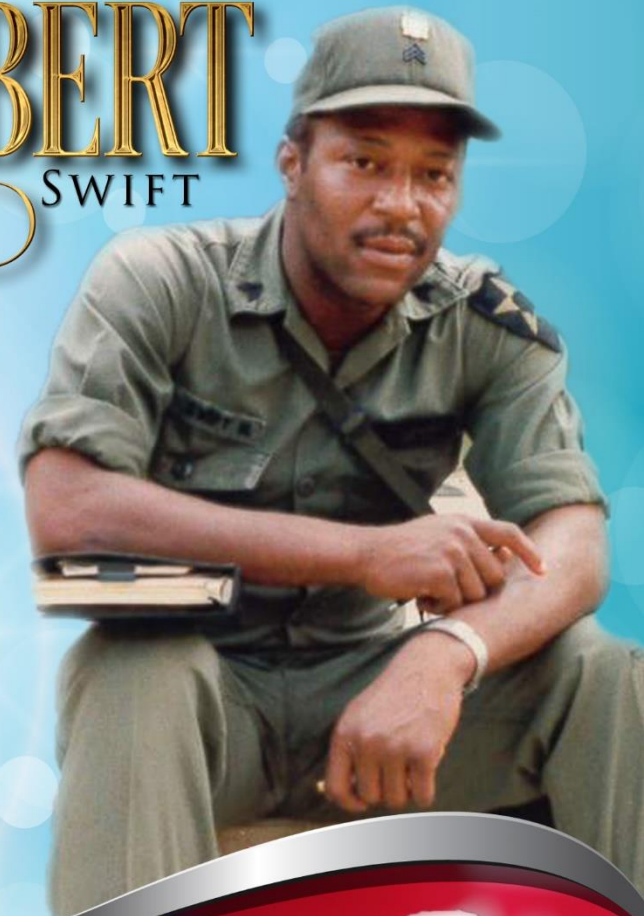
The family of the late Halbert Swift wish to thank everyone for all prayers, phone calls, visits, and all other acts of kindness rendered during our time of bereavement.

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HALBERT
 SWIFT



"Swifty"

Sunrise
 MARCH 6, 1956

Sunset
 MAY 24, 2019

**A
 Celebration of
 His Life**

**THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2019
 ONE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON**

**REHOBOTH BAPTIST CHURCH
 4646 HARD SCRABBLE ROAD, COLUMBIA, SC**



REFLECTIONS OF HIS LIFE

Halbert Swift was vibrant, outgoing, and to know him was to love him. When you saw him coming, you knew you would soon have a smile on your face. He didn't meet any strangers. If he was in the place you would know it by his attire or his affectionate attitude.

A time to be born:

Halbert Swift was born March 6, 1956 in the White Station Community of West point, Mississippi to the late Johnnie Swift and Millie Ann Swift. He was the seventh child of eight born to this union. He attended East Elementary, West Point Junior High, and West Point High School.

A time to love:

Halbert (Swiftly) was married to Charlene Shelton. In this union one child (Charnelle Haleesa Swift). Two brothers preceded him in death, Henry Swift and Johnnie Swift Jr. both of Chicago, Illinois. He leaves to cherish his memories: His daughter Charnelle (Charlotte, NC), Charlene Swift (Columbia, SC); Three brothers, Reverend Vernon (Josephine) Swift, Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Lt. Col. Ret. Ulysses (Beverly) Swift, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Rochester (Scottie) Swift, Biloxi, Mississippi; Two sisters Rosa Marie (Reverend Steve) Daniels, Saint Paul, Minnesota; Dorothy Jean (James) Johnson, Chicago, Illinois; a loving host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends.

A time to give:

He gave his life to Christ at an early age and united with the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in White Station community of West Point, MS. Halbert joined Rehoboth Baptist Church and was very active in noon day bible study. Halbert was dedicated to the task we know as Operation Andrew (Bringing people to Christ). He never missed an opportunity to share his experiences to help others to become a part of our church community. He loved giving praise through songs and testimonies.

A time to serve:

He joined the US Army at an early age where he served 20 years. He retired as SFC with many honors, medals and accommodations. Later he was employed as a truck driver for Hospital Services and worked at Fort Jackson Gym.

A time to die:

Halbert (Swiftly) heard the Lord's call Friday, 24 May at 11:40 p.m.

A time to mourn:

Family members and loving friends will truly miss him. We take comfort in the fact to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Swift would say "Do not cry for me, do not worry for me. God had a mission only a soldier could handle...and I was Combat Ready!"

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

REVEREND OTIS OUTING, OFFICIATING

Prelude.....

Processional..... *Clergy and Family*

Hymn of Praise *Blessed Assurance*

Scripture Readings.....

Old Testament..... Reverend Vernon Swift

New Testament..... Reverend Steve Daniels

Prayer of Comfort..... Reverend Steve Daniels

Selection RBC Sanctuary Choir

Reflections *(three minutes please)* Sister Elleastene Partlow

Deacon Frederick Evans

Poem *Letting Go*

Charnelle Swift, Daughter

Resolution..... Rehoboth Church Clerk

Solo Delphanie Daniels, Niece

Words of Comfort..... Reverend Dr. Ivory Thigpen

Pastor, Rehoboth Baptist Church

Recessional..... *I Am Free*

SERVICES OF COMMENDATION

Friday, May 31, 2019 – 10 AM

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