

Flower Bearers

Deaconess

Pall Bearers

Deacons

Kibby

*His skin is the color of caramel, high cheekbones; dark, quiet eyes
That have seen more than his words ever suggest.*

Her grandpa, one of the strongest and wisest men she's ever known.

If he'd been born in a different time and place,

He could've been a Colin Powell or a James Earle Jones.

For her, it was enough to call him Grandpa.

*One might think that such a man might be intimidating to a young girl,
But he wasn't. On the contrary, her memories of him are soft and sweet,*

Just like the nickname he created for her, Kibby.

He was the only one who used it.

It was Kibby who climbed onto the white swing

To sit beside him on a chilly fall day,

Cuddling close and admiring the multi-colored leaves.

It was Kibby who perched on his lap to read the funnies on Sunday afternoon,

Dennis the Menace and Blondie were her favorites.

It was Kibby who pestered him with questions of curiosity and concern:

*"Grandpa, what's that shot gun for? You mean you're going to shoot cute little
Bunny rabbits? That's horrible! What did they ever do to you?"*

It was Kibby who gave him unwanted advice:

"Grandpa, you know you shouldn't smoke cigars.

Smoking is bad for your health."

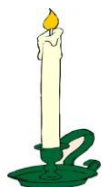
And now, years later, clutching to memories, soft and sweet,

It is Kibby who covers him with a blanket as his eyes close,

Eyes that have ceased to recognize the woman that Kibby has become.

Eyes clouded by Alzheimer's and Glaucoma, memories, missing; Sight, stolen

And, yet, Kibby, will always remain.



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"An Eternal Flame of Remembrance"

A Celebration of Life



for



Rufus V. "Brown" Berry



Sunday, May 7, 2017

2:00 p.m.

Shiloh Baptist Church

Anderson, SC

Rev. Douglas Mazzyck, Pastor/Officiating

Rev. Tony Boseman, Presiding

Order of Service

<i>Prelude.....</i>	<i>Soft Music</i>
<i>Processional.....</i>	<i>Ministers and Family</i>
<i>Selection.....</i>	<i>"When We All Get To Heaven"</i>
<i>Scripture.....</i>	<i>"Psalms 91".....Rev. Tony Boseman</i>
<i>Prayer.....</i>	<i>Deacon Thomas Richardson</i>
<i>Remarks.....</i>	<i>Deacon Otis Clinkscales</i>
<i>Poem.....</i>	<i>Katherine Berry-Burns, Granddaughter</i>
<i>Selection.....</i>	<i>"Because He Lives"</i>
<i>Words of Comfort.....</i>	<i>Pastor Douglas Mazyck</i>
<i>Recessional.....</i>	<i>Soft Music</i>
<i>Interment.....</i>	<i>M. J. "Dolly" Cooper Veterans Cemetery 11:00 a.m. Monday, May 8, 2017</i>
<i>Committal Service.....</i>	<i>Ministers</i>



Acknowledgements

The family would like to express their sincere thanks for all the outpouring of love and kindness in their time of bereavement. Your compassion and expressions of sympathy has truly been a blessing.

Obituary

Mr. Rufus Berry, 96, of 205 Burts Drive in Anderson, SC, passed away on Friday, May 5, 2017 at Richard Campbell Veterans Nursing Center. He was born July 9, 1920 to the late Alonzo and Laura Hunter Berry.

Rufus retired from Ryobi (formerly Singer Company) and AnMed Health Medical Center (formerly Anderson Memorial Hospital). He was a WWII Veteran and a member of Shiloh Baptist Church, where he served on the Deacon Board, Senior Choir and the Brotherhood.

He is survived by his wife, Annie Belle Boseman Berry; one daughter, Essie Berry; one son, Randolph Berry; four grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; and a host of relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alonzo and Laura Hunter Berry; one son, Mack L. Berry; one sister, Ruby Berry Thompson; and one brother, James Mack Berry.

