



Family I Am Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard him call,
I turned my back and left it all
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of day
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I, too, will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch
If my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.



Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Acknowledgement

Our hearts have been made to rejoice during the passing of our loved one by the many acts of kindness extended to our family. We understand through the circumstances of the pandemic, it is challenging for many in the family to join this celebration of life. However, your prayers and all expressions of love and sympathy are greatly appreciated. May God's blessings of peace and love continue with love.

The Family

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A Celebration OF LIFE FOR



Deacon Willie JAMES BEST "NICK"

SUNRISE
October 20, 1942

SUNSET
February 27, 2022

Sunday, March 6, 2022
12:00 PM

GOODWILL BAPTIST CHURCH
364 Goodwill Road
Estill, South Carolina

Minister Loretta Darien, Officiant
Pastor Moore

Reflections

*“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;
and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow,
nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain:
for the former things are passed away.”*

Revelation 21:4

We belong to God; not only for a few fleeting years that we call life, but for eternity. God is on both sides of the river. He walks with us during our earthly life and is there to receive us for our eternal life. We are in God’s presence in life, death, and everlasting, yet we must cross the river to receive our crown of life. Deacon Willie James Best’s earthly life began in Hampton County, South Carolina, on October 20, 1942, when God gave this gentle spirit to the late Willie Best and the late Estella Dobson Best.

Deacon Willie James was affectionately known as “Nick” to his family and close friends. He was educated in the public school system of Hampton County, South Carolina. In his early years as a youth, he attended Mount Zion Baptist Church. To make a better life for himself, he left the area for many years. He attended several churches in Brooklyn, New York, and in Fayetteville, North Carolina. After returning to his original roots, Deacon Best surrendered his life to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and rejoined Mount Zion Baptist Church, where he was baptized. He later moved his membership to Goodwill Baptist Church. He was then ordained as a deacon and grew more spiritually in the Lord.

When a man finds a wife, he finds a good thing. After dating his wife, Willie Mae Johnson, in their youth, they rekindled their relationship as adults and were married on August 25, 2007.

Deacon Willie James Best lived a full life, but God saw he was tired, and the hills were too hard to climb. He gently closed his eyes. He quietly succumbed to the Lord on Sunday,

February 27, 2022, at his residence in Estill, South Carolina.

Those left to cherish fond memories: sisters, Lizzie M. Best of Chester, PA, Alice Best Tolan of Washington, DC, Dottie Jean (Ronnie) Jackson of Allendale, SC, Minister Veronica E. Best, Vivian (Alvin) Murdaugh, Carolyn Risher, and Jackie Lee, all of Gifford, SC; brothers, Kenneth Best, Dwayne Best, Henry Best, and Oscar “Drag” Wesley; son-in-law in love, Herbert J. Boston; seven sisters-in-law; six brothers-in-law; special nephew and niece, Joshua Woods and Selena; and a host of cousins and friends.



Together Again

Order of Service

Musical Prelude Soft Music

Processional Viewing Ministers and Family

Solo

Scripture

Old Testament *Ecclesiastes 3:1-3*

New Testament *John 14*

Prayer of Comfort Minister Loretta Darien

Solo

Reflections (Limit three minutes, please)

As a Neighbor Mrs. Jackie Solomon Williams

As a Neighbor Deacon Thomas Dawkins

As a Friend Sister Davis and Daughter

Solo

Words of Comfort Pastor Rufus Moore

Recessional

Service of Commendation

Committal – Prayer – Benediction – Interment

Goodwill Baptist Church Cemetery

364 Goodwill Road

Estill, South Carolina

Mortician’s Brief