



Graveside Service *for* Mr. Melvin

Expression of Gratitude

We wish to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expression of love, kindness, and support shown to us during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless You and Keep You.

Adams

Sunrise

April 10, 1954

Sunset

July 19, 2020



Saturday, July 25, 2020

10:30 AM

Saint Mark Baptist Church

Rev. Dr. Secaida D. Howell – Pastor

1456 Saint Marks Rd Gadsden, South Carolina 29052



Life Reflections

Brother Melvin Adams, whose sunrise was April 10, 1954 and sunset concluded on July 19, 2020. He was the eldest of four boys. He was predeceased by his parents, Doctor Sr. and Mary Williams Adams. Like many of his family members, he was a diligent and dutiful member of St. Mark Baptist Church for his entire life. He enjoyed Sunday school, Bible Study, traveling to various church revivals, singing on the Male Chorus and Senior Choir.

He enjoyed spending quality time with family and friends and was always seeking ways to give back and help others. Examples of this included tutoring children, assisting the needy with annual Christmas baskets and preparing back to school packages for kids in the community.

He was a graduate of Lower Richland High School and South Carolina State University. While in college, he joined the Persian Rifles Fraternity, where he established lifetime friendships throughout the brotherhood. Melvin was a retired state employee and a teacher at heart. He taught English/Language Arts in four different school system over a span of almost 30 years. He also enjoyed working with his hands as a farmer and remained an active member of the Cattleman's Association.

Melvin was a loyal member of Mt Olive Lodge #434 for 42 years. During this time, he served in several leadership roles, including leading the lodge as the Worshipful Master on two separate occasions, starting in 1987 and once again returning to the east in 1995 for an additional three years. Melvin had a thirst for Masonic knowledge and as a result, he was advanced to the degree of Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret 32° with membership in C.C. Johnson Consistory #136 in Columbia, South Carolina. As it is written in Psalms 133: "Behold how good and pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity". Melvin was also a member of Mt Olive #306 Order of the Eastern Stars for many years.

He leaves to cherish fond memories, a loving wife (Janie), three brothers; Doctor (Dianne) Adams, Jr., Anthony (Erlene) Adams and Gregory (Pauline) Adams, Sr.; a beautiful Mother-in-Law, Mrs. Jessie S. Leak, Sister-in-Laws Annie (Roosevelt) Sumter, Julia (Adam) Reese, Peggy (Vaughn) McDaniel, Rosa (Vessel) Wilson, Brother-in-Laws, Herman Goodwin, David (Frankie) Sumter, Eashmell (Deborah) Sumter. He was blessed with great joy and much love from a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

I can feel him say, "Dry your eyes. Don't cry for me, because now I'm free. Our Father has fashioned a new robe for me and set me free. The same God that walks with you still walks; but on a closer walk with me."

Order of Service

Scripture

Old Testament – Bishop Odell Sims
New Testament – Rev Frank Woods, Jr.

Prayer – Rev Anthony Lake

Selection – St Mark Male Chorus

Words of Comfort

Rev Dr Secaida D. Howell

Committal and Interment Benediction



Let Me Go



When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me
I want no rites in a gloom filled room
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little, but not for long
And not with your head bowed low
Remember the love that once we shared
Miss me, but let me go.
For this is a journey we all must take
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the master plan
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart
Go to the friends we know.
Laugh at all the things we used to do
Miss me, but let me go.