

SINCERE APPRECIATION

We are comforted to know that the love of our dear “Baldy” will live on in the hearts of many. Thank you for your comforting words and genuine expressions of kindness.

REMEMBERING OUR PARENTS IN HEAVEN

It’s sad that you’re not with us at this lovely time of year,

But we have precious memories of when you both were here. You made

each Christmas special, the way it’s meant to be, and filled with your love, kindness and generosity.

You were the dearest.

We know that we were blessed, and pray that

Christmas Angels bring you sweet eternal rest.

SOULMATE

You are my soulmate, my love, my peace, my life.

You are my soft place to fall, my guiding light, my best friend.

In you I see our happy ever after. What a love I have found with you,

my love, my peace, my life, my soulmate.



Mr. James E.

Priestley
“BALDY”

NOVEMBER 14, 1944 DECEMBER 8, 2020

Funeral Arrangements Entrusted To
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Mr. James "Baldy" Priestly

HOME GOING CELEBRATION FOR *Mr. James E. Priestley* "BALDY"

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2020
CHILD'S FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL
12:00 PM

ORDER OF SERVICE

- Musical Prelude
- Prayer
- Scripture Readings
- Prayer
- Musical Selection
- Words of Comfort
- Committal
- Closing Prayer
- Benediction
- Recessional

Reverend Williams

Reverend Goodwin

Minister Trecia DeShields

Reverend Marilyn Riggins

INTERMENT

Orchard Park Memorial Gardens
Laurens County

OBITUARY

Surrounded by his loved ones, Mr. James E. Priestly answered the call of his Heavenly Father on Tuesday, December 8, 2020. He was affectionately known as "Baldy" to everyone who loved him.

Mr. Priestly was born in Laurens County on November 14, 1944, in Laurens County. He was a graduate of Bell Street High School in Clinton, South Carolina. He spent his adult years working at Timken, the former Torrington Company. After retirement James founded Quality Floor Maintenance where he worked side by side with his beloved soulmate, Carolyn Simpson.

Mr. Priestley was preceded in death by his parents, James and Mattie Priestley; his loving companion of forty-seven years, Carolyn Simpson; as well as his siblings: Osie B. Priestley, Lella Priestley, and Mattie D. Priestley.

Baldy Priestley will be missed and cherished in the memories of his devoted bonus children: Jesse T. Simpson of the home, Rhonda Wilson of Simpsonville, South Carolina, Wanda (William) DeLaine of Clinton, South Carolina, James (Zelda) Simpson of Newberry, South Carolina and Chauncy (Melissa) Simpson of



Summerville, South Carolina; his faithful siblings: Darius Priestley of Spartanburg, South Carolina, Susan Priestley, Rosa P. Nelson, and Oscar L. Priestley all of Clinton, South Carolina.

Baldy was loved dearly by his ten grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

Loving Memories

THERE ARE NO WORDS

There are no words...what can I say?
At last her sweet soul winged its way
To peace and freedom in the sky
Where never again will she suffer or cry.

It's all part of God's great plan...
Which remains a mystery to man.
We cannot understand His ways
Nor can we count our earthly days.

But who are we to question and doubt?
God knoweth well what He's about;
He knew she longed to "go to sleep"
Where only angels, a vigil keep.

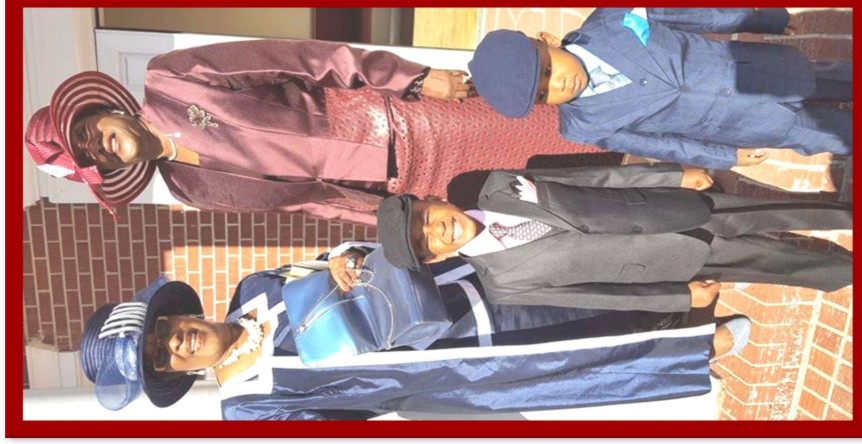
The pain of living grew too great
No longer could she stay and wait;
She did not want to leave you, dear,
But she had finished her work down here.

So she closed her eyes and when she awoke,
These are the words the Master spoke...
"Welcome, dear child, you are Home at last,
And now the burden of living is past."

"There's work for you in My Kingdom, dear
And you are needed and wanted here."
So weep not, she has just gone on ahead,
Don't think of her as being dead.

She's out of sight for a little while,
And you'll miss her touch and her little smile,
But you know she is safe in the home above
Where there is nothing but Peace and Love.

And, surely, you would not deny her peace...
And you're glad that she has found release.
Think of her there as a soul that is free,
And Home at last, where she wanted to be.



Order of Service

ORDER OF CELEBRATION *Reverend Anthony Sims, Presider*

MUSICAL PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

Clergy and Family

FINAL VIEWING

Family and Friends

HYMN

OLD TESTAMENT

Reverend Anthony Sims

NEW TESTAMENT

Minister Jackie Sims

PRAYER OF COMFORT

Minister Joyce Henderson

HYMN

Going Up Yonder

REFLECTIONS

Tiffany Suber Sister Sharon Baxter

SOLO

Minister Jackie Sims

REFLECTIONS

Sister Joanne Benson Suber

SOLO

Sister Consandra Wilkinson

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Childs Funeral Home Staff

OBITUARY (Soft Music)

Please Read Silently

SOLO

Brother Travis Atkinson I Am Free

WORDS OF COMFORT

Pastor Ray A. Pilgrim

PRAYER OF STRENGTH

Minister Nancy McCarrol

RECESSIONAL

I've learned that people will forget what you said,
people will forget what you did, but
people will never forget how you
made them feel.



And the *Peace of God*, which transcends
all understanding, will guard your
heart's and your *minds* in Christ Jesus.

