

## *In Our Hearts*

*We thought of you today,*

*But that is nothing new.*

*We thought about you yesterday.*

*And days before that too.*

*We think of you in silence.*

*We often speak your name.*

*Now all we have are memories.*

*And your picture in a frame.*

*Your memory is our keepsake.*

*With which we'll never part.*

*God has you in his keeping.*

*We have you in our heart.*



## *Interment*

**10:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 4, 2022**

**Mt. Olive AME Church Cemetery  
4630 Old State Road  
Holly Hill, SC 29059**

## *Pallbearers*

**Family & Friends**

## *Flower Bearers*

**Family & Friends**

## *Acknowledgement*

Our family would like to extend a gracious thank you to all of those who were fortunate enough to share John's life. He loved his family, he loved his friends, and he loved his work. Even through the trying times, he retained his faith in God and prayed for us all near and far. His presence, his laughter, and his stories will be missed tremendously. Thank you all for coming and be blessed today and always. ~ AMEN

## *The Family*

### *Arrangements Entrusted to:*

**Simmons Funeral Home and Crematory of Orangeburg**

**Simmons Funeral Home of Santee**

*Paul A. Simmons, Founder and President*

*2868 Columbia Road, Orangeburg, SC 29118*

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*8824 Old #6 Highway, Santee, SC 29142*

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## *Celebration of Life for*

**MR. JOHN WESLEY WALTERS**

**ALPHA: MAY 9, 1936**

**OMEGA: SEPTEMBER 22, 2022**



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2022 AT 11:00 A.M.**

*Mt. Olive AME Church*

*4630 Old State Road*

*Holly Hill, SC 29059*

**REV. EMMANUEL FOGLE, OFFICIATING**



## Order of Service

**REV. ELOUISE GLADDEN, OFFICIATING**

*Prelude..... Soft Music*

*Processional..... Clergy & Family  
#394 "We Will Understand it Better By and By"*

*Opening Hymn.....#139 "At the Cross"*

*Prayer*

*Scripture Reading  
Old Testament  
New Testament*

*Selection..... Mt. Olive AME Church Senior Choir*

*Remarks (3 Minutes, please)*

*Class Leader..... Sister Mary Ann Keitt  
Family & Friends*

*Acknowledgements.....Sister Joanne Brown*

*Selection..... Mt. Olive AME Church Senior Choir*

*Words of Comfort.....Rev. Emmanuel Fogle*

*Prayer, Committal & Benediction*

*Recessional*



## Reflection of Life

**John Wesley Walters**, son of the late Louise and Junior Breaker, was born in Orangeburg County, South Carolina on May 9, 1936. John was educated in the South Carolina school system.

John decided to move from South Carolina in order to seek employment and other opportunities. He met Lillie Mae Scott and they decided to unite their families. He brought into the relationship his 4 children along with her then 8 children and they became a large blended family. John and Lillie's union produced one son.

While in New Jersey, he obtained long-lasting employment with Roman Asphalt Corp. and the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) Local 825. John worked hard and spent many hours on the road paving highways from Florida to Massachusetts. When he returned home and while on the road working, he ensured the family had everything they needed and more. When he was home, he enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

John and Lillie Mae had decided that upon his retirement, they would move back to South Carolina. As we know, she was a determined woman and in 1993 she decided that she was ready to return before he was able to retire. John moved Lillie Mae back to South Carolina prior to his retirement and he remained in New Jersey working for the IUOE Local 825 for 6 years. He officially retired in 1999 with 31 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> years of credited service years with the organization.

Upon returning to South Carolina, John enjoyed his retirement and became a member of the Mount Olive African Methodist Episcopal Church family in Holly Hill, South Carolina. He served as a member of multiple clubs and boards. It is here where he served the Lord worshiping and singing praises unto God.

John Wesley Walters was preceded in death by his wife Lillie Mae Walters and 3 sons: Melvin, John Jr., and Bobby.

He leaves to celebrate his life: his dear brother, Raymond Walters of Bowman, SC. His children: Anderson of Brooklyn, NY, Margaret (Marion) of Orangeburg, SC, Pearlle of Linden, Laura of Newark, NJ, Bruce of Charlotte, NC, Delia of New Bern NC, Angela of Charlotte, NC, Clifford of Raleigh, NC, Stephanie of Charlotte, NC. and Terry (Shara) of Sumter, SC; his loving sisters-in-law: Joanne of Bowman, SC and Jean of Columbia, SC; his loving brother-in-law, Ronald of Columbia, SC. He also leaves to cherish his memory, 35 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren, 15 great-great grandchildren as well as a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.