I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free I'm following the path God has laid you see. 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, to play. Tasks left undone must stay that way I 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 Oh yes, these things I too will miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full, I savored much Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch. Perhaps my time seemed all too brief Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your hearts and peace to thee God wanted me now; He set me free.

Interment

Belleville Memorial Gardens 2900 Belleville Road Orangeburg, SC 29115

Pallbearers

Family & Friends



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Acknowledgement

The family of the late Robert Lee Gooden wishes to extend their deepest THANKS to each of you for your wonderful cards, thoughts, food, prayers, calls, and every other act of kindness shown to us during our time of bereavement. We will forever be grateful for the kind services extended to our family. May God bless and keep you in his care

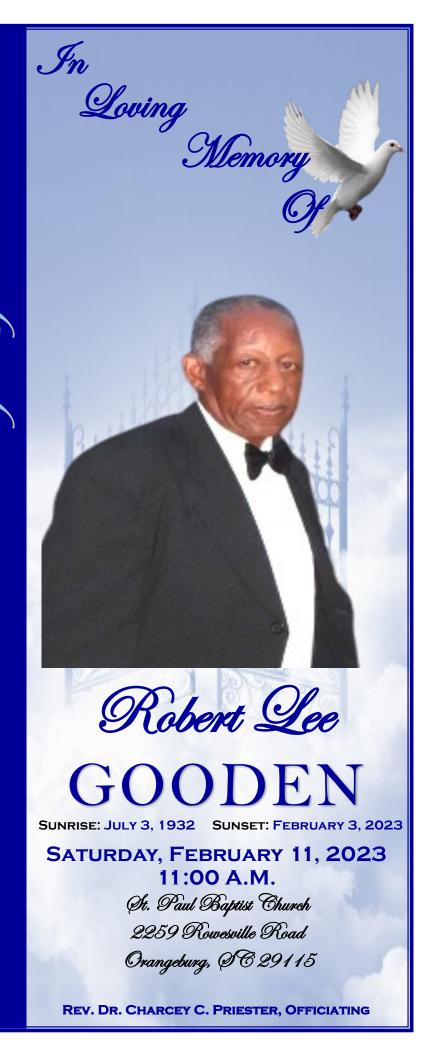
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Order of Service

PreludeSoft Music
Processional/Final Viewing Clergy & Friends
Hymn of PraiseSt. Paul Mass Choir
Scripture ReadingsRev. Angela Williams Old TestamentPsalm 121: 1-8 New TestamentJohn 14: 1-6
Prayer of ComfortRev. Sarah Priester
Solo Kendarius Pauling

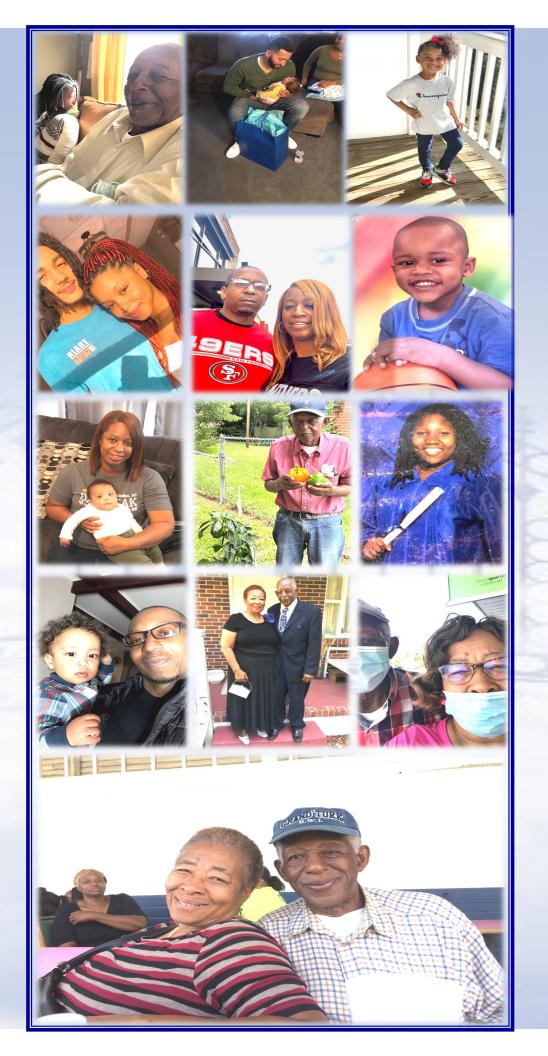
Selection......Minister Rosemary Griffin

Words of Comfort... Rev. Dr. Charcey C. Priester

Committal, Prayer & Benediction

Recessional







Robert Lee was employed at Leon's Bakery in Brooklyn, New York for many years, and loved cooking and baking. He enjoyed hanging out with his special friend, Mrs. Hattie Glover. Robert loved to garden and would share his veggies with family and friends. Robert Lee was a member of St. Paul Baptist Church, where he remained faithful until his death.

Robert Lee was preceded in death by twin sons: Dwayne and Darnell Gooden; his brothers: James, Clarence, and David Lee Gooden; sisters: Queen E. Brown, Minnie Lou Rosenborough, Annie Bell Aiken, and Rose Lee Mack.

He leaves a legacy of love to be cherished and continued through his family: daughters: Sylvia Jackson and Tara Gooden of Brooklyn, New York; sons: Robert Anthony Gooden of Brooklyn, NY; Robert Carl Gooden of Manhattan, NY and Jerry Moody (Latashia) of Orangeburg, SC; grandchildren: Ryan J. Lowe, Shayla N. Brown, Sonia Cyril of Brooklyn, New York; Nath'aszia Gooden, T' Asia Boyer, Ishmil Harmon, Kendo Gooden, Natalie Gooden, Derrick Gooden, Jaberie Hughes of Augusta, GA, Jerkbie Moody of Orangeburg, SC. and Fatima Wilson of Brooklyn, NY; great- grandchildren: Raylen A. Lowe, Ryleigh, Noel Love, Jeremiah C. Jackson, Zaria Gooden, Devin Cyril of Brooklyn, New York and Kayleigh Hughes and Jabarie Hughes Jr. of Savannah, Georgia; sisters: Helen Bonaparte (Cullie) and Edith Mack both of Orangeburg, SC; brother-in-law, Johnny James Brown of Orangeburg, SC; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other family members and friends to cherish his memories.

Reflections of Life

Robert Lee ("Skeet") Gooden was the fifth child of ten children born to Mr. and Mrs. Nathan and Marie Gooden. He was born July 3, 1932, and transitioned on Friday, February 3, 2023, at his home.