

# CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



**SUNRISE**  
*November 30, 1932*

**SUNSET**  
*July 13, 2021*

**MR. JAMES EDWARD AIKEN, SR.**

*Loving Husband, Father, and Brother*

*Services*

*Friday, July 23, 2021*

*Visitation 11:00 AM*

*Memorial Service 12:00 Noon*

*Greater Mt. Sinai Baptist Church*

*1243 West Boulevard*

*Charlotte, NC 28208*

*Rev. Bernard Neal, Greater Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Officiating*



# ORDER OF SERVICE

REV. BERNARD NEAL, OFFICIATING MINISTER

FAMILY PROCESSIONAL & VISITATION

INVOCATION

REV. BERNARD NEAL

MUSICAL SELECTION

CHOIR

SCRIPTURE READING

OLD TESTAMENT

PSALM 23: 1-6

REV. SHEILA MARSHALL

NEW TESTAMENT

JOHN 14: 1-6

REV. DAISY WESTMORELAND

PRAYER OF COMFORT

REV. BERNARD NEAL

MUSICAL SELECTION

CHOIR

READING OF OBITUARY

CHURCH CLERK

THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CHURCH CLERK

REMARKS

PLEASE LIMIT TO 2 MINUTES

NAOMI NICHOLS

DAVID RANKIN

ROBERT MCKENZIE

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INTERMENT AT GRAVESITE, YORK MEMORIAL PARK

REV. BERNARD NEAL

MAY THE PEACE OF THE LORD BE WITH YOU TODAY AND FOREVERMORE.



## *Obituary*

*Mr. James Edward Aiken, Sr. was born on November 30, 1932 to Glenn Aiken and Vertie Mae Rankin in Mount Holly, NC. He passed away on July 13, 2021 at Novant Presbyterian in Charlotte, NC with his family by his side.*

*James worked as a machinist with the Continental Can in New Jersey for over 25 years; then he moved back to North Carolina and worked at Baldor until his retirement.*

*He attended Mount Sinai Baptist Church for over 15 years, where he served on the Usher Board.*

*James had a passion for sports. He loved playing golf and was really good at it. James would share golf pointers with others interested in the game.*

*Known for his sharp stylish dressing and love for styling his hats, James always looked well-presented and well put together.*

*He was preceded in death by his parents, his son, James, Jr, his stepdaughter, Phyllis Robinson and siblings, Howard Rankin, Mildred (Betty) Bryant, and Kenneth Rankin.*

*James is survived by his loving wife of 35 years, Roberta Robinson Aiken; his daughter, Gail Gibbs (Robert) of Newton, NC; his son, Brian Aiken of Cherryville, NC; his stepchildren, Gwen Clifton (William), Kenneth Robinson (Jewell), Jennifer McNair, Tenny Robinson (Veronica), Sharon Robinson Fripp (Shelton), all of Charlotte, NC, Tamie McKenzie (Robert) of Dothan, AL; and his siblings, Bermon Rankin (Ruth), David Rankin (Terry), Terry Rankin (Margaret), Calvin Rankin, Hazeline Morrison, Doris Reid (Henderson), and Naomi Nichols (Robert, Jr.), all of Charlotte, NC.*

*The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Psalm 27:1*





## God's Garden

God looked around His garden,  
And found an empty place.  
He looked down upon earth,  
And saw your tired face.

He put His arms around you,  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful.  
He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering.  
He knew that you were in pain.  
He knew that you would never,  
Get well on earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough,  
And the hills were hard to climb.  
So He closed your weary eyelids,  
And whispered, Peace be thine.

It broke our hearts to lose you,  
But you did not go alone...  
For part of us went with you,  
The day God called you home.

*Written by Katie Evans*

## FLOWER GIRLS

WOMEN OF THE FAMILY

## PALLBEARERS

MEN OF THE FAMILY

## INTERMENT

YORK MEMORIAL PARK  
5150 SOUTH TRYON STREET  
CHARLOTTE, NC 28217

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THE AIKEN FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS THEIR LOVE AND SINCERE APPRECIATION TO ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR ACTS OF KINDNESS AND CONSIDERATION DURING THEIR TIME OF BEREAVEMENT.

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