

Pallbearers and Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

If You Could See Me Now



If you could see me now, you wouldn't shed a tear.
Though you may not understand why I'm no longer here.
Remember my spirit, that's the real me.
I'm still very much alive, oh, if you could only see!
I've beheld our Father's face. I've touched my Savior's hand.
The angels all rejoiced as I entered the Promised Land.
Beyond the gates of pearl, I walk on golden streets.
I've touched the walls of jasper, dipped my foot in the crystal sea.
The beauty is beyond words, nothing can compare.
I've even seen your mansion; someday I will meet you there.
Allow Jesus to be your guide, His word will show you the way.
So, please, don't cry! We will meet again someday!

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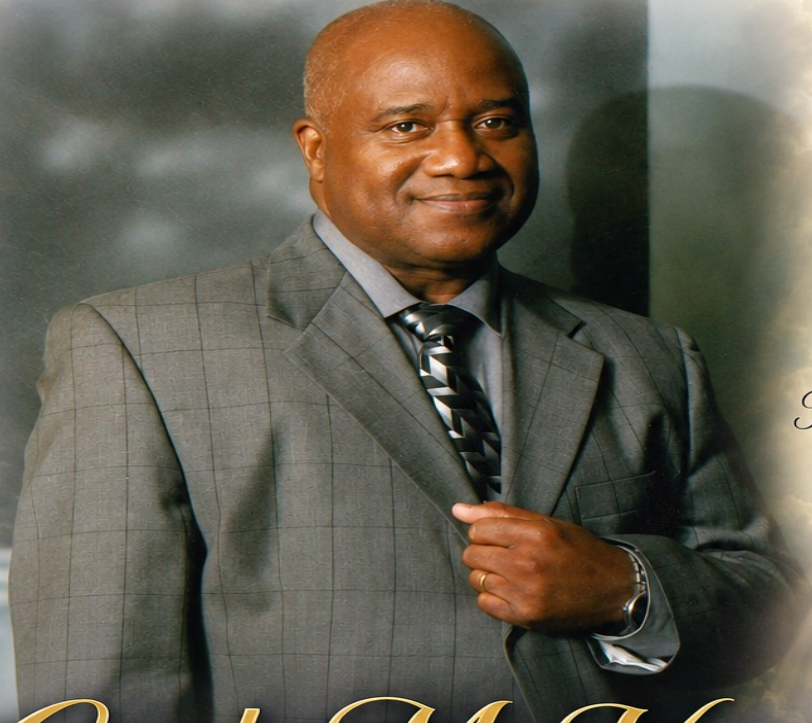
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Home Going

SERVICE



*Well Done,
Good and
Faithful Servant*

MATTHEW 25:23

Carl McKnight

NOVEMBER 20, 1943 - SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026
3:00PM
NEW FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
SUMTER, SC 29150

PASTOR DALE EDWARDS
OFFICIANT

MINISTER CLAUDIA HARVIN
EULOGIST

Life Reflections

Rev. Carl McKnight was born on November 20, 1943, in Lynchburg, South Carolina, to the late Ivory and Luemell Cousar McKnight.

Rev. McKnight was educated in Lee County and graduated from Eastern High School in Sumter County. He later joined the United States Postal Service in Los Angeles, California, where he faithfully served for 42 years.

Rev. McKnight received his call to ministry in 1972. In 1976, he was ordained as an Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church and assigned to serve as pastor of First A.M.E. Church in Palmdale, California, where he served for three years. He went on to serve as pastor of First A.M.E. Church in Compton, California, for five years.



In January 1986, Rev. McKnight founded Circle of Joy Bible Church in Gardena, California. The motto of the ministry was “We Need the Bible!” He faithfully led his flock with compassion, wisdom, and a steadfast commitment to serving God for 22 years.

After retiring, he relocated to South Carolina, where he served as assistant pastor at Bethesda Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Billy Graham for seven years. At the time of his passing, he was a member of New Fellowship Baptist Church, where Rev. Dale Edwards serves as pastor.

Rev. McKnight was preceded in death by his son, Tony Thomas; three brothers, Raymond McKnight, Ivory McKnight Jr., and Booker T. McKnight; and his sister, Gladys M. Lemmon.

Rev. Carl McKnight departed this life peacefully at his residence on September 10, 2026.

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife of 53 years, Diane McKnight; two sons, Micah McKnight and Clinton McKnight; three daughters, Carnisa McKnight, Joycelyn McKnight (Brandon), and Carlena Johnson (Louis); one brother, Joshua McKnight (Geraldine); one sister, Ivory Ann Johnson; one daughter-in-law, Barbara Thomas; ten grandchildren; a host of great-grandchildren; and many other relatives, friends, and loved ones.

Carl will be remembered for his devotion to Jesus Christ, his faithful service, his love for his family, and the lives he touched throughout his years of ministry and service. “We Need the Bible!” was not simply the motto of his ministry; it reflected the faith he lived and shared with others throughout his life. His legacy of faith, love, and dedication will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

Order of Service

Pastor Dale Edwards, Officiating

Prelude	Musician’s Medley	
Processional	Clergy and Family	
Opening Hymn #325	We’ll Understand It Better By and By	
Old Testament	Proverbs 3:3-6	Minister Barbara Davis
New Testament	2 Timothy 4:5-8	Reverend Dorothy Floyd
Prayer	Pastor Dale Edwards	
Remarks:		
Church	Deacon Abraham Rembert	
Family	Deacon Joshua McKnight	
Solo	Minister Les Shaw-Rembert	
Words of Comfort	Minister Claudia Harvin	
Recessional	Medley of Songs	

Interment

Edwards Cemetery, Lynchburg SC

