



**Pallbearers**  
Nephews and Cousins

**Floral Bearers**  
Sisters and Cousins

**Acknowledgements**

The family of the late **Tony L. Butler** would like to thank you for your outpouring love and support that you have shown through our time of bereavement. No act of kindness has gone unnoticed. God bless each of you.

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**Celebration of Life for**  
*Tony L. Butler*

*Sunrise*  
June 18, 1966

*Sunset*  
March 22, 2026



**Saturday, March 28, 2026**  
Ten O'clock in the Morning

**Salem Chapel & Heritage Center**  
101 S. Salem Avenue  
Sumter, SC 29150

**Rev. Dr. Sammie D. Simmons, Eulogist**  
**Rev. Michael Walker, Presiding**

***Life's Reflections***

*“Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.”  
Psalm 100:1*

Tony Leverne Butler was born on June 18, 1966, in Sumter, South Carolina. He was the beloved son of the late Alexander Butler and Dorothy S. Ricks. He peacefully departed this life on March 22, 2026.

Tony was educated in the public schools of Sumter County and was a proud graduate of Sumter High School, Class of 1986. He furthered his education at Central Carolina Technical College in Sumter, South Carolina, where he earned a certificate in computer studies.

At an early age, Tony accepted Christ as his personal Savior. He began his Christian journey as a member of Beulah United Methodist Church in Sumter, South Carolina. Later in life, he became a devoted member of St. Mark 4B Missionary Baptist Church, where he faithfully worshipped and praised the Lord. Tony refused to be defined by his disability. Instead, he chose to live a life filled with strength, joy, laughter, and a deep and abiding love for his family and friends. His resilient spirit and warm heart touched all who knew him.

He leaves to cherish his precious memories: three brothers, Steven (Shawn) Butler and Rodney Harvin, both of Sumter, SC and Ricky Mathis of Philadelphia, PA; four sisters, Lakista Brogdon and Iesha Butler, both of Sumter, SC, Juwanda (Pete) Witherspoon of North Carolina, and Shanita Brown of Philadelphia, PA; stepmother Deloris Butler, aunts and uncles Minister Eleanora (Rev. Michael) Walker, Sylvester (Alethia) Simmons, Lawrence (Blondie) Simmons, Pastor Sammie (Shirby) Simmons, Lucretia (O’Neal) Houck, Sonya (Bishop Dwayne) Mickens and Elke Simmons, a special friend Tiffany Newsome and a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

Tony was preceded in death by his father, Alexander Butler, and his mother, Dorothy S. Ricks, maternal grandparents William and Loris Simmons and paternal grandparents Nathaniel and Margaret Butler.

**Order of Service**

*Reverend Michael C. Walker, Presiding*

Prelude ..... Soft Music

Processional ..... Clergy and Family

Opening Selection ..... Bethesda & St. Mark 4B MBC

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament ..... Bishop Dwayne Mickens  
Bethel Outreach

Psalm 23

New Testament ..... Minister Eleanora Walker  
I Corinthians 15:51-56

Prayer ..... Pastor James F. Goodman  
ALIVE Praise & Worship Ministries

Remarks:

Church

Friend ..... Willie Merchant

Family ..... Calandra Carter

Acknowledgements ..... Dr. Eleanora S. Walker

Selection ..... Bethesda & St. Mark 4B MBC

Words of Comfort ..... Rev. Dr. Sammie D. Simmons

Recessional ..... Medley of Songs

Interment

St. Mark 4B Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery  
2280 Four Bridges Rd.  
Sumter SC 29153

