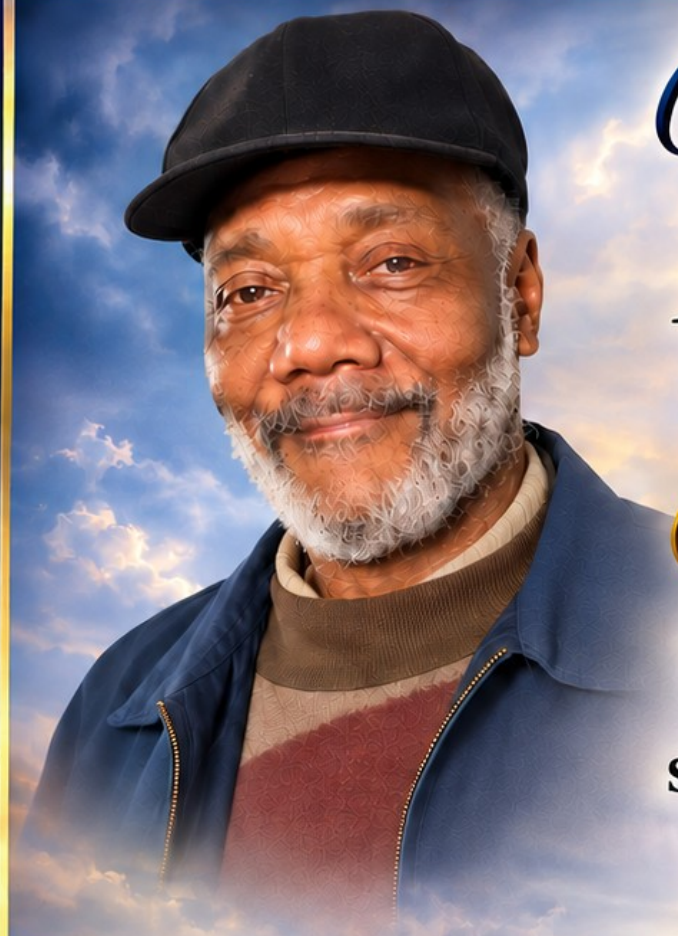

Celebration of Life

Arnold Alan Jackson

Wednesday, November 4, 2026
11:00 AM

Salem Chapel and Heritage Center
101 South Salem Avenue
Sumter, SC 29150

Pastor Elder Darryl Bivens, Presiding
Shekinah Glory COGBF
Columbia, SC

Prelude	*Going up Yonder*
Processional	*Clergy and Family*
Old Testament	*Psalm 23:1–4*
New Testament	*Revelation 21:4*
Prayer	*The Lord's Prayer*
Selection	*I Won't Complain*
Family Remarks	*James Pringle / Lillie Jackson*
Remarks from Community and Friends	*Please limit to 1½ minutes*
Selection	*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*
Words of Comfort	*Pastor Elder Darryl Bivens*
Recessional	*Till We Meet Again*

Interment
Cain Cemetery

Reflections of a Life Well Lived….

Early Life and Education

Arnold Alan Jackson, affectionately known as “Butch” to his family and friends, was born on May 19, 1953 in Sumter, South Carolina to the late Lawrence “Buddy” Jackson and Geneva P. Rivers. He departed this life on Tuesday, October 27, 2026 at his residence, at the age of 73.

Raised in Sumter by his grandparents, George “Wash” and Alma Anderson, Butch developed deep roots in the community that would remain an important part of his life and family history.

Arnold received his early education in the Sumter County School System in District 17, and graduated from Lincoln High School, now Sumter High School, in May 1972.

He continued his education at Vorhees Industrial School and Vorhees College, where he earned a certificate in Auto Body Repair. He also attended Williamsburg Regional Manpower Training Center from September 1972 through August 1973, completing an automotive training program. His studies included automotive structural repair, sheet-metal repair, component replacement, auto finishing, upholstery repair, and job estimation.

His commitment to learning continued through specialized training and certificates with General Motors Corporation in vehicle water-leak and wind-noise correction, finish analysis, and color adjustment and tinting. He also earned a Samural automotive painter certification for specialized finishes used on Datsun, Honda, and Toyota vehicles.

A Life of Strength, Passion and Determination

Butch was a man whose presence was impossible to overlook. Standing six feet six inches tall, he was known for his commanding stature, physical strength, and strong personality. In his younger years, he was athletic, energetic, and a force to be reckoned with. His passion for automobiles extended far beyond a hobby. Throughout his working years, Butch held various jobs, including employment in the cement industry, automotive repair, and at Carolina Furniture Works Incorporated, where he received a certificate of appreciation recognizing five years of faithful service. In 1991, he also completed Quality Work Group Education.

He especially enjoyed working on cars and motorcycles. In his younger years, he loved the excitement of racing, and his enthusiasm for automobiles remained a defining part of his life.

Butch was a man of strength, determination, and independence. Known for his stoic nature, humorous stories, and a strong personality, he was a man of many dimensions. After many years of hard work, Arnold eventually retired.

Family and Legacy

Above all, Arnold was a father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and member of a family whose history and legacy will continue through future generations.

He leaves to cherish his memory his two children, Reggie (JoAnn) Rhodes of Florida and Rosita Regenia Genee` Jackson of North Carolina; his legacy continues through his three beloved grandchildren: Emerson A. Carter, Zeva E. Carter, and Lloyd P. Carter all of North Carolina; three bonus children through his marriage to Delores W. Jackson: Michael Williams, Katina Wright Ellis and Tamara (Demetrius) Bush; his younger brother, Michael A. Jackson Sr.; his sister-in-law, Lillie Jackson; his uncle, Harry Lee Anderson of Georgia; his niece, Michele Jackson; his nephews, Michael Jackson Jr. and Clarence “Chauncey” Jackson, all of Virginia; and a host of cousins, extended family members and friends throughout the community.

In addition to his parents, Arnold was preceded in death by his stepfather, Clarence Rivers, Sr.; his grandparents, George “Wash” and Alma Anderson, who lovingly raised him; his brothers, Calvin Jackson and Clarence Rivers Jr.; his sister-in-law, Loretta “Lottie” Jackson; and two wives, Delores Jackson and Rochelle McCleary.

Though Butch has departed this earthly life, his memory will continue through his family, the stories of his younger years, his love of automobiles and motorcycles, and the unmistakable presence that made him who he was. As the oldest of the boys in his family, Butch holds a special place in the Jackson family history. His life was a journey filled with experiences, relationships, challenges, and memories that helped shape his story. While no life is without its difficulties, every life leaves a legacy. Arnold’s legacy will continue through his children, grandchildren, and the generations that follow.

May those who knew and loved him find comfort in their memories, peace in their hearts, and strength in the bonds of family. Forever remembered. Forever Loved.