

REMEMBERING

THE LIFE OF

November 19, 1954

December 23, 2025



*Beryl Garnett
Sumpter*

Saturday, January 10, 2026 | 11 A.M.

BRICK BAPTIST CHURCH

85 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive | St. Helena Island, SC 29920

Profile of Life

Buryl Garnett Sumpter was born on November 19, 1954, in Beaufort, South Carolina, to Edward Sumpter and Edith Fields Sumpter. He was the third of four children. Buryl attended Saint Helena Elementary School through the fourth grade. In 1965, during desegregation, he entered the fifth grade at Beaufort Elementary School and continued his education at Beaufort Middle School and Beaufort County High School. While in school, Buryl participated in several recreational activities, including football, basketball, track, and band. During his high school years, he also served his community as a school bus driver. He graduated from Beaufort County High School in 1973.

Upon graduating high school, Buryl attended the illustrious North Carolina A&T State University. During his time at A&T, he was a member of the gospel choir and track team, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science, graduating in 1977. He later furthered his education at Gupton-Jones College of Funeral Service, graduating in 1980 with a degree in Mortuary Science. Following the completion of his studies, Buryl began his professional career at Hargett Funeral Service in Greensboro, North Carolina.

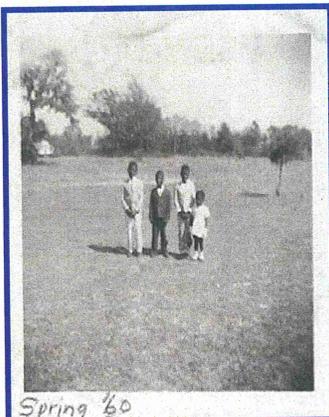
He later relocated to Atlanta, Georgia, where he continued his career at Sellers Brothers Funeral Home and Lincoln Cemetery. After decades of demonstrating professionalism and establishing himself as one of the best in the funeral service profession, Buryl returned to Hargett Funeral Service as a Funeral Director in Greensboro, North Carolina, where it all began.

While in Atlanta, Buryl continued to build his legacy. He married the late Sidmel Estes, and from this union were born two sons, Joshua and Sidney. Buryl was known for his storytelling, his candid nature, and his bravery. On April 30, 1992, following the Rodney King hearing, he courageously intervened to protect two reporters from further harm during a tense encounter with an angry crowd. By retrieving a .22 pistol from his truck and brandishing it to disperse the crowd, he helped prevent additional violence. This courageous act was later published by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. He was also a member of W. C. Thomas Lodge #112 (Free and Accepted Prince Hall Masons), Atlanta Consistory #24 (32 degree Masons), and Nabbar Temple #128 A.E.A.O.N.M.S. Shriners.

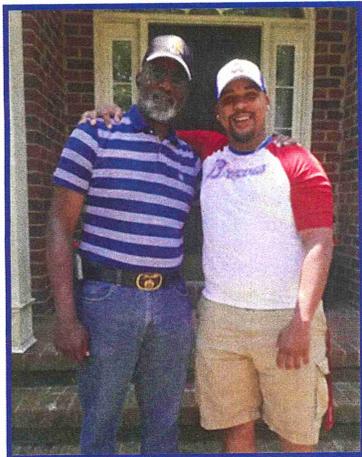
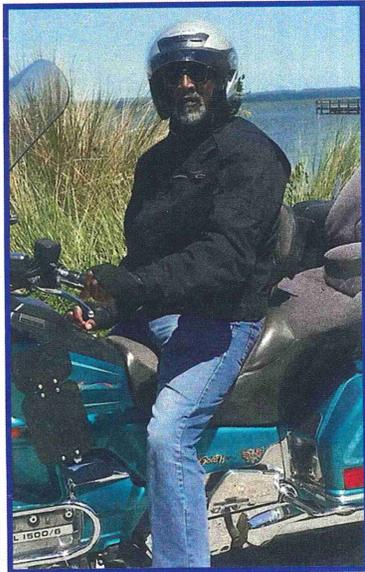
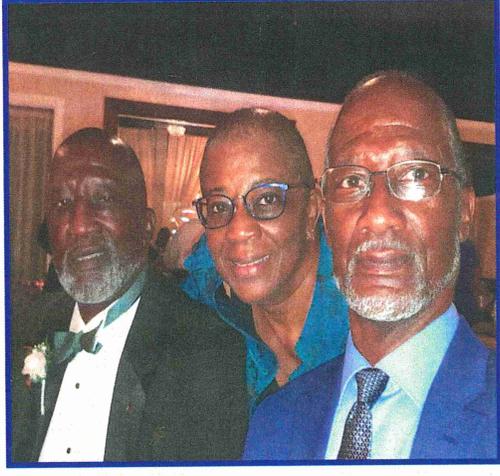
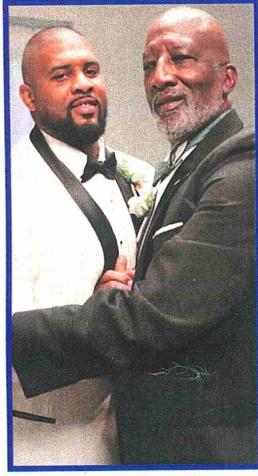
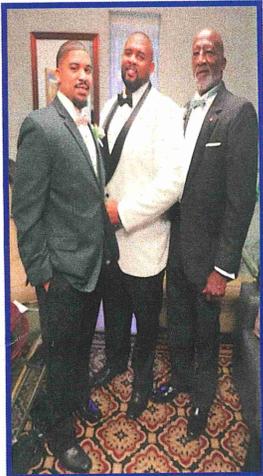
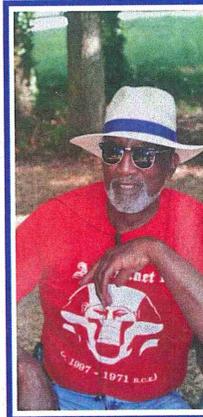
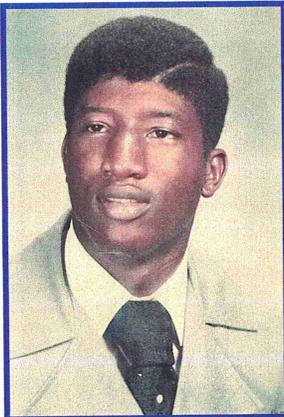
On Tuesday, December 23, 2025, Buryl Garnett Sumpter went home to be with God and was reunited with loved ones who preceded him in death: his parents, Edward Sumpter and Edith Fields Sumpter, and his brother, Edward Crayton Sumpter.

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving sons, Joshua Sumpter (Nevia) and Sidney Sumpter; a devoted partner, Edith Chance; three grandsons, Josiah, Cameron, and Jayden; one granddaughter, Aniyah; siblings, Kenneth M. Sumpter and Althea Natalga Sumpter (Jerry); two nieces; and a host of other family members and friends.

“Peace, Love, and Blessings” - Buryl Garnett Sumpter



Spring '60



The Order of Service

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Prelude/Processional

Choir Selection

Scripture Reading:

Old Testament

New Testament

Pastor James Fields Jr.

Prayer of Comfort:

Nevia Sumpter

Song

Choir Selection

Obituary Reading

By Carmelitta Cunningham

Memories

Ethel Sumpter

Kenneth Sumpter

Joshua Sumpter

Sidney Sumpter

Song

Choir Selection

Eulogy

Pastor James Fields Jr.

Recessional

Service of Interment

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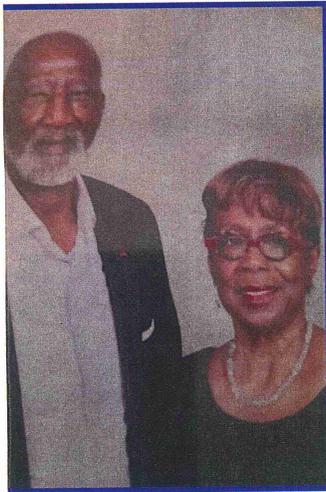
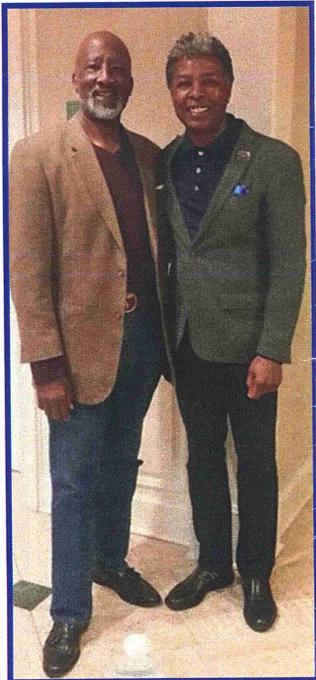
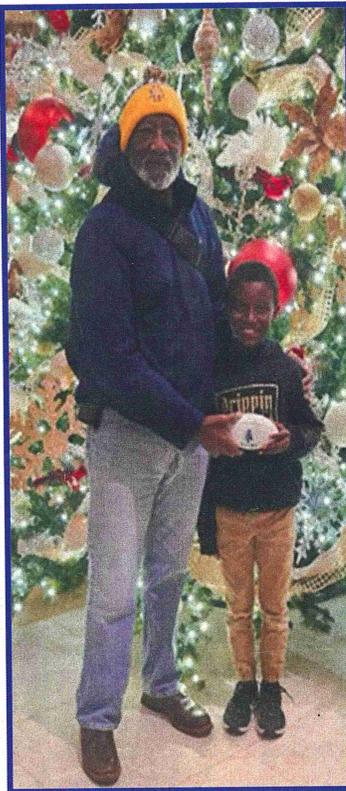
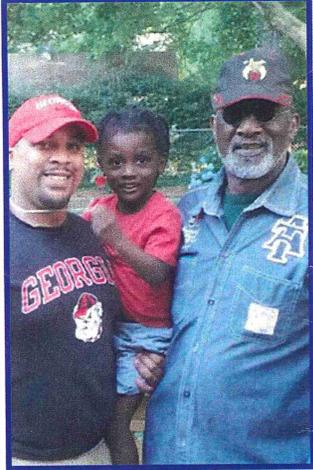
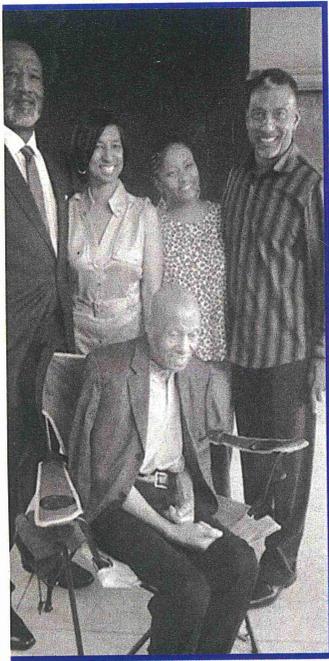
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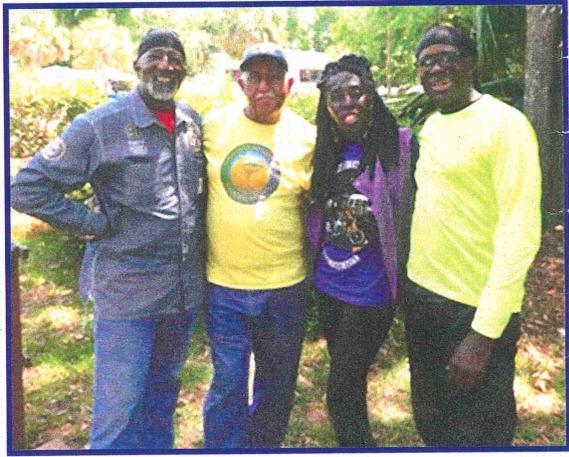
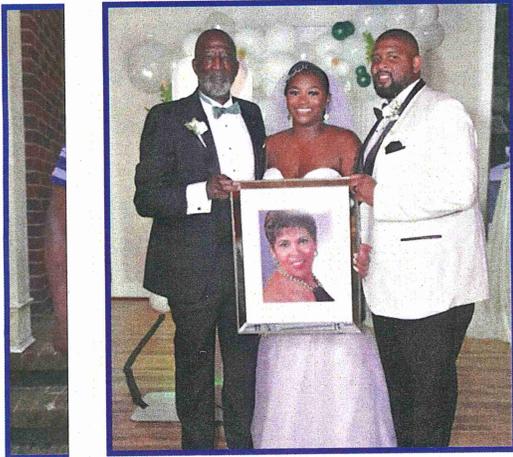
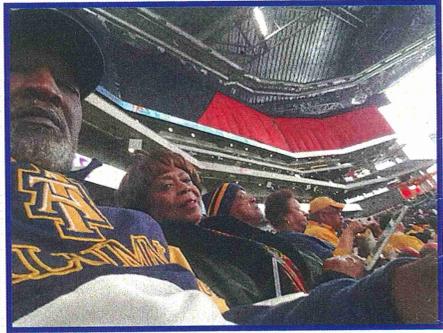
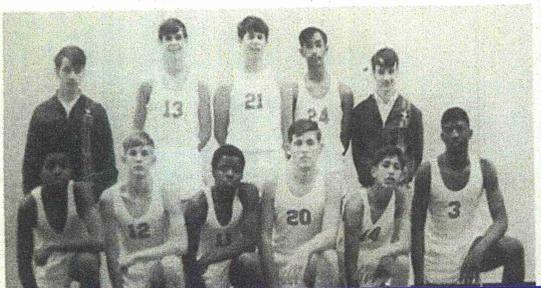
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Kneeling: Dennis Singleton, Scott Chestak, Alva Lawson, Russell Murdoch, David Webb, Beryl Sumpter.
Standing: Rudy Smith, manager; Jack Boyne, John Gentry, Charles Dickson; Randy Smith, manager.



Acknowledgements

The family gratefully acknowledges with sincere gratitude our many friends for the acts of love and kindness shown at the passing of our loved one. Words are inadequate to truly express the peace and joy you have brought us through your expressions of love.

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Pallbearers

Mike Edmondson
John Hanson
Kieth Brock
Tray Kellogg
Cameron Harris
And friends

Flower Ladies

Family and Friends



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