In Tribute



Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an afterglow
Of smiles when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve
To dry before the sun,
Replaced with happy memories left
When my life is done.

Pallbearers

Nephews

Floral Bearers

Nieces



Acknowledgement

On behalf of the entire Drakeford Family, please accept our deepest thanks for your thoughts, prayers and acts of kindness. We're grateful for your light and comfort during this difficult time, as well as your attendance today. May God bless each and every one of you.

The Family

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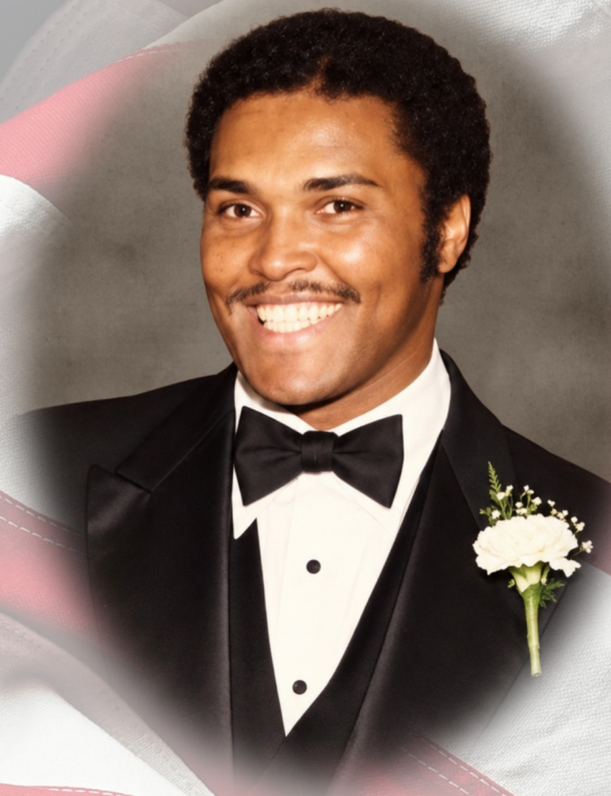
A Celebration of Life
for
Johnnie Boyd Drakeford, Jr.

Sunrise:
December 16, 1955

Sunset:
October 7, 2026



Saturday, October 17, 2026 • 11:00 a.m.

Sanders Creek Baptist Church
520 Nelson Street
Camden, South Carolina 29020

Reverend P.L. Griffin, Jr. Pastor

Life's Reflections

JOHNNIE BOYD DRAKEFORD, JR. entered into eternal rest on October 7, 2026, at the Central Virginia VA Health Care System/Richmond VA Medical Center in Richmond, Virginia.

Johnnie was the second child of the late Johnnie Boyd Drakeford and Estella Champion Drakeford. He was preceded in death by his brother, Clifford B. Drakeford, and his sister, Gwendolyn Drakeford Moorer.

Johnnie accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age. For many years, he was a faithful member of Mt. Sinai Holiness Church in the Bronx, New York, where Dorothy M. Ross served as pastor. He sang with the Golden Harps of God Choir, served as Sunday School Superintendent, and played the xylophone and bongo drums.

Johnnie received his education through the public schools of the Bronx, New York, and also attended Bronx Community College. He worked at a delicatessen and later at Argosy Old and Rare Bookstore in Manhattan, New York, where he served as an elevator operator. He proudly served in the United States Air Force from August 1981 until January 1984. He was honorably discharged on January 4, 1984.

Johnnie was deeply loved by his family and friends. He met the love of his life, Carolyn Harris, and they were united in holy matrimony on January 9, 1989. They made their home in Paterson, New Jersey, before later moving to Richmond, Virginia.

Johnnie enjoyed singing, playing the bongo drums, working on puzzles, playing cards, and playing board games with the family. He especially loved cooking and eating good food! He also enjoyed fishing with his caregiver, Teresa Brown, who considered him a brother. Johnnie loved the outdoors and sports, particularly basketball, and his favorite team was the New York Knicks.

Johnnie will forever be loved and dearly missed.

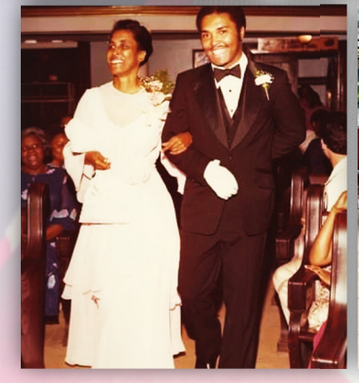
Those left to cherish his fond memory are his former wife and friend, Carolyn H. Drakeford of Richmond, Virginia; his loving sister, Robin (Darnel) Parks of Longwood, Florida; his nieces and nephews, Dennis G. Moorer of Greenville, South Carolina, Christine D. Drakeford of Plainfield, New Jersey, Naomi D. (Brian) Childs of Ocoee, Florida, Leah M. (Shaquell) Galbreath of Douglasville, Georgia, Jonathan P. Parks and Leah Ortiz of Sanford, Florida, Jared D. Drakeford of Stafford Township, New Jersey, and Emmanuel Moorer of Camden, South Carolina; his eternal sister-in-law, Deborah P. Drakeford of Plainfield, New Jersey; his eternal brother-in-law, Dennis Moorer of Atlanta, Georgia; his loving aunt, Verlie (Joseph); his wonderful uncle, Thomas (Carolyn); his supportive caretaker, Teresa Brown; and a host of great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and friends.

Remembering Johnnie...








Order of Service

Reverend P.L. Griffin, Jr. Presiding

MUSICAL PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING
OLD TESTAMENT
NEW TESTAMENT

PRAYER OF
COMFORT..... Clergy

SELECTION..... Champion Family

REFLECTIONS
OF LOVE..... Limit 2 minutes, please

SOLO ..... Christine D. Drakeford

EULOGY .....Reverend Alvin Akins

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