

*Life is
but a
Stopping Place*

*Life is but a stopping place,
A pause in what's to be.
A resting place along the road,
To sweet eternity.*

*We all have different journeys,
Different paths along the way.
We all were meant to learn some things,
But never meant to stay...*

*Our destination is a place,
Far greater than we know.
For some the journey's quicker,
For some the journey's slow.*

*And when the journey finally ends,
We'll claim a great reward,
And find an everlasting peace,
Together with the Lord.*

Anonymous

Casket Bearers

Nephews

Honorary Casket Bearers

Michael Williams John Robert Smith Norman Meadows

Flower Bearers

Nieces

Honorary Flower Bearers

Betty Williams Gloria Meadows

Acknowledgement

*Words are inadequate to express the humbleness and gratefulness
we feel toward all of our family and friends who have comforted
us during our bereavement.*

*A special thanks to our cousin Rita Johnson, who constantly and
lovingly watched out for our brother. Also, a special thanks to
the staff of Spartanburg Medical Center and the staff of Leaside
Funeral Home.*

*Thank you for your love, prayers, monetary gifts, food, calls,
cards, and every act of kindness.*

The Family

Committal, Prayer, Benediction and Interment

Harrison Grove Baptist Church Cemetery
299 Harrison Grove Church Road
Roebuck, South Carolina 29376

Professional Services Entrusted to:



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100 Peake Road
Roebuck, South Carolina 29376
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In Loving Memory of



Tony Marcell
PAYDEN

Sunrise

November 22, 1952

Sunset

August 26, 2021

Wednesday, September 1, 2021

Two O'clock in the Afternoon

BOUNTIFUL BLESSINGS CHURCH

110 Peake Road
Roebuck, South Carolina 29376

Reverend Natasha Gresham, Presiding Minister
Apostle Thomas J. Lee, Eulogist

Obituary

MR. TONY MARCELL PAYDEN was born on November 22, 1952, in Spartanburg, SC, to the late Oscar Leon Payden and the late Nelia Gray Payden, and was the stepson of the late John Canty. Tony graduated from Paul M. Dorman High School in 1971. He served in the US Army for 22 years and obtained many decorations, medals, citations, awards and ribbons before retiring. He was of the Baptist faith.



Surviving siblings are brothers, Keith M. (Vanessa) Canty, Sr. of Hampton, GA and John M. (Tonya) Canty of Ovilla, TX; and sisters, Linda K. (Kenneth) Sanders of Spartanburg, SC, Donna C. (Wayne) Thomas of Moore, SC, Paula N. (Charles) Littlejohn of Duncan, SC, Janet E. (Willie) Wheeler of Jacksonville, FL, Brenda S. Canty, Vivian D. Canty and Carol A. Cross all of Spartanburg, SC.

Along with his parents and stepfather, his predeceased brothers are Ronnie L. Payden and Gary D. Payden; sister, Wanda Faye Williams. Others left to cherish his memories are a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Tony transitioned on August 26, 2021, to the care and keeping of our Lord.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Loving Memories



Tony's Parents - Nelia & Leon



Mom & Stepdad

Payden Brothers schooling nephew



Sister Faye

We are Family - 1998



We are Family - 2010

We are Family - 2020

Order of Service

Reverend Natasha Gresham, Presiding Minister David Carmichael, Musician

Musical Prelude

ProcessionalJohn 14:1-6
Clergy, Bearers, Family And Friends

Military Rites

Selection..... *Don't Cry For Me*

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Psalm 23
New Testament..... Revelation 21:1-7

Prayer of Comfort Reverend Natasha Gresham

Selection..... *I'm Free*

Remarks Terry Lawing
Friend and former co-worker

Solo.....*Precious Lord* Bessie Holmes
Harrison Grove Baptist Church

Words of Comfort..... Apostle Thomas J. Lee
Bountiful Blessings Church

Recessional *I'll Fly Away*
Clergy, Bearers, Family and Friends