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Shun Chavis
Gene Chavis
Dennis Reid
Cedric Francis
Billy Reid
Greg Simmons
Sam Gadegbeku
Patrick Fulton

FLORAL BEARERS

Ushers and Friends of the Family

INTERMENT

Rock Hill Baptist Church Cemetery
975 South Live Oak Drive | Moncks Corner, SC

EXPRESSIONS of GRATITUDE

The family of **Mr. Jimmy L. Chavis, Sr.** is grateful for all expressions of love, kindness, and comfort shown to us during the passing of our loved one. Our lives are now changed by Jimmy's passing, yet so wondrously blessed by the preciousness of his memory. May the love, joy and peace of God continue to embrace you.

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE

of *Jimmy L.*
CHAVIS, SR.

NOVEMBER 10, 1951 - MAY 14, 2025

Thursday, May 22, 2025 | 12:00 Noon
GRACE REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH
401 Stoney Landing Road | Moncks Corner, SC
Reverend Tory Liferidge, Pastor
Reverend Raymond Young, Officiating
Reverend Rodney Francis, Eulogist



JIMMY L. CHAVIS, SR. LIFE STORY

THE ORDER of SERVICE

Reverend Raymond Young, Officiating
Pastor, Rock Hill Baptist Church

Mr. Jimmy L. Chavis, Sr., beloved husband, father, grandfather, businessman, and community trailblazer, transitioned peacefully at his home on Wednesday, May 14, 2025. Born on November 10, 1951, in Berkeley County, South Carolina, he was the youngest of eleven children born to the late Luke Chavis, Sr. and Rosa Bell Garnett Chavis.

Jimmy was raised in a close-knit family, learning the value of hard work early in life alongside his father and brothers. He attended the Berkeley County public schools and, even as a young boy, took on various odd jobs to support himself and his family.

On September 8, 1970, he married his high school sweetheart, Mary Codes. Their union stood as a beautiful example of love, commitment, and partnership for over five decades. Shortly after their marriage, Jimmy was drafted into the United States Army. Although honorably discharged due to health concerns, he returned home with determination and purpose.

Upon his return, he was employed by Mr. Denny West, the owner of Mitton Plantation Mobile Home Movers. Starting as a laborer, Jimmy's work ethic, leadership, and dedication quickly earned him a promotion to supervisor. In late 1971, Mr. West offered Jimmy the opportunity to purchase the business—including the business name, truck, and phone number which still exists today. In 1980, he and Mary proudly renamed it **Chavis Mobile Home Movers**, a name that would become synonymous with excellence, reliability, and resilience in the Lowcountry.

Despite facing hardships, business setbacks, and economic challenges, Jimmy never wavered. Through perseverance, faith, and God's guidance, he built his company into a pillar of the community. In 1989, when Hurricane Hugo devastated Lowcountry, he was awarded a major FEMA contract, becoming a vital part of the recovery effort. His expertise and commitment were unmatched, and the community leaned on the experience that only Jimmy could provide. From that moment on until his demise, Chavis Mobile Home Movers flourished, assisting thousands of families and businesses in their time of need. Jimmy leaves a legacy that continues through Jimmy Chavis Jr. Trucking. His daughters, the apple of his eye, will also continue to uphold and expand that legacy with pride and purpose.

Jimmy was known not only as a skilled businessman but also as a man of deep faith and humility. A faithful member of Rock Hill Baptist Church in Moncks Corner, he contributed significantly to the church's spiritual and physical growth, always eager to give back to the community that supported him.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Elijah Chavis, Archie Chavis, and Luke Chavis; and his sister, Elaine Smalls.

PROCESSIONAL

Clergy and Family

OPENING HYMN

"It Is Well"

SCRIPTURES:

Old Testament
New Testament

Reverend Tory Liferidge
Reverend Fred Garnett

PRAYER

Minister Estelle Codes

SELECTION

Mr. Joseph Butler | *Cousin*

GULLAH PRESENTATION

Certified Lay Servant, Mrs. Betty Chavis-Jones | *Sister*

REMARKS

Mr. James Chavis, Sr.
Mr. Edward Chavis
Mr. Melvin Simmons
Mr. Billy Reid

SELECTION

Mr. Alan Dubose

REMARKS

Mr. James Chavis, Jr.
Mr. Brian Francis
Mr. Dennis Reid
Mr. Jerome Middleton | *Deacon*
Mr. David Wright

SELECTION

Mrs. Gwendolyn Taylor

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mrs. Shirl Clark

RESOLUTION

SELECTION

Mrs. Rosetta Washington

EULOGY

Reverend Rodney Francis | *Nephew*

SELECTION

Mr. Gregory Green

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL/FINAL VIEWING

COMMITTAL

Rock Hill Baptist Church Cemetery



Cherished memories will forever remain with his devoted wife, Mary Codes Chavis; his loving children: LaKeisha Chavis-Taylor, Jimmy Chavis, Jr., and Renee “Nay” Chavis. He was a proud grandfather to Ashleigh Chavis, Jada Jenkins, Kandace Taylor Faircloth (Ricco), Jimmy Chavis III, Kaitlyn Chavis, and Bryce Taylor, and a joyful great-grandfather to Kayden Johnson and Amayah Chavis.

He is also lovingly survived by his siblings: Lucinda Chavis, James Chavis, Sr., Betty Chavis-Jones (Herbert), Doris Reid, Willie Gene Chavis (Minnie), and Edward Chavis (Cheryl); his sisters-in-law: Corine Chavis, Annabell Chavis, Delores Chavis, Anna Jamison, Rosa Lee Smith, and Shirley Ann Codes; brothers-in-law: Elijah Smalls, Samuel Codes (Barbara), Robert Codes, Fred Codes (Marcy), Terry Codes (Estelle), Leon Codes (Carolyn), and Clayton Codes; and a host of beloved nieces, nephews and cousins.

A special bond was shared with the cherished members of his business family: Travis Martin, Curtis Brown, Carlton Amous, Deandra Loller, and Shelia Mayes—individuals who worked faithfully by his side and will carry on his values and vision.

IF TEARS COULD BUILD A STAIRWAY

If tears could build a stairway
 And memories were a lane.
 We would walk right up to heaven
 And bring you back again
 No farewell words were spoken
 No time to say goodbye
 You were gone before we knew it
 And only God knows why
 Our hearts still ache in sadness
 And secret tears still flow
 What it meant to love you
 No one can ever know
 But now we know you want us
 To mourn for you no more
 To remember all the happy times
 Life still has much in store
 Since you'll never be forgotten
 We pledge to you today
 A hallowed place within our hearts
 Is where you'll always stay.

Forever In Our Hearts



YOUR LIFE WAS A BLESSING,

Your Memory a Treasure

