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WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME

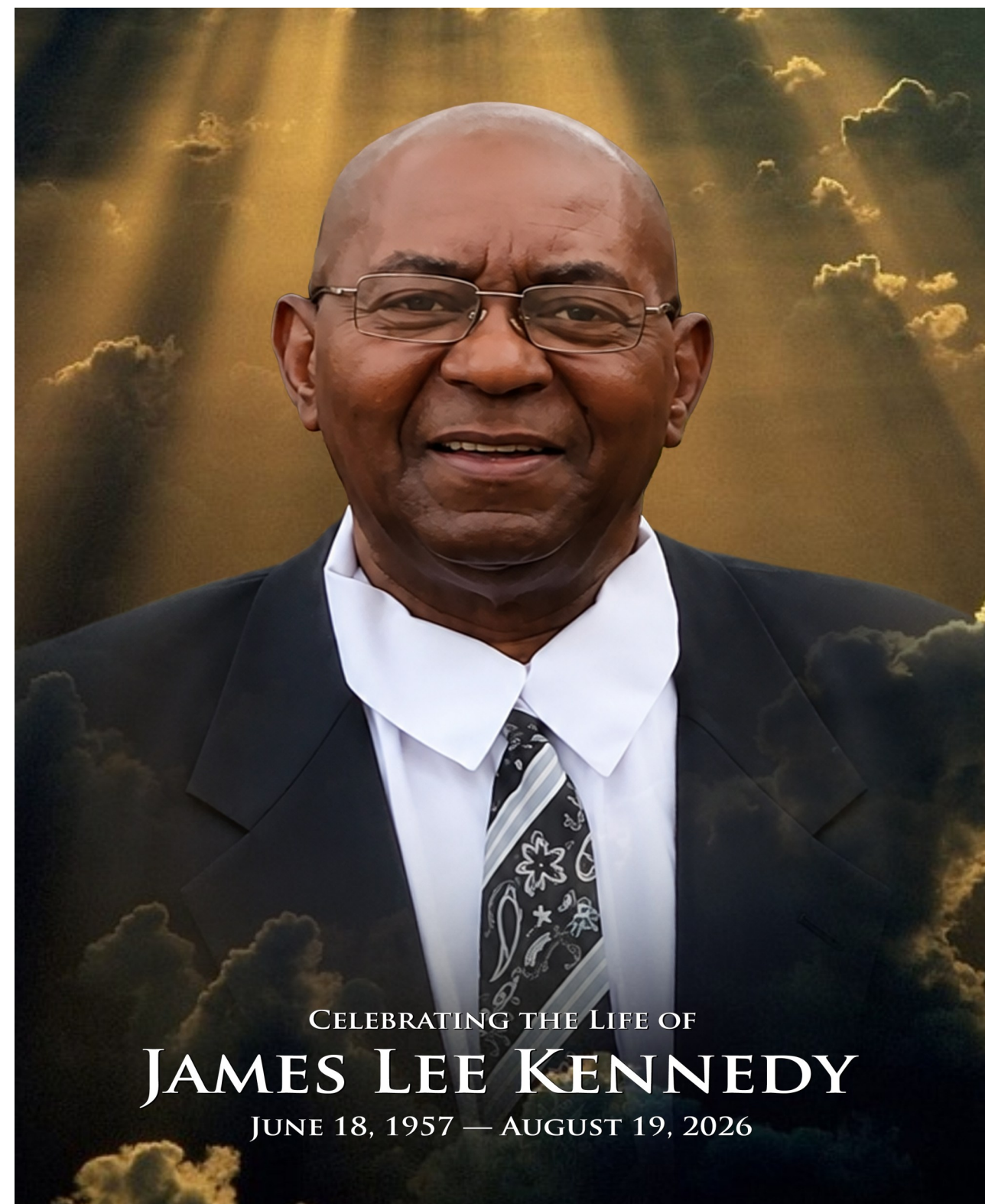
*When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see,
If the sun should rise and find you eyes are filled with tears for me.
I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today,
While thinking of the many things we did not get to say
I know how much you love me, as much as I love you,
And each time you think of me, I know you miss me too.
But when tomorrow starts without me, please understand that an angel came
Down and called my name, and took me by the hand.
I turned and walked away, a tear fell from my eye.
I knew that this was God's will, I dare not question, "Why?"
I had so much to live for and so much left to do.
It seems almost impossible that I was leaving you.
I thought of yesterdays, the good ones and the bad,
I thought of all the love we shared and all the fun we had.
Is I could re-live yesterday, I thought for just a while,
I'd say goodbye and kiss you all and maybe see you smile.
Now when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart
For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.*

Acknowledgement

The family of James Lee Kennedy would like to thank each of you for the many kind acts shown to us during our time of sorrow and bereavement. Thank you for the prayers, cards, telephone calls, visits and expressions of love and sympathy extended to us. Your kindness will never be forgotten. May grace and blessings be with you forever and ever more.

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
JAMES LEE KENNEDY
JUNE 18, 1957 — AUGUST 19, 2026

Life Reflections

James Lee Kennedy, “Mutt” as he was affectionately called by his family and friends, entered eternal rest on Wednesday, August 19, 2026. He was the seventh of ten children born to the late John Henry Kennedy and Azilee Cheeseboro Kennedy.

James Lee Kennedy was united in marriage to Barbara Pringle Kennedy on April 3, 1982, and to this union two daughters were born.

He attended St. Matthew Baptist Church until his health declined. He was a graduate of Mayewood High School Class of 1975.

Upon graduation he was employed with Georgia Pacific for ten years. He later worked for Carolina Furniture Works, retiring after 20 years of service. After retiring from Carolina Furniture Works, he worked part-time at Roses Discount Store for two years.

In his younger years, James enjoyed playing basketball and was an avid sports fan. His favorite basketball team was the New York Nicks and football team the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Precious and fond memories will be cherished by his loving and devoted wife of 43 years, Barbara Pringle Kennedy of the home; two daughters, Shari Kennedy of the home and Sherry Kennedy of Sumter, SC; five brothers: John (Alma) Kennedy, Frankie (Macey) Kennedy, Roland Kennedy, and Wilfred Kennedy all of Sumter, SC, Ronnie (Janice) Kennedy of Florence, SC; three sisters: Annie Lee Byrd, Mattie Mae McDowell both of Philadelphia, PA, and Betty Ann Davis of Sumter, SC; one sister-in-law, Rather Kennedy of Philadelphia, PA; three grandchildren: Jeremiah Benjamin and Shariah Benjamin both raised in the home, and Jakerra Benjamin of Sumter, SC; three aunts: Willa Dean Davis of Sumter, SC, Betty Carr of Philadelphia, PA, and Lucille Bonepart Kennerly of Orangeburg, SC; along with a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Jake Kennedy, three brothers-in-law, Paul Byrd, Johnnie McDowell and Jessie Davis.



Order of Service

Pastor Leroy Blanding, Presiding

Prelude Musician

Processional Clergy and Family

Opening Hymn *Hold To God’s Unchanging Hand*

Scriptures Lester Ragin

 Old Testament Psalm 23

 New Testament Revelation 21:1-4

Prayer Pastor Leroy Blanding

Solo Angela Perry Anderson

Reflections:

 Family Courtney Harris

 Friend Lucious Blair

Poem Submitted by Jeffrey Shinholster, Sr.

Acknowledgements Gloria Nelson

Selection James Sisters

Words of Comfort Minister Roland Kennedy

Recessional Medley of Songs

Interment

Mulberry Baptist Church Cemetery
Sumter SC

Repast

Salem Chapel and Heritage Center
101 S. Salem Avenue
Sumter SC 29150