

# Reflections of His Life

*"For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."*

*II Timothy 4:6-8*

*Edward Metz Sr. was born on February 26, 1936, in Hopkins, South Carolina, to the late Willie Lee and Ollie Metz. On Saturday, May 16, 2026, he peacefully departed this life in Columbia, South Carolina.*

*Lovingly known as "Pa," Edward was one of eleven siblings and attended the public schools of Richland County. He later married Dorothy King Metz, and from this beautiful union came two daughters, Tina Metz and Lisa Metz, and four sons, Charles Neely, Edward Metz Jr., Garrett Metz, and Theodore Metz.*

*Edward later moved to New Jersey with his family, where he worked for Continental Can Company while also holding several part-time jobs to provide for his loved ones. After twenty-five years of dedicated service, he retired and eventually returned home to Columbia, South Carolina.*

*Later in life, he was blessed with another daughter, Ashley Davis, whom he loved dearly and shared a special bond with.*

*Edward was a kind-hearted man who deeply loved his family and was always willing to help others in his own way. He enjoyed spending quiet time in his backyard repairing lawn mowers and working on cars, often relaxing with a good cigar. Pa especially looked forward to taking his daughter, Ashley, out to eat on Fridays, and he always enjoyed when Bobo stopped by to bring him fish.*

*He was preceded in death by his brothers, Harmon Metz and Collie Metz; his sisters, Lillian Metz, Rosa Lee Copeland, Polly G. Beulah Campbell, Francis Hamilton, Carrie Lee Tharps, and Levernica Lewis; his daughter, Tina Metz Nixon; and his sons, Garrett Metz and Theodore Metz.*

*Edward leaves to cherish his precious memories: his brother, Roger Metz; his daughters, Lisa Metz (John Wilson) and Ashley Davis; his sons, Charles Neely and Edward Metz Jr. (Valerie Metz); his son-in-law, Gilbert Nixon; his grandchildren, Edward Black, Desmond Nixon, Dominique Nixon, Brittany Metz, and Bashard Davis; and his great-grandchildren, Madison, Ayden, Travis Jr., Tiyana, Brandon, Bryce, Braydon, and Kyng, along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.*

# Order of Service

## PROCESSIONAL

Clergy and Family

## FINAL VIEWING

JP Holley Funeral Directors

## SELECTION

Eric Grant

## OLD TESTAMENT

Pastor Melvin Tapp

## NEW TESTAMENT

Pastor Melvin Tapp

## PRAYER

Evangelist Harold Moore

## SELECTION

Eric Grant

## WORDS OF COMFORT

Apostle Grant

## COMMITTAL, PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

## RECESSIONAL

## INTERMENT

Greenlawn Memorial Gardens

6601 Windwan Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29209

## REPASS

PA HOUSE

2813 Plymouth Rock Road, Columbia, South Carolina

# The 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;

Of happy memories that leave when life is done.

Rest on my Beloved Father

Rest on my beloved Father rest on

God loves you best. No more tears, no sorrows.

You said you were tired, now you are with God

You said when you must leave

Please do not grieve and shed wild tears

But start out bravely with a gallant smile

And for my sake and in my name

Live on and do all things the same

Feed not your loneliness on empty days

But fill each waking hour in useful ways

Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer

And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near

For I am waiting for you in the sky.

Done in love and sorrow,

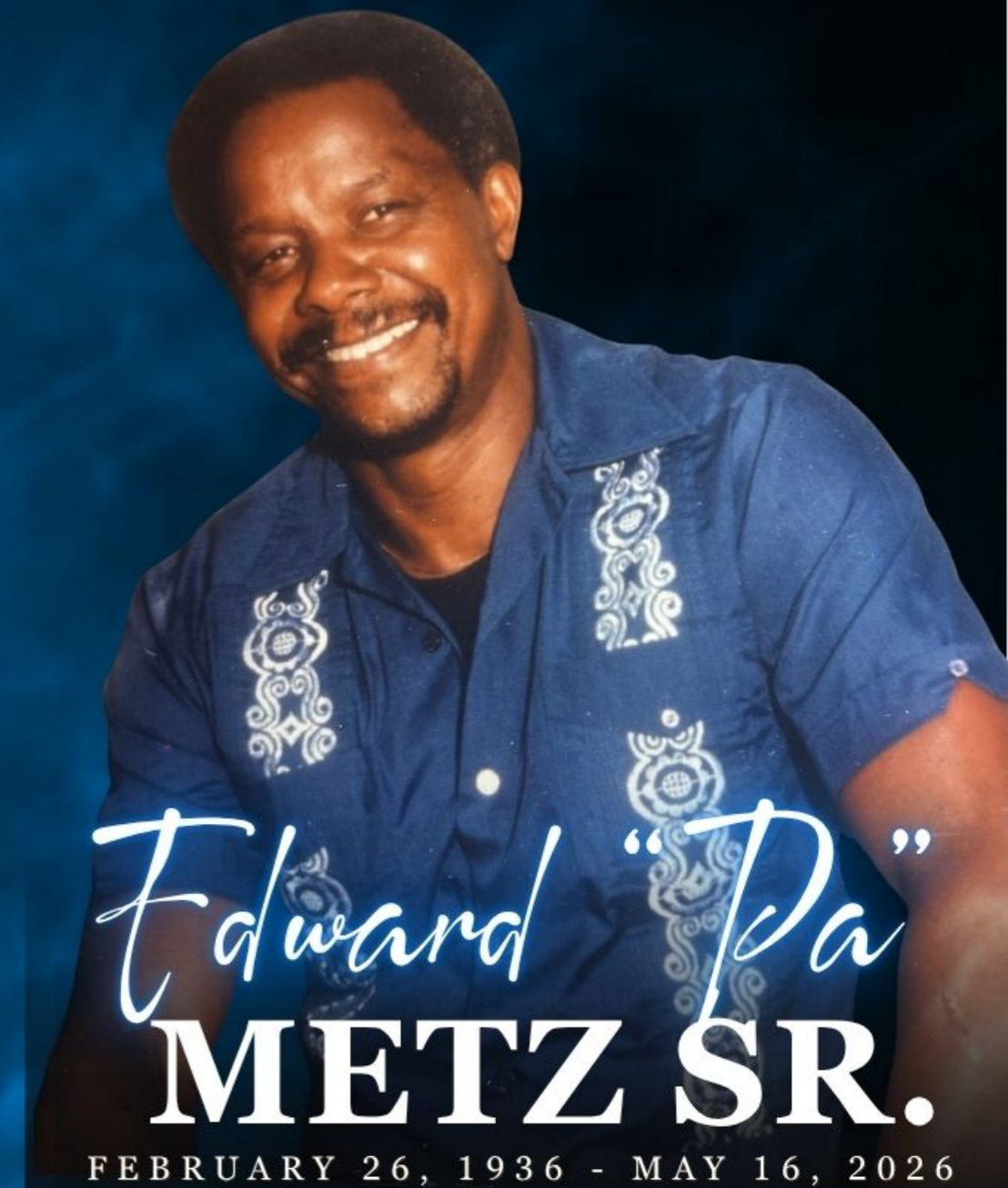
Love your Daughters

# Memories

## Pallbearers Family and Friends

# In loving Memory

## Floral Bearers Family and Friends



# Edward "Pa" METZ SR.

FEBRUARY 26, 1936 - MAY 16, 2026

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2026  
11:00 AM

JP Holley Funeral Home Southeast Chapel  
8132 Garners Ferry Road, Columbia, South Carolina 29209  
Apostle Johnny Grant, Officiating

## Expression of Gratitude

The Family of the late Edward Metz Sr. wish to express our thanks for every act of kindness. Keep us in prayer for those moments and days that lie ahead.



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