

**PALLBEARERS**  
Boaz Lodge #309, F. & A.M. Prince Hall Affiliation

**-FINAL RESTING PLACE-**  
Wright's Cemetery  
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Johns Island, SC 29455

**IN APPRECIATION**  
The family of the late  
**JOSEPH CAPERS**  
would like to extend sincere gratitude for all acts of kindness and comfort  
shown during their period of bereavement.

**MISS ME BUT LET ME GO**  
*When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room  
Why cry for a soul set free?  
Miss me a little, but not for long  
And not with your head bowed low  
Remember the love that once we shared  
Miss me, but let me go.  
For this is a journey we all must take  
And each must go alone.  
It's all part of the master plan  
A step on the road to home.  
When you are lonely and sick at heart  
Go to the friends we know.  
Laugh at all the things we used to do  
Miss me, but let me go.*

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**CELEBRATING  
THE LIFE OF**



*Joseph*  
**CAPERS**

**APRIL 19, 1938 — APRIL 17, 2025**

Friday, April 25, 2025 | 12:00 PM

Greater St. Luke African Methodist Episcopal Church  
78 Gordon Street | Charleston, SC 29403

Reverend Dr. Eduardo Curry, Pastor



## LIFE AND LEGACY

**JOSEPH CAPERS** the son of the late Alma Grimbball Capers and Ruben Capers Sr., was born April 19, 1938 in Charleston, S.C. where he graduated from Burke High School in 1957. Joseph peacefully transitioned the morning of April 17, 2025 at the age 86. Joseph was the eldest child of seven children.

Raised in a spiritual household, Joseph joined Greater St. Luke AME Church at the young age of 15 years old. Through the years, he began serving as a Sunday school teacher, and joined several organizations within the church such as the Chancel Choir, Mass Choir, and Male Choir. He was also appointed as Class Leader #31, a Trustee, and a Senior Steward.

Joseph married his high school sweetheart, Mamie Burnell on July 15, 1961. Mamie Capers became the love of his life for 63 years. From their union, three children were born: Gwendolyn, Latrina, and Joseph X. Shortly after marriage, Joseph was drafted into the United States Army that same year. Upon completing basic training, he was sent over to Korea where he served a two-year tour.

In his 20s, Joseph acquired a trade as a jewelry repairman at Litaker's Jewelry as an apprentice. He mastered the skill of repairing jewelry, and positioned himself to attain employment at Garfield Jewelry for several years, before transitioning to Dorchester Jewelers & Gifts where he retired. He also had his own side business repairing jewelry for the locals of Charleston. In his later years, he worked for Quality Touch Janitorial Services at the City of Charleston Police Department.

Joseph was active in school, within his family, and the community. He was a member of various organizations, and held several titles. He was the Class President for Burke High School Class of 1957 and 1958; while also holding the title of Class Treasurer. He was the president the Capers Family Reunion, a member the singing group named the Carolina Harmonares, and also sung alongside his brothers in their group The Capers Brothers.

In addition, Joseph was a previous Worshipful Master of Boaz Lodge #309, the highest-ranking elected officer in his lodge, the current Worthy Patron (held by a Master Mason) in the Boaz Chapter #366, a member of Royal Arch Masonry, Consistory Masonic, 33° Masonry, and the American Legion. He was active within the lodge, and its copious activities at the local and grand lodge level.

Joseph was the patriarch of the Capers the family. He was considered the “Life of Party” who loved to dance (get low to the floor), tell jokes, and stay up late talking about life. He always knew how to put together an ensemble, dubbing him one of the family’s sharpest dressed.

He was very well-known in the community, and gave selflessly to others. He would visit and pray for the sick and shut-in. During the Christmas holiday, he and his brothers would sing Christmas Carols to the members of Greater St. Luke AME Church; along with those of the community. He had an impeccable memory, and could recall events from his childhood. He never missed a beat when it came to any obligations he committed himself to. We will miss all the good times we've shared, and will always remember the legacy he leaves behind.

Joseph was preceded in death by his brothers, Allen Capers and Ruben Capers, Jr., and his son-in-law, Keith Clemmons. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, cousin, and friend.

He leaves to mourn his passing and cherished memory his beloved wife, Mamie Capers, three children: Gwendolyn C. Clemmons, Latrina Frost (Kenneth), and Joseph X. Capers (Dikena); grandchildren: Kayce Beckford (Ronique), Keiara Clemmons, Hyunah Capers, Juwan Capers, Kamari Frost, and Trinity Frost; great-grandchildren: Maliyah & Carson Beckford, Malachi Clemmons, Autumn & Apryl Lucas, Kaiden Capers, and Kyran Garret; siblings: Anna Lee Spurling, Delores Brown, Earl Capers, and Charles Capers; in-laws: Lucille Gilmore Brewer, Barbara Smalls, Delores Simmons (William), Ethel Euland, and Julia Singleton; adopted children: Hewitt Dominick, Darrell Wilson and Wanda Yarborough; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.





## A collage of 18 photographs showing various groups of people, including families, couples, and groups in formal attire, celebrating events like graduations and weddings. The photos are arranged in a grid-like fashion, with some larger and some smaller. The subjects are predominantly African American, and the settings range from indoor formal events to outdoor group photos. The overall theme is celebration and community.

Organ Prelude.....Sis. Carolyn S. Brown, *Organist*

Hymn of Praise.....#381 "There's Not A Friend"

Choral Response.....Greater St. Luke Church Choir

Scripture Reading:  
Old Testament: Psalm 23—Reverend Kelvin Capers  
New Testament: Revelation 21:1-6—Apostle M.E. Capers

Remarks ..... Bro. Hewitt Dominick, *Class #3, Leader*

Resolution..... Sis. Albertha L. Williams, *Administrator*

Words of Comfort..... Reverend Dr. Herbert Temoney  
Presiding Elder, Santee District

Recessional..... Medley of Songs

*Those we love remain with us for love itself lives on,  
and cherished memories never fade because a loved one's gone.  
Those we love can never be more than a thought apart,  
for as long as there is memory, they'll live on in the heart.*



# Remember Me

To the living, I am gone,  
To the sorrowful, I will never return,  
To the angry, I was cheated,  
But to the happy, I am at peace,  
And to the faithful, I have never left.  
I cannot speak, but I can listen.  
I cannot be seen, but I can be heard.

So as you stand upon a shore  
gazing at a beautiful sea,  
As you look upon a flower and  
admire its simplicity,  
Remember me.

Remember me in your heart:  
Your thoughts, and your memories,  
Of the times we loved,  
The times we cried,  
The times we fought,  
The times we laughed.  
For if you always think of me,  
I will never have gone.

# The Broken Chain

We little knew the day that  
God was going to call your name.  
In life we loved you dearly,  
In death we do the same.  
It broke our hearts to lose you  
But you didn't go alone.  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home.  
You left us peaceful memories.  
Your love is still our guide,  
And though we cannot see you  
You are always at our side.  
Our family chain is broken  
and nothing seems the same,  
but as God calls us one by one  
the chain will link again.

# LOVING MEMORIES

