



HOME-GOING
CELEBRATION FOR

FAYWARD
"JAKE" JACOBS, JR.

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE
FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026, AT 10AM
First Northeast Baptist Church
311 Sparkleberry Lane
Columbia, South Carolina

March 11, 1956 — March 25, 2026

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE



THE LIFE & LEGACY OF

HAYWARD JACOBS, JR.

HAYWARD JACOBS JR. was born on March 11, 1956, in Sumter, South Carolina, to Hayward and Mary Reid Jacobs Sr.

Hayward was a 1974 graduate of Sumter High School. After graduation, Hayward went on to South Carolina State College (now known as South Carolina State University) where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. He was a member of the SCSC class of 1978.

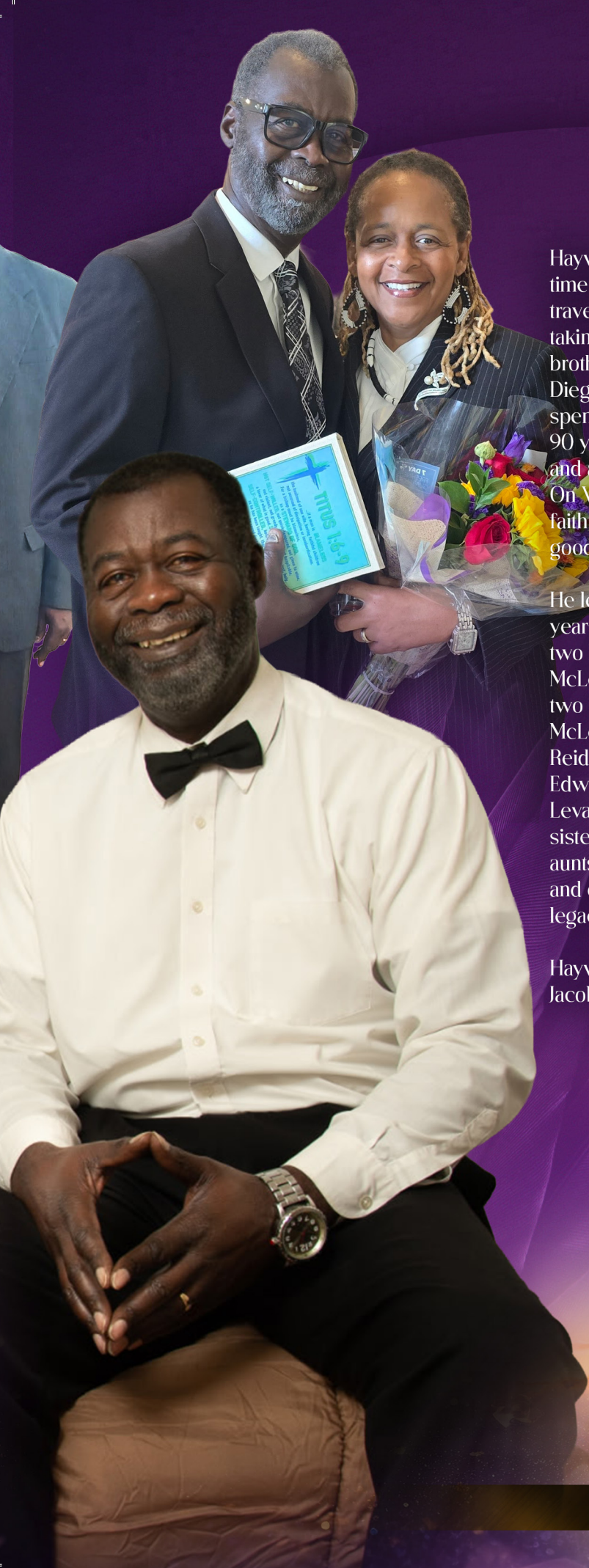
Hayward was a proud and faithful member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Xi Psi Chapter, at South Carolina State College. He pledged in Spring 1976 as part of the Storming 7 line, holding position #6 and known lovingly by his fraternity brothers as Deputy Dawg. In 1977, he served as Keeper of Finance and was an active member of the chapter's Ensemble, sharing his gift of song in churches throughout the Orangeburg community. He also performed with the Step Team, which earned the title of 6th District Champions in 1977. Hayward was a devoted and supportive brother who gave his all in every endeavor. He was a member of the ROTC and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant into the United States Army.

In 1976, while at South Carolina State College, Hayward met the love of his life, Funneaser "Neisie" Davis. She was a freshmen and Hayward was a junior. The two became inseparable and were united in marriage on December 22, 1979, while Neisie was a senior. They wanted to ensure she would be stationed at Fort Hood, Texas with Hayward upon her graduation in May 1980.

Their union was blessed with two sons, Hayward Jacobs III and Miquel A. Jacobs. Hayward III and wife Shvawn blessed Hayward and Neisie with two beloved grandchildren — Skylar (11 years old) and Hayward Jacobs IV (6 years old).

Hayward was a dedicated member of First Northeast Baptist Church since 1995, where he faithfully served in numerous ministries and positions over the years, including Youth Sunday School teacher, Usher, Kitchen/Hospitality, Marriage Ministry, Men's Ministry, Men's Choir, Grateful Ones Ministry, and Vacation Bible School Ministries. He also served diligently on the Trustee Board, where he held the position of Chairman for many years.

Professionally, Hayward retired from South Carolina State Government, having served with distinction in several agencies, including the Department of Health & Human Services, the Department of Juvenile Justice—where he received multiple awards for outstanding service—and the Department of Probation, Parole & Pardon Services. Prior to his state service, he served in the military, worked with Blue Cross & Blue Shield, Medicare Services of America and Palmetto Government Benefits Administrators.



Hayward was a devoted family man who deeply cherished time spent with loved ones. He especially enjoyed traveling the world and cruising with his wife, as well as taking annual "Men's Trips" with his sons and brother-in-law to destinations such as Las Vegas, San Diego, and Southeast Asia. He loved visiting Sumter to spend quality time with his beloved parents, who are both 90 years of age. He also loved cakes, chocolate, cookies, and anything sweet. He required sweets at all gatherings. On Wednesday, March 25, 2026, God quietly called His faithful servant home to eternal rest. Hayward fought the good fight and finished his course with grace.

He leaves to cherish his memory a devoted wife of 46+ years, Funneaser "Neisie" Davis Jacobs, of Columbia, SC; two loving sons, Hayward Jacobs III (Shvawn) of McLeansville, NC, and Miquel Jacobs of San Diego, CA; two cherished grandchildren, Skylar and Hayward IV of McLeansville, NC; his devoted parents, Hayward and Mary Reid Jacobs Sr. of Sumter, SC; two brothers, George Edward Jacobs (Jackie) of Columbia, SC, and Charles Levan Jacobs (Wakita) of Sumter, SC; a host of sisters-in-law(s), brother-in-law(s), nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, fraternity brothers, church family, and dear friends who will forever treasure his life and legacy.

Hayward was preceded in death by his brother, Timothy Jacobs and his sister, Sandra Denise Jacobs



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OUR HAYWARD

He was a man of quiet grace—
No need for spotlight, no need for praise.
Yet his presence spoke in sacred sound,
A steady strength that anchored all around.

A servant's heart in all he gave,
Faithful, humble, quietly brave.
He lived his faith beyond mere word,
In every deed, God's voice was heard.

He loved his wife with covenant care,
A union covered in fervent prayer.
Through shifting seasons, come what may,
He stood in love—he chose to stay.

A trustee in the house of the Lord,
Not for title, nor reward—
But hands surrendered to God's command,
A willing vessel in the Master's plan.
"Oue-Dog" strong, bound by brotherhood,
Clothed in humble pride. Yet even there, his life
made clear,
God's wisdom walked beside him there.

He taught in silence, soft yet true,
More by what he lived than what he knew—
In steady steps and gentle ways,
He showed us how to walk our days.

And yes—he found joy along the way,
In simple moments that chose to stay.
A line dance step, a subtle grin,
A quiet laughter rising within—
Step to the left... now slide on through...
A glimpse of heaven breaking through.

And oh, the table—rich with love,
A reflection of God's grace above—
Fried chicken seasoned just right,
Smothered cube steak with warm steamed rice.

Fried turkey cooked with love, as we laughed,
who would get the first.
His wife would smile and say I made the mac
and cheese, but we knew who stirred that pot
and made it sing.

At every late-night meal, 10:30 p.m. chicken
and cake. In every seat at movie night where
only two or three awake. While sisters stroll
and sisters talk, he hands back to guard. A
watchman of the yard, in all—all done in love.

From a family who loves beyond all words,
Your life proclaimed what hearts have heard.
You showed us God in all you gave,
In how you loved, in how you served, in how
you stayed.

Now heaven has called and welcomed you
home, to stand before the eternal throne.
"Well done," the Master surely declared,
For a life poured out, for a soul prepared.

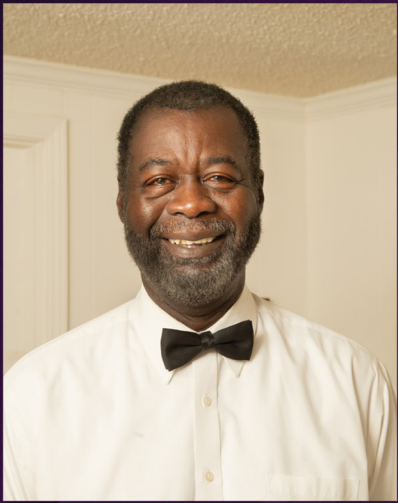
And even now, we can almost see—
A gentle step in eternity...
Still full of grace, still full of light,
Still teaching hearts what it means to live right.

Though we grieve, we yet rejoice,
For death cannot silence your voice.
Until that day we meet again,
We'll hold your love deep within—

Your faith, your strength, your guiding light...
Still leading us...Still shining bright.

Ain't no brother better,
Hayward, we love you,
You know that we do.....





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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Processional-Discipleship Pastor Howard Newsome
First Northeast Baptist Church, Columbia, South Carolina

Opening Musical Selection-First Northeast Baptist Church Praise Team

Opening Prayer-Rev Charles Lovelace, Sr.
Tree of Life E&M Baptist Church, Greenville, South Carolina

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Scripture-Rev. Dr. Dannie T Williams
Melfield United Church of Christ, Haw River, North Carolina
New Testament Scripture-Pastor Emeritus Dr Stephen S. Masolwa
First Northeast Baptist Church, Columbia, South Carolina

Prayer-Bishop Carlos Simon
Galilee Way of the Cross, Galilee, Georgia

Musical Selection-The Jones Cousins

Reading of the Obituary-Cynthia Davis Bryant

Poem-Tony Davis

Remarks-"Please limit to three minutes"
Ephesian Tisdale, Omega Psi Phi
Deacon Stanley Nelson, FNEBC
Pastor AJ Bracy, Former FNEBC Youth Pastor
William "Billy" Davis, Brother in Law

Musical Selection-FNEBC Praise Team

Words of Comfort-Pastor Stephen W. Splawn
Senior Pastor of First Northeast Baptist Church, Columbia, South Carolina

Special Tribute and Final Farewell

Benediction

Recessional-FNEBC Praise Team

Postlude

Committal, Benediction & Internment
Fort Jackson National Cemetery
Columbia, South Carolina
Deputy Dawg, Spring '76, Xi Psi, 6 Dawg



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LOVING TRIBUTES



From Hayward

When Tomorrow Starts without Me
And I'm not there to see
If the sun should rise and find your eyes
All filled with tears for me,

I wish so much you wouldn't cry
The way you did today,
While thinking of the few things
We didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me
As much as I love you,
And every time you think of me,
I know you'll miss me, too.

When tomorrow starts without me,
Don't think we're far apart,
For every time you think of me
I'll be right here in your heart.

Don't say goodbye as if it's final,
Or that this is the end – for
God's great eternal plan,
We will meet again

Remember,
You're my first.
My last.
My Everything!



FROM NEISIE

Full Circle

To My Beloved Husband:

For better; for worse...

For richer, for poorer...

In sickness and in health...

I have "loved and cherished" you through It all.

The Master has called you home to a greater work;

I know He only loaned you

To me briefly – But what a wonderful brief

Time it was

My spirit is at peace because I know you

Are in His presence.



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PRECIOUS MEMORIES OF
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FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

HAYWARD JACOBS, JR.

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Trustee Raymond Bell
Trustee Chris Guiler
Trustee Mike Cannon
Trustee Howard Snider
Trustee John McCoy
Allante Davis (Nephew)

FLORAL BEARERS

Trustee Wives
Ushers Ministry

EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

The family of Hayward "Jake" Jacobs, Jr extends our deepest gratitude to each of you for the love, prayers, and countless acts of kindness shown during our time of bereavement. May God continue to bless and keep each of you. In moments like these, we are truly reminded of the meaning of friendship, community, and compassion. We are sincerely thankful for every expression of support, whether through kind words, prayers, or your presence. To those who traveled from near and far to be with us, your support has meant more than we can express. We are forever grateful.



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