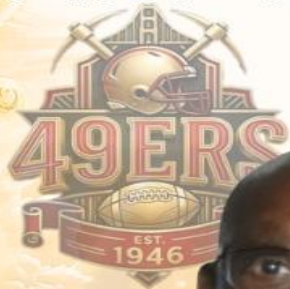


A HOMEGOING CELEBRATION

IN HIS
LOVING
MEMORY

DEC 25 1953 - JUNE 12 2026



Deacon Bernard **BYRD**

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2026 • • • 1:00 P.M.

**MOUNT MORIAH BAPTIST CHURCH
400 MOUNT MORIAH CHURCH RD.
CLINTON, SC. 29325**

**PASTOR:
REVEREND KENNETH MURRAY, JR.
DR. DARLENE MYERS, PRESIDING**



His Story **MR. BERNARD BYRD**

Mr. Bernard Byrd was born in Laurens County, South Carolina on December 25th, 1953 to the late Rosa Bell Franklin. He was raised by the late Luck Byrd and was one of six siblings.

He attended the public schools of Laurens County, South Carolina.

Mr. Byrd was a member of Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church in Clinton, South Carolina where he served faithfully on the Deacon Board.

“Byrd” or “B,” as he was lovingly called by all who knew and loved him, retired after many years of employment from Anderson Hardwood Floors.

In addition to his mother, Rosa B. Franklin, he was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Mya Sullen; and three brothers: Harold Cohen, William Cohen, and Eugene Cohen.

On Friday, June 12, 2026, at his home in Laurens County, South Carolina with his wife by his side, Deacon Bernard Byrd transitioned from earth to eternity to be with his Lord and Savior at the blessed age of seventy-two.

He leaves to cherish his heartfelt memories his loving wife, Tammy Smith-Byrd of the home; three daughters: Queeyonda (Dennis) Hardy of Laurens SC, Shakara (Dennis) Sullen of Florence SC, and Amber (Di'Markus) Sanders of Laurens SC; two sisters: Mammie (Leroy) Dendy and Angela (Darrell) Sims both of Laurens SC; five grandchildren: Ja'Nya Pendermon, Makayla Jenkins, Tiyonna Jones, Sanaa Smith, and Harmony Sanders all of Laurens SC; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In God's Perfect Peace

*You've entered into perfect rest, where weary souls are truly blessed.
No more sorrow, no more pain, just heaven's joy and endless gain.
The Lord has gently called your name, and welcomed you with love the same.
The angels sang as you drew near, and wiped away your every tear.*

*Though we remain on earthly ground, your faith and love still linger 'round.
In every prayer and hymn we raise; we feel your spirit join in praise.
Until we reach that holy shore, where sorrow's gone forevermore,
We'll cherish all the love you gave, and trust in Christ who heals and saves.*

God's Garden



God looked around his garden- and found an empty place,
He then looked down upon the earth- and saw your tired face.

He put his arms around you -and lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful -He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering - He knew you were in pain.

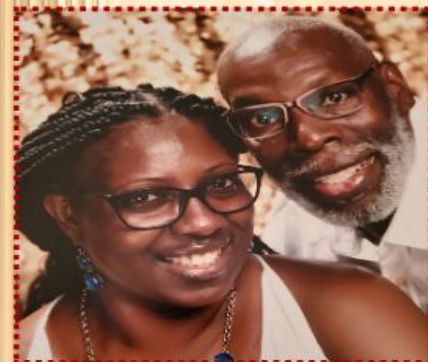
He knew that you would never – get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough – and the hills were hard to climb.
So He closed your weary eyelids – and whispered, 'Peace be thine'.

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.



MR. BERNARD BYRD

Memories





MR. BERNARD BYRD

Memories

SIBLING LOVE



Order of Service

Dr. Darlene Myers, *Presiding*



Musical Prelude

Processional

Clergy and Family

Solo

Minister Lizia Garlington

Scripture

Old Testament

Psalm 23

Minister Jalesa Dillard

New Testament

Minister Dermont Watson

Prayer of Comfort

Dr. Darlene Myers

Solo

Reverend Herry Mansel, Jr.

REMARKS/REFLECTIONS

Two Minutes Please

Mr. Robert Elmore

Mr. Dennis Sullen, Sr.

Mr. Di'Markus Sanders, *Son-in-law*

Acknowledgement

Mack Rice Funeral Home Staff

Obituary Read Silently

Solo

Bishop Alan Goggins

Words of Comfort

Reverend Kenneth Murray, Jr.

Closing Prayer

Minister

Committal Service

Prayer, Committal, and Benediction

Recessional

Interment

Private





Until we meet again,
My Love,
you will forever hold
the keys to my heart.
Your loving wife, Tanny



Acknowledgement

The family of the late Deacon Bernard Byrd would like to express our deepest appreciation to each of you. Words are inadequate to express the humbleness and gratefulness we feel toward all our friends who consoled us during our bereavement. Your prayers, your love, your presence, and services have sustained us. May God continuously bless you all and your families as you have blessed us. ~ The Family ~



**MACK RICE FUNERAL
& CREMATIONS**

Honoring Lives • Embracing Families

314 Owings Street

Laurens, South Carolina 29360