

REFLECTIONS OF HIS LIFE

Daniel Lewis Goodwin Jr., affectionately known to many as “Deany” and “Danny,” was born on March 30, 1965. He was the beloved son of the late Doris L. Goodwin Porter, and the late Daniel Louis Goodwin Sr. Danny was lovingly raised by his grandparents, the late Johnny Williams Sr. and Floree Hall Williams. At an early age, Danny attended New Light Beulah Baptist Church in Hopkins, South Carolina. He later united by faith in Jesus Christ with New Dimension Church of Northeast, where he continued his spiritual journey.

Danny was educated in Richland School District One, attending Hand Middle School and graduating from Dreher High School as a proud member of the Class of 1983. From a young age, Danny developed a deep love for sports. As a child, he played Pop Warner Football with the Greenview Eagles. He later excelled on the basketball court at Hand Middle School and became a valued member of the varsity basketball team at Dreher High School. His talent and dedication earned him a full basketball scholarship to Columbia Junior College (CJC) in Columbia, South Carolina. His passion for the game allowed him to play alongside several athletes who went on to play professionally. Danny was also recruited by and invited to join the Shelley Rockets, who played to sold-out crowds every summer at Valley Park as part of their Summer Basketball League. Additionally, Danny was a lifelong fan who looked forward to watching his beloved Dallas Cowboys every year.

Following his education, Danny was blessed with the opportunity to serve as one of the few African American firefighters with the City of Columbia—an accomplishment that reflected both his courage and commitment. He later worked with Anderson Armored Car Service of Columbia before concluding his working years at First Presbyterian Church in downtown Columbia. There, he formed meaningful relationships and built lifelong friendships with the staff and membership, whom he truly loved. Danny also developed a special friendship with the First Lady of South Carolina, Mrs. Peggy McMaster. Danny had a deep affection for family and friends. He cherished every opportunity to gather, especially during the holidays—and if there wasn’t an occasion, he would often ask, “Can we get together?” He maintained lifelong connections with friends from childhood, school, and throughout life. Danny was more than a friend, he was a brother to many, leaving a lasting impact on all who knew him.

Danny was preceded in death by his parents, Doris Louise Goodwin Porter and Daniel Louis Goodwin Sr.; his bonus father, Albertus Porter; his grandparents, Johnny Williams Sr. and Floree Hall Williams; and his sister, Clarissa Porter.

He leaves to cherish his precious memories: his son, Danny Demetris Fair; two grandchildren, Demetris Jr. and Kash Fair; one brother, Devlon Porter; special nephew Perrian Porter, two aunts, Sally Williams Thomas and Carolyn Miles (his devoted primary caregiver); a cousin raised as a brother, Algerron (Jacquelyn) Williams; close cousins, Carlos Williams, Torrie (Sabine) Williams, Venecia Williams, Rasheeda Thomas, Sandy (Ken) Morris, Siohan “Cookie” Miles, Jamaal (Lashaunda) Miles, and Devin Miles; his best friends and brother/sister, Herbert Smith, Karl Bouie, and Quanda Wise; along with a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and many dear friends.

ORDER OF *Service*

Processional

Opening Hymn
Minister Anthony Stubbs

Old/New Testament
Minister Quanda Wise
Psalm 23
St. John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort
Bishop Eric Davis
Word of God Church and Ministries International

Musical Selection
Minister Anthony Stubbs

Reflections (Limited to three minutes)
Ms. Tammy Young, Dreher High School -Class of 1983
Ms. Sally Thomas, Aunt
Ms. Carolyn Miles, Aunt
Representative of First Presbyterian Church
Mr. Herbert Smith/ Karl Bouie, Best Friends

Musical Selection
Brother Jerod Smith

Word of God
Reverend Algerron Williams Sr. Cousin
Pastor of the New Dimension Church of Northeast

Musical Selection
Brother Kenny White

Recessional/Final Farewell
JP. Holley Funeral Staff

Committal, Prayer, Benedicton

Interment
Promise Land Cemetery
1740 Cushman Drive, Columbia SC 29204

Life Is But A STOPPING PLACE

Life is but a stopping place,

A pause in what’s to be,

A resting place along the road,

to sweet eternity.

We all have different journeys,

Different paths along the way,

We all were meant to learn some things,

but never meant to stay...

Our destination is a place,

Far greater than we know.

For some the journey’s quicker,

For some the journey’s slow.

And when the journey finally ends,

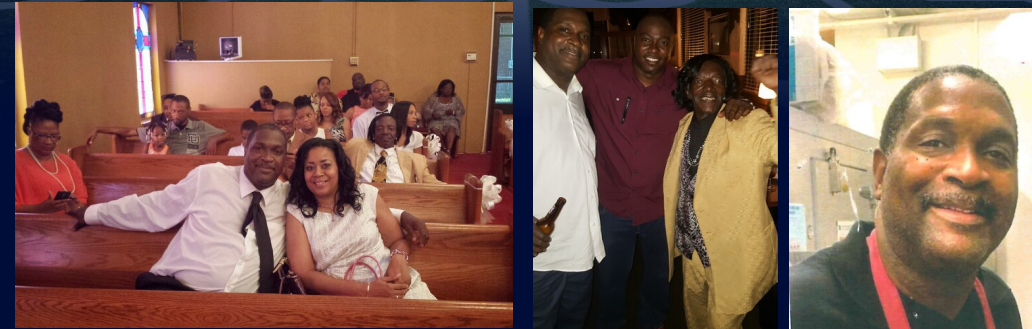
We’ll claim a great reward,

And find an everlasting peace,

Together with the Lord

Author unknown

Memories



Floral Bearers

LADIES OF DREHER
HIGH SCHOOL CLASS
OF 1983

Pallbearers

KARL BOUIE
BYRON MAYO
RODDERICK WILLIAMS
RICK NELSON
HERBERT SMITH
BROTHERS OF DREHER HIGH
SCHOOL CLASS OF 1983

Expression of Gratitude

THE FAMILY OF DANIEL GOODWIN JR. WOULD LIKE TO THANK EACH OF YOU FOR THE MANY ACTS OF KINDNESS OVER THIS TIME. MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU ALL.



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CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR Daniel Louis GOODWIN JR.

MARCH 30, 1965 - APRIL 1, 2026

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026
2:00 PM

SECOND NAZARETH BAPTIST CHURCH
2300 ELMWOOD AVE, COLUMBIA, SC 29204
REVEREND DR. JOHNNY RAY NOBLE, PASTOR
REVEREND ALGERRON WILLIAMS SR, PRESIDING