REFLECTIONS OF HIS LIFE

Johnny Ray Mack, 75, passed away peacefully at his home on October 2, 2026, in Columbia, South Carolina. He was surrounded by his wife, Marita Mack, and loyal dog, Yoshi. He left behind a legacy defined by dedicated service, deep personal passions and a razor-sharp wit not to be rivaled.

Born on June 7, 1951, in Anderson, South Carolina, Johnny proudly served his country in the U.S. Army for over two decades, including serving in the Vietnam War, before retiring as a First Sergeant at Fort Jackson in Columbia, South Carolina. His time served in the military was some of his hardest and most proud moments. After retiring, Johnny decided to continue his service to the community by working as a corrections officer and then decided to continue his federal government service by working at the United States Postal Service from where he ultimately retired. His time spent at the USPS was a great time filled with hijinks and many friendships. Johnny really lived a life dedicated to public and military service and impressed that upon his children.

Outside of his career, Johnny was devoted to his family. He was known to have a quick and sharp sense of humor. Many remember his humor as a standout trait. Although a career in standup comedy could have been pursued, his true joy came from cooking for his family. Johnny was a master chef (he often told stories of cooking in the Army) and his specialty was anything on the grill, especially his BBQ and ribs. When not making delicious foods, he was busy trying every new restaurant in Columbia that he could. He often knew the day a new restaurant was opening and didn't hesitate to be the first to try it. He also had a deep love of reading nonfiction, especially biographies. His shelves were stocked with books about various people. He passed his love of reading onto his kids (well all except Sarah who had to retake English in summer school) and often would bring home books donated to the Post Office for them to read as children. Johnny also loved discussing national and international politics. His knowledge was vast and he always had a unique perspective. That extended also to playing the stock market. When not busy cooking, reading, or discussing events in the world, perhaps the biggest chunk of his time later in life was spent as an avid expert coin collector. His collection spanned across countries, currencies and time. He knew more about coins than most people you would ever meet and could spend hours talking about a single coin. Johnny was a man of many deep interests, and he loved sharing his passions and knowledge with his children and grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Marita Mack, his daughters, Sarah Bettura (Dominic), Takina Holloman (Marc Macchiaverna), Jessica Mack, his mother, Frances Lee, his sisters, Fanchette Vickers, Alda Stamps (Emerson), Shirley Wallace (Oziea), Gloria Kilpatrick, brother Frank Lee Jr., his grandchildren, Madelyn Bettura, Coco Macchiaverna, and many extended family members and friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional Song

"Leaving Eden"

The Carolina Chocolate Drops

Welcome

Takina Holloman

Family Prayer/Moment of Reflection

Johnny Glenn

Reading of Eulogy

Sarah Bettura

Open Storytelling/Reflections

Dominic Bettura

Marc Macchiaverna

Coco Macchiaverna

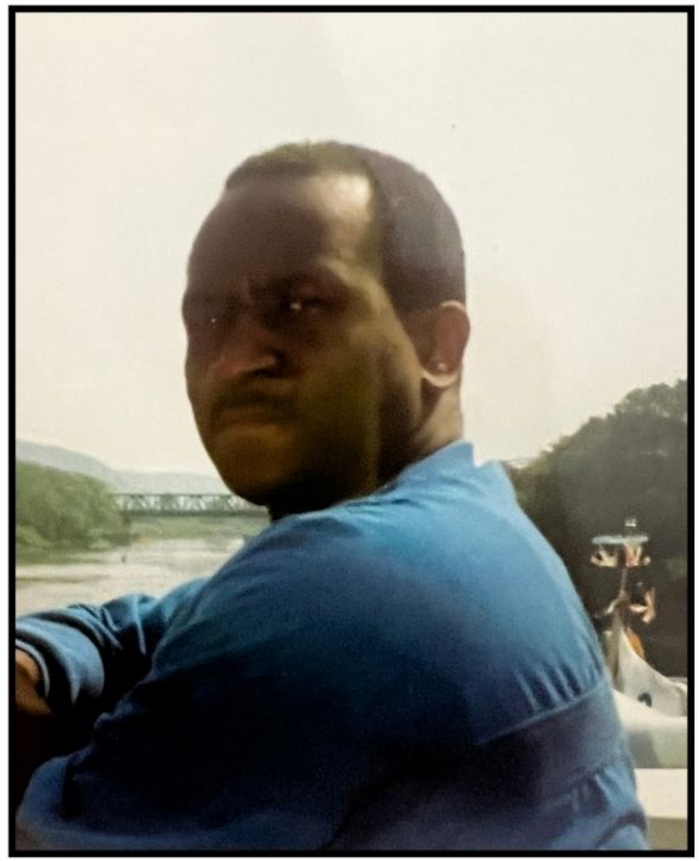
Jessica Mack

Closing Words

Marita Mack

EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

Thank you so much for allowing us to share some of the things in the life of our dad and husband that shows why he meant so much to us. Your kindness, love and support during this difficult time have meant the world to our family.



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PALLBEARERS

Dominic Bettura

Marc Macchiaverna

Charlie Wylie

Johnny Glenn

Bobby Trappier

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