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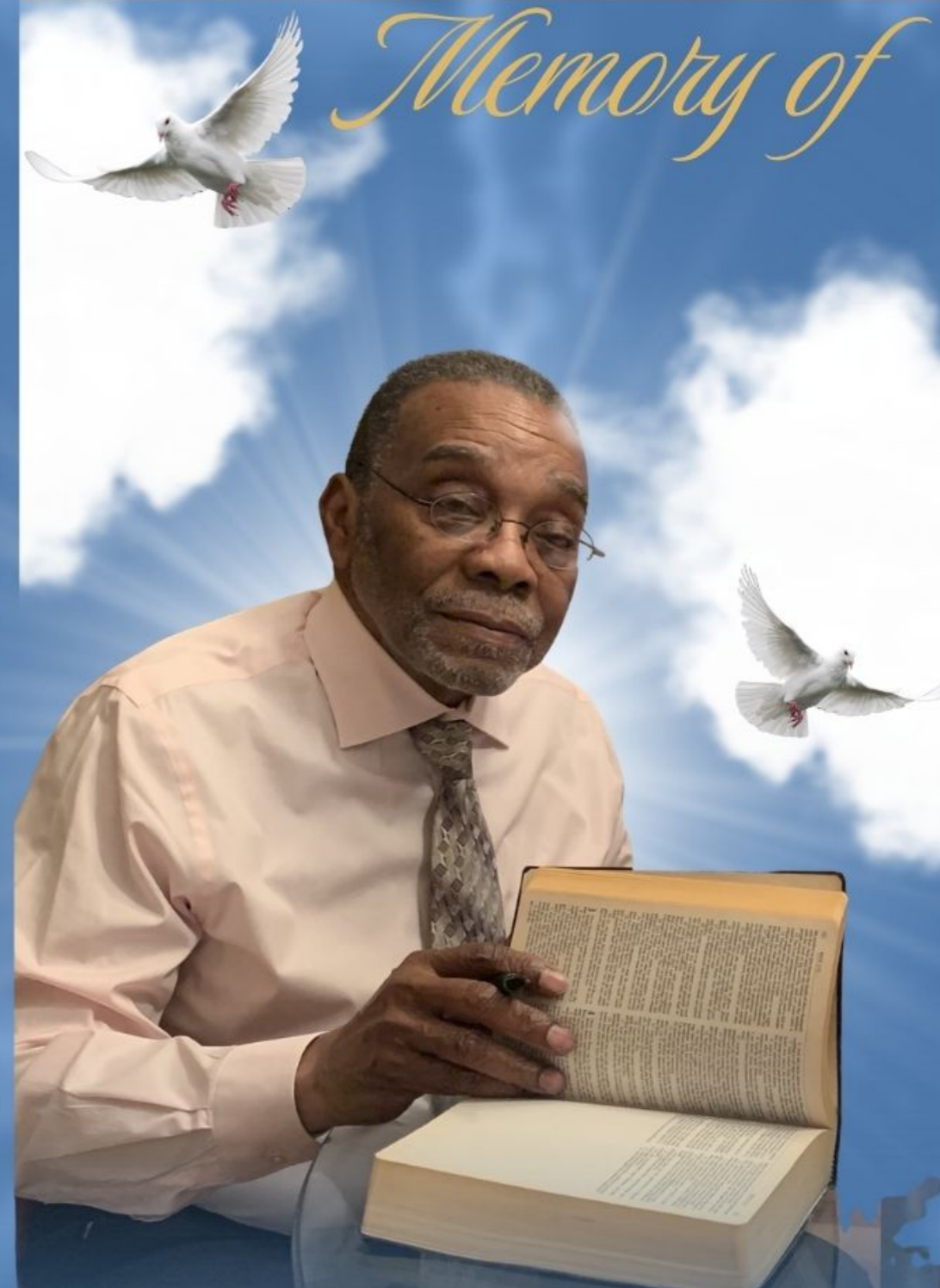
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Expression of Gratitude

We, the family of Nelson K. Squire, Sr., wish to warmly thank you for your comforting words and genuine acts of kindness in our time of bereavement.

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Memory of



NELSON K. SQUIRE SR.

MAY 4, 1938 - APRIL 25, 2026

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Reflection of His Life

We honor the life of Nelson Kennedy Squire, Sr. of Columbia, SC, who peacefully entered into eternal rest with the Lord on April 25, 2026, surrounded by family. We are comforted that he was a believer in Jesus Christ and a devoted student of God's Word, faithfully reading his Bible daily, praying, and writing personal devotions and poetry. Nelson was born on May 4, 1938 in Columbia, SC to Emanuel Squire, Sr. and Dorothy Squire. He lived a life marked by quiet strength, deep conviction, humility, and a steady presence that touched many across generations. He was a man of strong family values, unwavering integrity, and a work ethic that shaped both his life and the lives of those around him. Nelson's work started at age nine as a grocery delivery boy and he later became a bowling alley pin-setter. He proudly served a three-year enlistment in the US Army as an Air Defense Fire Control Crewman (RADAR Acquisition Man), working with the Nike Ajax and Nike Hercules missile systems, requiring the discipline and commitment that would define his life. A proud alumnus of Waverly Elementary School and Booker T. Washington High School - Class of 1958, he played football, ran track, and played tuba in the orchestra. He graduated from Benedict College - Class of 1965 and earned a Masters in Education from the University of South Carolina. Then, served as a dedicated educator in Biology, Anatomy, PE and driver education, as well as a coach and entrepreneur. He taught and coached at Hanberry High School and was excited to return to Booker T. Washington High School in those same roles, then Spring Valley High School, AC Flora High School, and CA Johnson High School, shaping countless lives in over 33-years.

He owned Photography by Squire of Columbia for over 50 years, was skilled in brick masonry and worked at the Shakespeare Monofilament Plant, always demonstrating excellence and pride in delivering quality service. Known for his calm spirit, he gave firm yet caring encouragement, promoting strong morals and honorable principles. Nelson also had a playful side, enjoying laughter, competition, and creating joyful memories—especially when he could startle someone or win a challenge. His kindness—full, deep, and contagious—will be remembered by all who experienced it. Above all, he loved his family and was deeply proud of them—often speaking about the importance of remembering family history and leaving a legacy—not just of love, but of knowledge, skills, and values to be carried forward. That legacy lives on through those he poured into so intentionally.

He was a devoted husband to his beloved wife, Janice, with whom he shared nearly 61 years of marriage. She remembers the early days of him trying to get to know her by driving beside her, while she was walking home from work, just to be in her presence and after a six-month courtship, then marriage, he made a beautiful life for the family and was a wonderful provider. Their union is a powerful example of love and respect. Not perfect, but real, enduring, and a testament that love never fails.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Janice Holley Squire; children Kenneth Elmore, Sr. (Macheria), Nelson K. Squire, Jr., Holley S. Cherry (Ronald), and Mari S. Gaines (Trent); grandchildren Marvin, Kenneth, Jr. (Lena), Chelsea, Benjamin, Alexzana, Armonté and Kevari; four great grandchildren; sibling, John Squire, Sr. (the late Leola); sisters-in-law, Maudina Squire (the late Leroy, Sr.) and Paula Holley (the late William "Bill", Jr.); nieces, nephews, cousins and many extended family members; two life-long friends, James A. Green and Gerald Israel, and other friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Emanuel Squire, Sr. and Dorothy Squire; his brothers, Emanuel "DJ Mr. Clean" Squire, Jr., James Squire, and Leroy N. Squire, Sr.; his sister, Susie S. Mills (Nathan); his father-in-law, William W. Holley, Sr., his mother-in-law, Sarah H. Squire; two brothers-in-law, William "Bill" W. Holley, Jr. and Louis Holley; and a sister-in-law, Leola Squire.

Though we will miss him deeply, we rejoice knowing that he is at peace in the presence of the Lord. His life and legacy will continue to inspire generations.

Order of Service

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

"I Can Only Imagine"

Tamela Mann

SELECTION

"Take My Hand, Precious Lord"

Minister Roger McBeth

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 41:10

Joan Squire

NEW TESTAMENT

Philippians 3:20-21

Elise White

PRAYER

Pastor Michael E. Frisina

SELECTION

"It Is Well With My Soul"

Minister Roger McBeth

WORDS OF COMFORT

Pastor Michael E. Frisina

REMARKS

James A. Green - BTW High School

Joan Mobley - Neighborhood Friend

COMMITTAL, PRAYER, BENEDICTON

RECESSIONAL

"Take Me to The King"

Grace Baptist Church

POSTLUDE

INTERMENT

Fort Jackson National Cemetery

4170 Percival Road, Columbia, South Carolina 29229

Honey

My Honey,

We had a wonderful 61 years. I thank the Lord for that many. You're in far more capable hands than mine now, but you'll be in my heart 'til I see you in Heaven. I was blessed by your spirit and strengthened by your love. So long, Sweetheart. I'll miss you so very much.

Love you forever,
Your Janeree

