

# Home

By Donna Schilling

Take pause for just a moment  
And look up to the skies  
I want to show you heaven  
As seen through joyful eyes  
The moment I arrived here  
I saw the sweetest sight  
All those who'd gone before me  
Surrounded by His light  
They reached out and embraced me  
And instantly I knew  
That I'd fulfilled my purpose  
And one day you will too.  
It's natural you are sand now  
But try to let that go  
There's overwhelming peace here  
And beauty all aglow  
We have no pain or suffering  
No thought of right or wrong  
No one here's an outsider  
Each one of us belongs  
There is no sense of judgment  
His light reveals our soul  
Each one unique and perfect  
We make each other whole  
So when you really miss me  
Just cast your eyes above  
Remember, I am home now  
And sending you my love.

## Note of Thanks

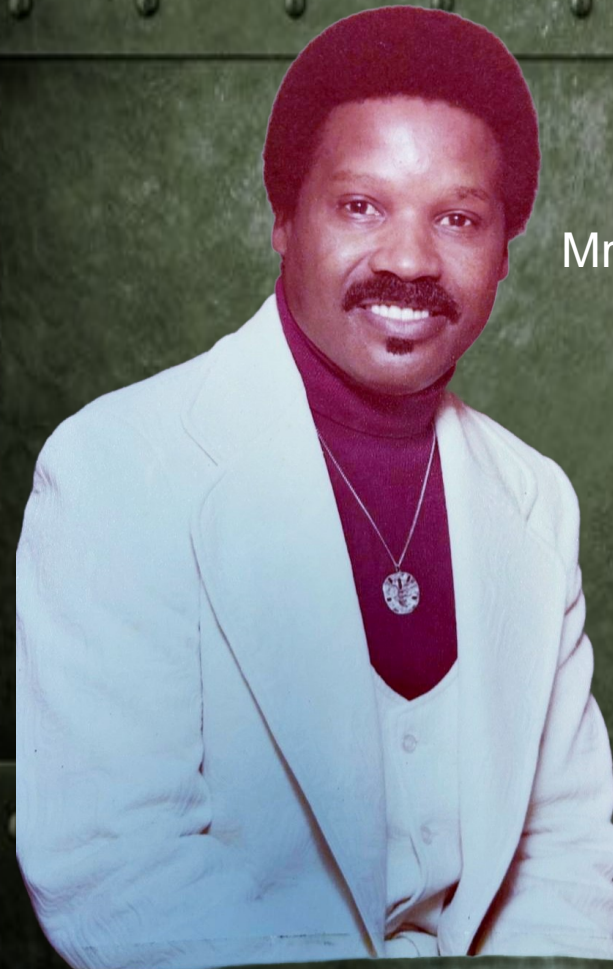
With deep appreciation and gratitude, we wish to express our sincere thanks for all expressions of kindness shown during the loss of our loved one. It is through your love, prayers, and the Grace of God that we find strength and comfort. May God bless each one of you.

### Arrangements Were Entrusted to:

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# Celebrating the Life Of

Mr. James Edward  
**Woody**  
"Jimmy"



**AUGUST 25, 1931 - SEPTEMBER 29, 2025**

**Tuesday, October 14, 2025**  
12:30 p.m.

**Gregory Funeral Service Chapel**  
601 North York Street  
Gastonia, North Carolina

**Rev. Dr. Rodney Glover, Officiating**

## In Loving Memory of James Edward Woody

Mr. James Edward Woody "Jimmy" was born in York, South Carolina on August 25, 1931. He transitioned from his earthly home on Monday, September 29, 2025, at White Oak Manor, Charlotte, N.C. He was the son of the late Fannie Thomasson Sadler and Henry Woody.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his aunt Lacie T. Minter, uncle Fred Minter, and niece Barbara Sanders.

James attended Highland High School in Gastonia, N.C. He retired from the U.S. Army, after serving 20 years as a Drill Sergeant. His tour of duties included the Vietnam War. After completing his tour of duty from the U.S. Army, he was employed by the U.S. Postal Service, and the Charlotte Mecklenburg Sheriff's Department for sixteen years.

He received numerous awards including the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Good Conduct Medal 2nd Award and National Defense Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster.

James was a member of the Armstrong Shriner Temple #41.

Jimmy cherished the moments spent with his loved ones. He loved attending music festivals, listening to gospel quartets, jazz and R&B music. He was a studious Bible and History reader. He was grateful for the world travel he experienced in the Army.

He leaves to cherish fond memories with his sister Velora W. Cook, brother Joe Sadler (Angela), special nephew Jeremy G. Thompson, nieces Dorothy "Penny" Thompson (Gregory), Constance "Connie" Manning, and Jennifer S. Matthews (Donny); great nieces Kyndall Thompson and Brandy Manning, great nephews Shon Sanders, Domic Sanders, and Chad Sanders, and a host of cousins and other relatives and friends.



## Order of Service

Processional

Invocation

Selection

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

Psalm 23

New Testament

St. John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort

Remarks

Selection

Words of Comfort

Recessional

Rev. Dr. Rodney Glover

Mrs. Natasha Fewell

Mr. Shon Sanders

Ms. Kyndall Thompson

Mr. Gregory Thompson

Mr. Joe Sadler

Mrs. Natasha Fewell

Rev. Dr. Rodney Glover

Inurnment with Military Honors

Rose Hill Cemetery

1219 N. Morris Street

Gastonia, North Carolina

