

# Life Reflections

*“His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant!’ ”*  
**Matthew 25:21**

On December 14, 2025, God whispered, Michael, my child you have fought a good fight, kept the faith, and finished the race. Come home and take your rest.

**Michael Rich** affectionally known as **“Daddy Rich”** was born to the late Bruce and Sadie Rich as the oldest of four children. He was raised in Nesmith, South Carolina, where his foundation of faith, family and hard work was instilled in him from an early age.

At a young age, while Michael worked on the family farm, he learned to drive tractors and tackle demanding tasks with maturity and determination. He attended Battery Park High School where he showed leadership and dependability—even serving as a school bus driver. After graduation, he began his career at Wellman Inc. in Johnsonville, SC, where his strong work ethic led him to become a supervisor. He later continued in leadership at House of Raeford Farms Inc. in Nesmith, SC, also serving as a supervisor.

A faithful member of Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, Michael served on the board of Trustees and formerly sang with the Morning Star Young Adult choir. As a loyal sports fan, he gave back to his community through his service as an assistant basketball coach, dedicating years to mentoring maturing athletes. He was also a member of St. Luke Masonic Lodge #171. Michael loved cheering for his favorite teams, the Dallas Cowboys and the Los Angeles Lakers. Michael found joy in simple moments, family gatherings, and consistently showing up for the people he loved.

**Michael** leaves behind two daughters: Z. Jamese Rich of King, NC and Stephanie LaSane of Columbia, SC; two grandsons: ZaiDen Rich and Chance “Khi” Goss; sister: Sheryl (Johnny) Pressley of Nesmith, SC; brothers: Lander Rich and Terry Rich both of Atlanta, Georgia; nieces and nephews: Jamar Pressley, Valarie Pressley, Aaron Pressley, Ziyah Rich, & India Rich; great nephew: Ja’Hayden Pressley; aunts: Elise Glover of Warner Robins, GA, Minnie McCullough of Bronx, NY, Francis Nesmith of Johnsonville, SC, Lula Speights of Kingstree, SC, & Alafair Snowden of Rochester, NY and a host of cousins and friends.

**Michael** lived a life marked by faith, strength, humility and dedication to God, family and community. Though his absence leaves a deep void, his legacy of love, service and unwavering commitment will continue to live on through all who knew him.



# Order of Service

**Presiding:**  
**Pastor Lewis Morant Jr.**

Processional	
Opening Hymn.....	<i>“What A Friend We Have in Jesus”</i> .....Congregation
Scriptures:	
	Old Testament..... <i>” Psalm 23”</i> .....Minister
	New Testament..... <i>” 2 Timothy 4:7-8”</i> .....Minister
Invocation.....	Minister
Chant.....	Congregation
	Reflections (3 minutes)
	Church.....Deacon Harry Porcher
	Trustee.....Bro. Corey Cooper
	Classmate.....Sis. Norma Cyrus
	Family.....Sis. Patricia Cooper
Tribute/Solo.....	Dr. Eboné Morant
Acknowledgements.....	Sis. Charlene Williams
Selection.....	Choir
Words of Comfort.....	Rev. Dr. Fred Moore
	Clover Chapel, Green Pond, & Mt. Harmony United Methodist Churches, Clover, SC
Recessional	
Committal-Benediction-Interment	

**Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery**  
*3456 Nesmith Road*  
*Nesmith, SC, 29580*

**Repast will be held in the church immediately following services.**



**Grandaddy**

We will always remember  
that special smile,  
that caring heart,  
that warm embrace,  
you always gave us.  
You being there for us  
through good and bad times,  
no matter what.  
We'll always remember  
you Grandad because  
there will never be another one  
to replace you in our hearts,  
and the love we will always  
have for you.

**ZaiDen & Khi**



**Brother**

We take comfort knowing you're resting in the arms of our Savior.  
Heaven gained a faithful soul, and earth lost a shining light.  
Your faith was strong even in hardship, and that gives us peace.  
In Christ, there are no goodbyes just a pause until we reunite again.  
I trust God's plan, even when it hurts, knowing He called you home.

**We love you,  
Lander, Sheryl & Terry**



**Pall Bearers & Floral Bearers**  
Class of '78



**Acknowledgement**

The family of **James M. Rich** wishes to express their sincere appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown during the passing of their loved one. The family is especially grateful for the essential and unwavering support provided by Eric "Icky" Cooper and Rodney Giles, who were instrumental in Michael's care. Your prayers, visits, calls and other expressions of sympathy have been a great comfort during their hours of bereavement and will be greatly remembered. May God bless each of you in a special way.

**-The Family**

Arrangements Entrusted to  
**Bartell 's Funeral Home**

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**Celebration of Life**

**In Memory Of**

**James Michael Rich**



**August 28, 1960 – December 14, 2025**

**Saturday, December 20, 2025**  
**11:00 AM**

**Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church**  
**3456 Nesmith Road**  
**Nesmith, SC, 29580**

**Rev. Lewis Morant Jr., Pastor**