

IN TEARS

In tears we saw you sinking
And watched you fade away
Our hearts were almost broken
We wanted you to stay.
But when we saw you sleeping
So peacefully and free from pain,
How could we wish you back
With us to suffer that again.
All the pain and grief is over
Every restless tossing passed.
You are now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.
Your memory will be a keepsake
With which we will never part.
Although God has you in His keeping,
We still have you in our hearts.

THE GARLINGTON FAMILY



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Your kindness, concern and thoughtfulness are Christian virtues and a reminder of the provisions of our God. Your encouragement has brought great comfort to us as we celebrate the life of one whom we loved so dearly. God gives us comfort in the form of good friends and family. We are forever grateful for your kind expressions. May His peace be with you, for His love never ends.

~The Family of Mr. James Alfred Garlington, Sr.~



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Honoring the Life of

*Mr. James Alfred
Garlington, Sr.*

SUNRISE 3-3-1931

SUNSET 4-5-2023



Thursday, April 13, 2023
2:00 PM

NEW BETHEL AME CHURCH
318 New Bethel Church Road
Clinton, SC 29325

Reverend Arthur Raven, Pastor

ORDER OF SERVICE

MUSICAL PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

Clergy and Family

FINAL VIEWING

Family and Friends

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

PRAYER OF COMFORT

POEM

Sister Frankie Gary

MUSICAL SELECTION

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Sister Levette Cousar

REFLECTIONS

James Garlington, Jr., son

LeRonda Garlington, granddaughter

Reverend Rosalie F. Garlington, daughter-in-law

MUSICAL SELECTION

WORDS OF COMFORT

Reverend Arthur Raven Pastor,
New Bethel AME Church, Clinton, SC

RECESSIONAL

INTERMENT

New Bethel AME Church Cemetery

MILITARY HONORS, COMMITTAL RITES, CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

TOGETHER AGAIN

A reunion occurred in heaven this week
Of the sweetest and most joyful kind
As Dad's spirit moved beyond this earth
Released from his mortal life

And what a reunion it must have been!
A joy beyond our conceiving
When Dad met Mom in heaven again
Ending his dignified grieving

And we are certain Mom is still holding Dad's hand
While he cherishes each moment by her side
And they're experiencing the joy of being together again
Catching up on the time they were denied

We are confident they are also looking over us
Hoping this happiness will lessen our pain
As we contemplate the joy that they finally feel
Now that they are together again

And though we'll miss them terribly
And will long for them with deepest grief
We are reminded that love is more powerful than death
And this knowledge gives us comfort and peace

We can still feel their love surround us
Giving us a desire to continue on
To try our best to live our lives well
In the ways they would have done

For we know this isn't the only reunion
Someday we'll be called back to be with them
For life can lead us to greater happiness
With the Lord and our loved ones in heaven

So although we'll miss our Dad profoundly
Our grief is somewhat lessened
For we are comforted knowing that he led a good life
And he and Mom are now together in heaven



Remembering Mr. James A. Garlington, Sr.

Mr. James Alfred Garlington, Sr. was born in Clinton, SC on March 3, 1931 to Mr. James and Mrs. Elizabeth Garlington. He was a devoted father, grandfather, brother and friend. He loved his family deeply and unconditionally. His life was a reflection of a selfless man with a kind spirit and a wonderful sense of humor. We were blessed to learn many valuable life lessons from James, Sr. during his ninety-two years.

James met and married Earnestine Davis in October of 1953. God blessed their union with five children, three daughters and two sons. He was a proud member of the United States Army. After basic training at Fort Jackson, SC he completed engineering school at Fort Leonard Wood, MO and returned to Fort Jackson to await deployment to Korea. While awaiting deployment, the Korean War ended and he was sent to Fort Benning, GA. James, Sr. returned to Clinton in 1955 after his last tour of duty. He was employed as an electrician for the City of Clinton, SC; an electrical supervisor in the mobile home industry and retired from Lydia Mill of Clinton, SC.

He and his family made New Bethel AME their church home. James, Sr. was known to make friends easily, keep people laughing and always willing to help others. He was a pillar of the community and his church. In June of 2012 Elder Garlington, Sr. was recognized as the oldest father of the church and was awarded a beautiful plaque. He was an original founding member of VFW 5932 Clinton, SC. James Sr. was always a team player, a proud member and a trustee.

God welcomed Mr. James Garlington, Sr. into his Heavenly home on April 5, 2023 as he slept peacefully at NHC Healthcare of Clinton, SC. He was predeceased by his parents and his loving wife, Earnestine Davis Garlington; daughters: Norie and Carol Garlington and Christine Sanders and grandson, Michael Garlington. He was the oldest of five and was predeceased by each of his siblings: brothers, Lawrence and Willie Garlington and twin sisters, Lula Garlington Williams and Cora Garlington all of Clinton, SC. James, Sr. was also preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Herman Williams of Clinton, SC.

The legacy of Elder Garlington, Sr. will be cherished by his sons: James (Rosalie F.) Garlington, Jr. of Brooklyn, NY and Harold Garlington of Augusta, GA; grandchildren: LeRonda Garlington raised in the home, Christopher Smith, Meredith Smith-Powers, Katina Smith, Stephen Garlington, Crystal Young, Chelsea D. and Damon Sanders; great grandchildren: Jeremiah Garlington, Jamerius Smith, Qualia and Katrina Hurst, Ebony McDowell, Tyrell and Tre Smith and Tyler Copeland and a many other family members and friends. James Garlington, Sr. will live in our hearts and spirits forever...gently urging us to pursue God's purpose for our lives.

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