

Acknowledgements

We, the family of James Matthew Booker, thank you for your expressions of love and support during our time of loss.

LOVE AND HAPPINESS

When I'm gone, release me...let me go.

I have so many things to see and do.

You must not tie yourself to me with tears.

Be happy we had so many fun years.

I gave you my love and you can only guess, like Al Green said,

You gave me "Love and Happiness."

I thank you for the love you each have shown,
but now it's time I travel to my Heavenly Home.

So grieve for a while but not too long.

It's only for a while that we must part,
so bless the memories within your heart.

Trust me, I won't be far away.

Life goes on, though you can't see or touch me.

I'll be near, and if you listen with your heart,
you'll hear all my love surrounding you soft and clear.

And when you must come this way alone,

I'll greet you with a smile and say,

"It's Yak Attack! Welcome Home!!

Your niece, Shayla

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Celebration of Life for

BOOKER
Mr. James Matthew
"YAK"

SUNRISE February 10, 1959

SUNSET October 30, 2023



CHILDS FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL

Thursday, November 2, 2023

1:00 PM

Reverend Anthony Sims, Eulogist

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

Mr. James Matthew Booker

ORDER OF SERVICE

Musical Prelude

Processional Clergy and Family

Final Viewing Family and Friends

Musical Selection

Old Testament Scripture Reverend

New Testament Scripture Reverend

Prayer Reverend

Musical Selection

Words of Comfort Reverend Anthony Sims
Pastor, Friendship Baptist Church, Ninety Six, SC

Committal Rites, Closing Prayer and Benediction

Recessional

“MAY HIS SOUL
REST IN PEACE”

OBITUARY



We gather today to celebrate the life of Mr. James Matthew Booker. “Yak”, as he was affectionately known to family and friends, was born on February 10, 1959 to Carrie Bell Leake. He attended Laurens County District 56 Schools, Little River Zion Baptist Church in Kinards, SC and was a lifelong resident of Clinton, SC. They say every sunset brings the promise of a new dawn and on Monday, October 30, 2023 Mr. Booker’s promise was fulfilled as he went from labor to reward at Self Regional Healthcare in Greenwood, SC.

Yak was thoroughly devoted to loving, helping and supporting his family. His life was a reflection of a devoted father, son, brother and friend. He lived life to the fullest through simple pleasures, family and friends. He will be remembered for his passion and his kind and gentle heart.

Family members waiting to welcome Yak include: Clyde Booker, Jr., Annie Leake and John E. Booker.

Mr. James Matthew Booker was loved by many and his memory and legacy will live on in the hearts of his: children, Katrina Booker of Simpsonville, SC, Brionta Levar Turner, Sr. of Washington, DC and James Anderson of Virginia; mother, Carrie Bell Leake; his sister, Rose (Horace) Kennedy; niece and nephew, Shayla and Michael Kennedy; and his best friend, Craig Vance; as well as many other loving relatives and friends. Yak touched many lives in his sixty-four years and sprinkled encouragement and love in many hearts. He will be dearly missed by all.

GONE TOO SOON :

Never in a million years would I have thought we'd be here
Sitting here writing a poem about my Daddy, no longer near
The pain, the broken heart, the questions, the fear
The more reality sets in, I shed tear after tear
You were loved by so many and you loved even more
I'm not the only one who is broken deep down to the core
I know there's a better life for you somewhere in the sky
Just know no matter what, you will always be my guy
I'll always cherish our amazing memories and times
I know with prayer and the grace of God, I'll be fine
Everyone remembers that great personality and big smile
We all wish you could have stayed longer even if it was just for a while
I'll never forget you Daddy; I love you past the stars and moon
But from this day forward, I'll always say you are gone much too soon. Love, Katrina