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A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

The family of the late Reverend Louis Albany, Sr., gratefully acknowledges the many expressions of love, prayers, calls, visits, flowers, cards, and other acts of kindness shown during their time of bereavement. Your support has been a source of comfort and strength, and we sincerely thank each of you for sharing in our celebration of his life and legacy.

*With Love,
Albany Family*

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A SERVICE OF LOVE

*Celebration of
LIFE FOR*

Reverend
LOUIS ALBANY, SR.

DECEMBER 4, 1939 — FEBRUARY 16, 2026

~ Celebration ~

Saturday, February 28, 2026 — 1:00 P.M.

~ Held At ~

Happy Home Baptist Church
336 Railroad Avenue West
Allendale, South Carolina 29810

~ Officiates ~

Pastor Charles D. Cureton, Officiating
Friendship Baptist Church, Hopkins, South Carolina





~ Obituary ~

“The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. He restores my soul: He guides me in the paths of righteousness for the sake of His name. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.”

Reverend Louis Albany, Sr. dedicated his life to his community and touched the religious, social, and civic lives of all people.

Reverend Louis Albany, Sr. was born on December 4, 1939, to the late Herman Albany, Sr. and the late Charity Albany.

His faith and belief in God were expressed at an early age when he united with the membership of Greater St. James AME Church in Fairfax, South Carolina. A devoted man of faith, he was a faithful and active member, serving as Sunday School Superintendent, Class Leader, and Church Secretary. He served diligently until his health began to decline.

He was a graduate of Fairfax Training School, Class of 1959. He later furthered his education at Denmark Technical College, where he earned an Associate Degree.

After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army and served his country faithfully, receiving an Honorable Discharge. Following his military service, he began what would become a distinguished career as an upholsterer, working in the trade for over 40 years. His craftsmanship, dedication, and strong work ethic earned him the respect of colleagues and customers alike.

On January 21, 1967, he was united in holy matrimony to the love of his life, Rose Ella Albany.

“May the work I’ve done speak for me...” Reverend Albany became a licensed preacher on January 26, 1992, and was ordained an Elder on October 13, 1995. He served as Associate Pastor of Greater St. James AME Church beginning in 1997, Supply Pastor of Mt. Zion AME Church in Garrett, SC, Associate Pastor of Grant Chapel AME Church in Bamberg, SC, and later as Pastor of Joshua AME Church in Green Pond, SC, where he eventually retired.

In addition to his pastoral leadership, he was a volunteer board member for the Allendale County Lowcountry Healthcare System beginning in 1977, which was established to ensure that Allendale and Hampton Counties had adequate medical personnel, facilities, and equipment to meet the needs of the community. He also served as a volunteer Commissioner for Elections, faithfully working the polls during elections.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by five siblings: Mary Alice Barnes, Etta Ree Gaynor, Annie Lee Gardner, Evangelista Ruth E. Bing, and Martin Albany.

Reverend Albany transitioned from labor to reward on Monday, February 16, at Lexington Medical Center.

Left to cherish his memory and carry on his remarkable legacy are: His loving and devoted wife of the home: Rose Ella Albany; (4) Daughters: Rosette (Michael) Hamlin, Valarie (Michael) Squirewell, all of Columbia, SC; Denise (David) Brown; Moncks Corner, SC; and Sonja (Charles) Cureton; Columbia, SC; (1) Son: Louis (Jennifer) Albany, Jr., Columbia, SC; (15) Grandchildren: Cedrick, Crystal, Malehah, Nicole, Grayson, Makayla, Justin, Courtney, Trevor, Dasia, Dannielle, David Jr., ZaQuavious, Mykail, Taylor, Aubrey, Jaylen, Makayla, and Xavior; (9) Great – Grandchildren; (1) Great – Great Grandchild; (5) Siblings: Lizzie Haggans; Fairfax, SC; Dorothy Bulter; Florida; Vivian (Anthony) Hoover, Walter Albany, Herman (Rose) Albany, Jr., all of Fairfax, SC; Reared as a sister: Teresa (Sidney) Loadholt; Fairfax, SC. A host of loving special nieces, nephews, and devoted cousins, and sympathizing friends.



LETTER FROM *Wife:*

Louis, It is hard to imagine this world without you in it. For so many years, you were my strength, my comfort, and my greatest blessing. You were not only my husband, but my best friend — the one I laughed with, leaned on, and shared every ordinary and extraordinary moment with. Thank you for the life we built together. Thank you for your steady love, for your patience, for the way you always put our family first. You made our house a home, and my heart a safe place. There are no words for the quiet that now fills the space where your voice used to be. But even in this sorrow, I am grateful — grateful for every hug, every smile, every memory that is now a treasure I carry with me. Though I must let you rest, I will never let you go. You live on in my heart, in our children, in the love we shared that even death cannot take away. Until we meet again, my love.

*Love always your wife,
Rose*



The Day God Took You Home

The Day God Took you Home, In tears we saw you sinking, and watched you pass away. Our hearts were almost broken, We wanted you to stay. But when we saw you sleeping, So peaceful, free from pain, We could not wish you back To suffer that again. It broke our hearts to lose you, But you did not go alone, For part of us went with you The day God took you home.

Love you always Daddy, Rosette & Michael, Valarie & Michael, Denise & David, Sonjia & Charles and Louis Jr. (Bo) & Jennifer

Grandpa,

We will miss your smile, Your gentle hands, your patient style. The stories told, the laughs we shared, The way you showed how much you cared. You taught us more than words can say, To work, to love, to kneel and pray. Though we must say our last goodbye, You live in us — you'll never die. We'll hold you close within our hearts, That's where your legacy truly starts.

Love always, Your Grandchildren

