

Pallbearers
Grandsons & Nephews

Flower Attendants
Nieces & Friends

An Angel Whispered

*An Angel Whispered, take my hand and
come with me your work, here is done*

*I went away to a place,
where there's no tears nor sorrow
only laughter and smiles.
There will always be a tomorrow*

*I know y'all grieve and wish,
I was still here I am here
in the memories you hold dear.*

*Remember how much I love you
and know I took your love with me*

*One day or one night we will be
together again until then
HOLD TIGHT*

*Until we meet again,
William*



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and complete confidence in our services. We sincerely hope that every aspect of
the SERVICE has been SATISFACTORY for you." The Director and Staff*

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A SERVICE OF LOVE

Celebrating
THE LIFE OF

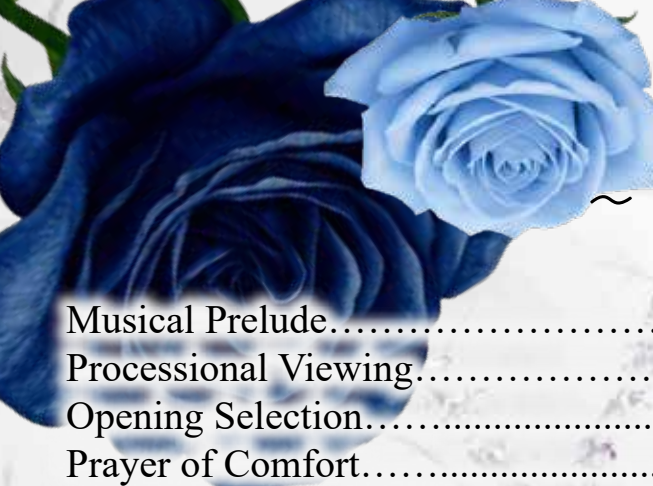
William
HERBERT REED
AUGUST 2, 1934 — AUGUST 7, 2026

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith"
2 Timothy 4:7

~ Celebration ~
Sunday, August 16, 2026
2:00 Post Meridian

~ Held At ~
St. Peter African Methodist Episcopal Church
Gifford, South Carolina 29923

~ Officiates ~
Rev. Jessie Townsend; Presiding
Rev. Tanzala Shankin Jennings; Pastor/Eulogist



~ Order of Worship ~

Musical Prelude.....Soft Music
Processional Viewing.....Clergy, Family, Friends
Opening Selection..... “Amazing Grace”Choir
Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Albert M. James
(2nd Providence Baptist Church; North Augusta, SC)

The Blessed Scripture Readings:
Old Testament.....Rev. Margaret Scott
New Testament.....Rev. Joseph Scott
Solo.....Pastor Francine Pearce

Remembering Our Beloved William: (2 Minutes, Please)
As A Brother.....Elder Ernest Reed
As A Church Member..... Bro. Louis Mitchell
As A Neighbor.....Bro. Bobby Martin
As A Friend..... Pastor Gilbert Hill
As A Nephew.....Min. James E. Reed

Acknowledgements.....M.F. Riley’s Staff
Selection.....Choir
Words of Comfort..... Rev. Tanzala Shankin Jennings
Director’s Memorial.....M.F. Riley’s Staff
Benediction
Recessional
Postlude

Memorial Repository
Ebenezer Holy Church Cemetery
Estill, South Carolina
Committal ~ Prayer ~ Benediction

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

As the family of William Herbert Reed, we are grateful for the outpouring of love and support that we’ve received during his illness and our thrust into bereavement. Your calls, texts, cards, floral arrangements, offers of service and other gifts of love, have truly blessed our souls, and will never be forgotten. May God bless all of you for whatever part you played in consoling our hearts. We ask that you keep us in your prayers as we endeavor to accept to God’s will.

*With Love,
The Reed Family*

Our Dearest Dad

*We’ll 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 Dad
because they’ll never be another one
to replace you in our hearts,
and the love you have always shown.
Forever is a long time
and that’s how long we will love you!*

*Your Loving Daughters,
Betty and Myrna*

The Broken Chain

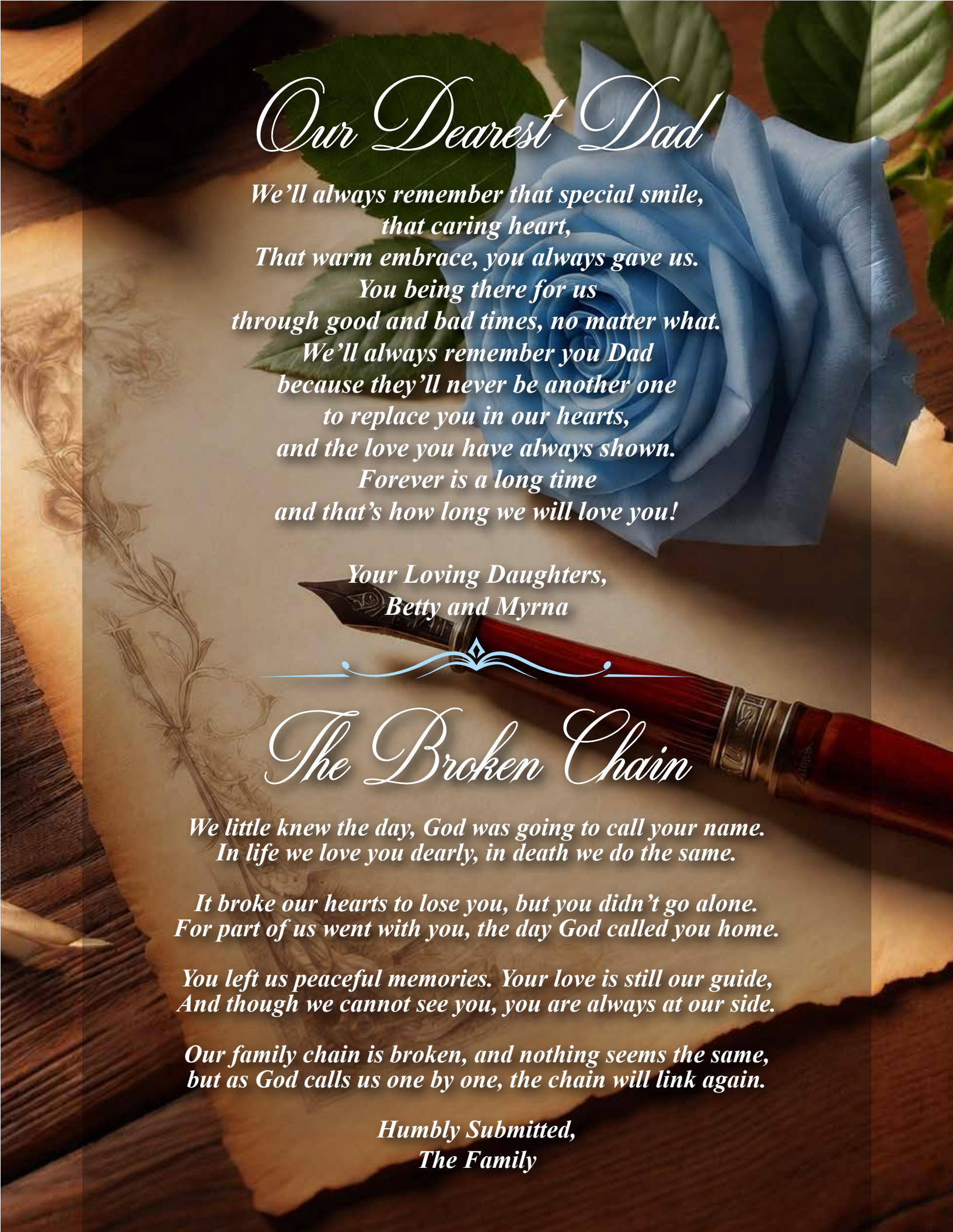
*We little knew the day, God was going to call your name.
In life we love you dearly, in death we do the same.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn’t go alone.
For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.*

*You left us peaceful memories. Your love is still our guide,
And though we cannot see you, you are always at our side.*

*Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same,
but as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.*

*Humbly Submitted,
The Family*





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.”

William Herbert Reed, was born on August 2, 1934, in Allendale County, South Carolina, to the late Claude Best and the late Pearl Reed.

William’s faith and belief in God were evident from an early age. He united in membership with Saint Peter African Methodist Episcopal Church; Gifford, South Carolina.

He was a proud graduate of Allendale High School and furthered his education at Denmark Technical School. He later relocated to Brooklyn, New York, where he began a long and dedicated career with the United States Postal Service, serving for more than 32 years.

After relocating to Brooklyn, New York, he became a member of Bethel Tabernacle African Methodist Episcopal Church. It was during this chapter of his life that he was joined in holy matrimony to the late Elizabeth C. Reed.

William had a genuine love for driving. In addition to his work as a tractor-trailer driver for the United States Postal Service, he enjoyed driving charter buses for church and community outings. His passion for the open road took him across the country, allowing him to travel through many states as a long-distance tractor-trailer driver.

He was an active and faithful church member, serving as a trustee and lending his voice to the choir. William was a man of few words, but as the saying goes, still waters run deep. His words of wisdom, humor, and captivating responses will forever remain a cherished part of his legacy. Among his favorite sayings were:

“Love you and ain’t nothing you can do about it.”
“Well, we see what happens.”
“Show enough!!”
“Just one of those things.”
And, most importantly, “Leave it in God’s hands.”

His presence, wisdom, humor, and love touched the lives of many. Though he may have been a man of few words, the love he shared spoke volumes and will continue to live on in the hearts of those who knew him.

He peacefully departed this life on August 7, 2026, at the blessed age of 92, at National Health Center (NHC) in North Augusta, South Carolina.

He leaves to cherish his precious memories: (2) Daughters: Betty Gray Reed; Estill, SC; and caregiver, Myrna (Louis) Corker; Augusta, GA; Special Goddaughter: Shaquana Mills; North Brunswick, NJ; Special Grandson: Keith (Tasha) Reed; Augusta, GA; Special Niece: Pastor Francine Peace; Augusta, GA; Special Niece: Ammie (Rodney) McBain; New York, NY (1); Brother: Elder Ernest Reed; Miami, FL; (3) Sisters: Edith Wright, Hattie Dixon, and Lillie Thompson, all of Gifford, SC; (1) Sister-In-Law: Bessie Brantley; Columbus, GA; (2) Grandsons: Kevin Reed; Estill, SC, and Kumon (Doris) Reed; Norwalk, CT; (4) Godchildren: Jasper Hankerson Jr.; Wingate, NC; Earl (Jessica) Johnson and Shanika Johnson; Staten Island, NY; and Rhonda (Dereck) Ransom; South Plainfield, NJ; A host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and sympathizing friends.

William’s life was a blessing, his memory a treasure, and his love a gift that will never be forgotten. While his earthly journey has ended, the memories he created and the wisdom he shared will continue to live on through generations.

