



FLAY JASPER LEE

Flay Jasper Lee, 73, of Blacksburg, SC, was born on December 1, 1952, to the late Louise Lee Ford in Cherokee County, SC. He passed away on July 23, 2026, at his residence in Durham, NC.

Flay was fondly known as “J, Skybird” by his family. He grew up in a God centered home with his loving grandfather and grandmother, mother, aunts, brothers, and sister in Blacksburg, South Carolina. He loved his home church family and the people that nurtured, prepared, and shaped him. He was the go-to family member as he served and directed the Lee-Ross Family Reunion from 1977 (when it was organized) until 2022. He offered encouragement to the youth and spent lots of time with the elderly.

Flay is the eldest of five siblings born in Gaffney, South Carolina and raised in Blacksburg, South Carolina. He is a born again Christian an Ordained Baptist Deacon and a lifetime member of the Mount Sinai Missionary Baptist Church of Smyrna, South Carolina. He attended the public school system in Cherokee County, South Carolina, attending the segregated system until forced integration came to all public schools in 1967. He graduated from Blacksburg High School then continued his education at South Carolina State University, graduating with a degree in Professional Sociology and a minor in Social Work. He was recruited by the State of South Carolina Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse to obtain his internship in the Addictive Disease field at the State Hospital in Columbia in hopes to recruit and develop young professionals in this human services field.

Upon graduation he began his 43-year career in 1976 with the Cherokee County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse of Gaffney, SC as a Outreach Prevention Educator and Counselor. Flay moved on to Charlotte with the McLeod Center Methadone Clinic becoming a Licensed Clinic Addiction Specialist and Treatment Alternatives to Street Crime Associate within the Mecklenburg County Court System. He became Manager of the County DWI ADETS program and then Associate Director of the Chemical Dependency Center with a Primary Education and Treatment focus on Alcohol Abuse and Addiction of other addictive chemicals. Flay continued his professional journey at Hope Haven, Inc. Addictive Disease Residential Aftercare Facility for single men, women, married couples with children, and women with children fighting addiction to be clean and sober responsible citizens. Flay was the Vice President for Clinical Services while obtaining the state Licensed Clinical Supervisor and International Certified Addictions Counselor. He created the North Carolina Black Substance Abuse Workers Organization. He was elected to the state of North Carolina Substance Abuse Practice Board on four occasions and presided as President for two terms. He attended and completed requirements of

the Mental Health Leadership Academy at The University of North Carolina Chapel Hill with the Kenan-Flagler Business School in 2008. Flay has conducted numerous workshops, trainings, and lectures on various topics in the human services field across the state of North Carolina and United States as well as in Canada, Bermuda, Hawaii, and Guam Department of Mental Health. He was passionate about helping to equip individuals and communities with their needs. Flay was proud to be nominated and received numerous awards that he proudly displayed throughout his home.

Flay is preceded in death by his mother, Louise Ford; sister Betty Stroud; and aunt Laura Pelham.

Flay is survived by his brothers, Malachi (Jacqueline), Sherwin (Wanda), both from Blacksburg, SC, and Alton of Duncan, SC; an aunt, Evelyn Loretta of Durham, NC; brother in law, Otis Stroud of Charlotte, NC; a devoted cousin, Kirk (Vanessa) of Efland, NC; nieces, nephews, and other family members and friends



ORDER OF SERVICE

Rev. Winston Lassiter and Rev. Tanya Lassiter
Presiding

- The Prelude Mr. Donnell Edwards
- The ProcessionalClergy, Family and Friends
- The Reception of Family and Friends. . 12 p.m. -1:00 p.m.
- The Hymn of Assurance . . . Gowdyesville Baptist Church
- The Prayer of ComfortRev. Otis Stroud
- The Reading of the Scriptures
Old Testament. Psalm 27

New TestamentSt. John 14:1-7
- The Selection/Tribute. Mr. Henry Kelly
- The Acknowledgements
- The Tributes (2 minutes, each).Mrs. Diana Duncan
“I Did It My Way” Mr. Donnell Edwards
- The Selection “My Soul Is Anchored In The Lord”
- The Eulogy Rev. Kenneth R. Bell, Pastor
Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church
Smyrna, South Carolina
- The Recessional Selection

INTERMENT

Mt. Sinai Baptist Church
Smyrna, South Carolina

Floral Bearers
Nieces

Pall Bearers
Nephews

Flay Jasper Lee

A golden heart like yours
They are so hard to find
So easy and so pure
So gentle and so kind
Golden heart like ours
They’re rarer than you know
They are sent here from Heaven
With the blink of a stars glow.

A golden heart like yours
Come far and few between
But flow with harmony
Like water through a stream.

A golden heart like yours
It moves us in so many ways
Helps us to get things done
Even on our worst of days.

A golden heart like yours
Is a treasure of its own
And deserves to have a place
Right beside Gods great thrown.

A golden heart like yours
It needs no helping hand
For it has the greatest power
Coming straight from GOD. AMEN

IN GRATITUDE

The family of Flay Jasper Lee would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone for your kind words and support during this difficult time.

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