

A Soldier's Story

For all of you family and friends that are grieving for me

This soldier received his final orders August 2, 2023

My enlistment date was sent from heaven

Signed, sealed and delivered April 1, 1947

My childhood and family gave me a strong foundation

To endure basic training and each life complication

Just like the army, in life I was on the battlefield

I fought personal wars you never would have believed

The army was my life it took me to foreign lands

I stayed true and follow my given

commands

Getting hurt in the Vietnam War was my toughest challenge ever

Nothing could prepare my body, mind or soul for this endeavor

Years and years of pain and agony

Were sometimes unbearable for me

I have had to live with each battle scar

A reminder of things near and far

It was the love of family, friends and a community

That brought me through, with God who wasn't finished with me

This soldier did some wrong and did some right

Even until the end I gave it a good fight

To my family and friends I'm leaving behind

Keep this one thought in your mind

In the days ahead and you feel the need to cry

Good soldiers say I will see you later, they don't say good bye

The Master told me my mission here was completed

My battles have been fought and defeated

Oh Soldier, stand at ease

Of you, I am well pleased

You have been awarded the greatest victory

To live life with me through out eternity

Vanessa Stroman

(Niece of the heart)

8/7/2023

Pallbearers
Family & Friends

Flower Bearers
Family & Friends



Acknowledgement

We, the family of the late Robert "Rob" Savage, would like to thank each of you for your many acts of kindness that you have shown during our bereavement. It is the thoughtfulness of friends like you that gives us the strength to face the days ahead. May God bless each of you in a very special way.

Special thanks and honor to:

Dorn VA Home Based Primary Care team: Dr Michele Glass, PA Sarah McGlaudin, Nurse Mike Wiedner and Dr Leslie Proctor, Home based pharmacist Mrs. Lorraine Porcher, faithful caretaker for over 2 years
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Medsure Ambulance Service, Billy, Amanda, Tracy, Jay, and Milton

-The Savage Family

Arrangements Entrusted to:

Simmons Funeral Home and Crematory of Orangeburg

Simmons Funeral Home of Santee

Paul A. Simmons, Founder and President
2868 Columbia Road, Orangeburg, SC 29118

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8824 Old #6 Highway, Santee, SC 29142
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Home Going Celebration for Mr. Robert "Rob" Savage

SUNRISE: APRIL 1, 1947

SUNSET: AUGUST 2, 2023



Celebration of Life

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2023 AT 10:00 A.M.

*New Mt. Zion Baptist Church
1785 Amelia Street
Orangeburg, SC 29115*

PASTOR TODD A. BROWN, OFFICIATING

Order of Service

- Prelude.....Musician
- Processional..... Clergy & Family
- Opening Hymn..... "It Is Well With My Soul"
- Scripture Reading
- Old Testament.....Psalm 23
- New Testament.....John 14:1-6
- Prayer of Comfort.....Gretta Savage
- Poem.....Gretta Savage
- Solo..... Mrs. Dorothy Butler, First Cousin
"Thunder"
- Reflections (2 Minutes, Please)
- Church Member..... Deacon Charlie Spell
- Childhood Friend..... Leroy Doby
- Childhood Friend..... Howard Bush
- Classmate..... Johnny Williams
- Family..... Deacon Roger Savage, Retired LTC
- Sermonic Selection..... Choir
- Words of Comfort..... Pastor Todd A. Brown
- Recessional..... "Soon And Very Soon"

Interment and Military Honors

Fort Jackson National Cemetery
Columbia, South Carolina



Reflections of Life

"Though He causes grief, yet He will show compassion,
according to the multitude of His mercies"
Lamentations 3:32(NKJV)

Mr. Robert "Rob" Savage was born April 1, 1947 in Barnwell County, South Carolina to John and Susie Savage. He passed away on August 2, 2023, peacefully in his home, surrounded by love.

Robert was educated in the public schools of Barnwell County and was a 1967 graduate of Kelly Edwards High School. He then served proudly in the United States Army, where he earned a Purple Heart in 1970. Following his honorable service, he attended Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College, earning an associate's degree in 1972. He was employed by AYP as a Maintenance Supervisor until his retirement.

Robert accepted Christ at an early age and held membership at St. Peters Baptist Church, Elko, South Carolina and later New Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Orangeburg, South Carolina.

He was preceded in death by his parents; loving stepmother, Irene Savage; and aunt, Mattie Savage Harley who both reared him and supported him throughout their lives; siblings: Johnnie Mae Simmons, Janie Jones, Mildred Savage, Clayree Linder, Levi Brown; favorite brother-in-law two grandsons: Branson Sanders and Alshaquire Duval; and his beloved granddaughter, Mrs. Jordan Alexis Bowden.

Rob is survived by his five children: Yolanda Duval, Simona Young, Elvira East (Chris), Gretta Savage-Hill and Kerick Sanders; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; grandson-in-law, Thomas Bowden Jr.; siblings: Cleopatra "Cleo" Dixson, Vernell "Jenny" Savage, John (Dessie) Savage, Gloria (Glory) Savage, Charles (Carolyn) Savage and Retired LTC Deacon Roger (Janice) Savage. one uncle, Roosevelt "Bip" (Dorothy) Savage; host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends; special cousins: Linda Corry, Quincy Harley and Hosey Savage Jr. Tyrone Moseley; special friends: Booker T. Toler, Laverne (Larry) Smith, Pastors Vernon Middleton and Thomas Sims, Roosevelt Hezekiah, Ronald Sumpter, Willie Faust, Leroy Doby, Howard Bush who served with him in Vietnam, Fred Small and Pemell Weathersbee; sons of his heart: Johnny Disher and Roosevelt Berry; and sisters of his heart: Hattie Moseley, Beverly Ashley; and sister-in-law of the heart, Fyphine Mickle.