



Pallbearers
Family & Friends

Flower Bearers
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Interment
2:00pm, Monday, July 7, 2025
Ft. Jackson National Cemetery
Columbia, SC



Acknowledgement
The family of Mr. Stephen Brunson would like to express their sincere appreciation for your prayers, concerns, acts of love, and expressions of kindness shown to us during our time of bereavement. May God bless each of you in a very special way.

-The 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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Celebrating the Life and Service of
MR. STEPHEN BRUNSON
JANUARY 16, 1954 - JUNE 27, 2025



Monday, July 7, 2025 - 11:00am
Simmons Funeral Home Chapel
2868 Columbia Road
Orangeburg, SC 29118

Order of Service

Prelude..... Soft Music

Processional/Final Viewing..... Clergy & Family

Hymn of Praise “Goodness of God”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament..... Sister Mary Fields

New Testament..... Sister Dorothy Parker

Prayer..... Sister Eartha Fields

*Solo..... Sis. Usheka Haggood and Sis. Shekauria Foster
“Eye Is On The Sparrow”*

*Remarks..... Sister Yolanda Brunson Sarrabo
Brother Kenny Wannamaker
Brother Henry Hagood*

Poem..... Sister Stephanie Wooten

Acknowledgements..... Sister Joyce Brunson

Selection..... Daquan Benford

Words of Comfort..Minister Stephen Brunson, Jr.

Recessional



Reflections of Life

Stephen Brunson
January 16, 1954 – June 27, 2025

Stephen Brunson, 70, was born on January 16, 1954, in Brooklyn, New York. He was one of five siblings, raised by his loving mother, Eartha Mae Brunson. His father was Leroy Brunson Sr. Both parents preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by his siblings Leroy Brunson Jr., Eartha Mae Lawson, and Raymond Brunson. He is survived by his sister, Francine Brunson.

Stephen was a quiet, introspective man who found peace in life's simple pleasures. He enjoyed gardening, watching sports and classic cowboy shows, and playing spades with family and friends. Though he didn't socialize widely, those welcomed into his inner circle were deeply valued—each one someone he admired and respected.

Stephen deeply loved his wife and her family. Though he didn't always say it aloud, he appreciated their presence and support throughout his life. Known for his sharp sense of humor and quiet strength, *Stephen* was a respected and steady presence to all who knew him. He also had a special fondness for animals and shared a loving bond with his cat, Ethan.

Stephen was raised in Brooklyn, New York, and attended Boys and Girls High School, later attending Job Corps. In 1973, he joined the U.S. Army, driven by a desire to provide for his growing family and to serve his country. A dedicated and hardworking man, *Stephen* spent over 30 years employed with the United States Postal Service before retiring. Gifted with his hands, he had a knack for fixing things and later earned certifications in locksmithing, welding, and plumbing—skills he took great pride in.

Stephen was married to his beloved wife, Aretha Brunson, for 49 years. Their enduring love was the cornerstone of a family built on strength, loyalty, and care.

He leaves behind a legacy of love and cherished memories, survived by his devoted wife, Aretha Brunson; three daughters, Jennifer Hedges (Gerald), Joyce Brunson, and Stephanie Wooten; two sons, Stephen Brunson Jr. (Gracey) and Michael Brunson; as well as a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, in-laws, extended family members, and friends.

Stephen's life was one of quiet strength, steady love, and enduring presence. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all who were fortunate enough to know and love him.