When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me
And I’m not here to see.
If the sun should rise and find your eyes
All filled with tears of me;
I wish so much you wouldn’t cry
The way you did today,
While thinking of the many things,
We didn’t get to say.
But when tomorrow starts without me,
Please try to understand,
That an angel came and called my name,
And took me by the hand,
And said my place was ready,
In heaven far above,
And that I’d have to leave behind,
All those I dearly love.
I know how much you love me,
As much as I love you...
And each time you think of me,
I know you’ll miss me, too.
So when tomorrow starts without me,
Don’t think we’re far apart...
For every time you think of me,
I’m right here in your heart.

- Helen Steiner Rice -

Honorary Pallbearers
Alfred Guess    William Irick    Melvin Jones
George Patterson Joseph Rice John Robinson
Charles Watson, Jr. Richard Woodrow

Pallbearers
United States Army Honor Guard

Floral Bearers
Jacqueline Chaplin Gwendolyn Irick
Mary Mayo Jennifer Williams
Jessica Williams Marilyn Wardley

Acknowledgement
We, the family of Mr. Larry Anthony Benbow, acknowledge with grateful appreciation all the acts of kindness shown to us during our time of great sorrow. Continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers. May the peace of God which surpasses all understanding rest, rule, and abide in our hearts forever.

Services Entrusted To:
Leevy's Funeral Home
Taylor Street Chapel
1831 Taylor Street
Columbia, SC 29201
(803) 771-1799

Lower Richland Chapel
9120 Gammers Ferry Road
Bipkin, SC 29061
(803) 716-6922

Reverend Dr. Melody K. Scott

Obituary

“For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we died to the Lord so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s for to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.” Romans 14:7-9

Mr. Larry Anthony Benbow, affectionately known as “Freaky Boy,” was born on December 24, 1954 in Columbia, South Carolina. He was the sixth of seven children born to the late Leon and Louise Rivers Benbow. On Tuesday, February 2, 2016, Larry answered the call from our Heavenly Father and peacefully entered into eternal rest.

Larry received his formal education in the public schools of Richland County, South Carolina and was a 1974 graduate of Dreher High School. After graduation, Larry decided to serve his country and enlisted in the United States Army. His dream of becoming a paratrooper was fulfilled with the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

After being honorably discharged, Larry accepted employment with the S.C. Department of Corrections as a correctional officer at the Central Correctional Institute (CCI). After the CCI building was demolish, Larry was promoted to a Senior Correctional Officer and continued his career at the Broad River Road Department of Corrections, where he remained until his disability retirement in 2005.

Larry accepted Christ as his Lord and personal Savior and joined First Nazareth Baptist Church, where he became an active member and served as a member of the Brotherhood Chorus. He was also a member of the Prince Hall Free and Accepted Mason Corinthian Lodge #11 and a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign War Post 4252. In his spare time, “Freaky-Boy” enjoyed social gatherings, going out to eat and conversing with family and friends. He was a kind and caring person, who always extended a helping hand to those in need.

Larry was married to the former Queen Gillie and from this union a daughter, Brandy L. Benbow was born. He later met and married the former Barbara Cooper and from this union a son, Larry A. Benbow, Jr. was born.

Larry was a loving son, brother, father, and uncle. He was preceded in death by: his parents; his son, Larry A. Benbow, Jr.; and a sister, Paulette McLaughlin.

Mr. Larry Anthony Benbow leaves to cherish his precious memories and a legacy of love: his daughter, Brandy L. Benbow, of Columbia, South Carolina; step-daughter, Melissa Brewer, of Charleston, South Carolina; two sisters, Shirley Williams and Catherine (Harvey) Lewis, both of Columbia, South Carolina; three brothers, Leon Benbow (Anna Steele), of Jacksonville, Florida, Johnny Lee (Dorothy) Benbow, of Rock Hill, South Carolina, and Paul (Janie) Benbow, of Columbia, South Carolina; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, many other loving relative and dear friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Memories

A Service of Remembrance

Prelude
Processional
Viewing .................................................Funeral Directors
Opening Selection ........... “Father Along” ............ FNBC Choir
Scripture Reading- I Corinthians 15: 50-57 ................. Minister
Prayer of Comfort ................................Reverend Ellis White, Jr.
Selection............................................ The Brotherhood Chorus
Remarks................................. Church – Deacon Marcus Davis Community – Mr. Elbert Pearson
Friend – Mr. Melvin Harris
Selection ............................................. FNBC Choir
Family Tribute ...................................... Mrs. Valeria Curry, Niece
Selection.................. “Jesus Cares” ................. FNBC Choir
Words of Comfort..............................Reverend Dr. Blakely N. Scott
Recessional........ “Jesus and Me” ................. FNBC Choir
Postlude

Committal, Benediction and Interment
2:00 p.m.
Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road
Columbia, South Carolina