

REST IN PEACE

by Grace E. Easley

“Rest in peace,” how much this says,
Be free of pain no more to weep.
Find joy that never ends, possess
New life that here you could not keep.

“Rest in peace,” and though we grieve,
Reaching for your hand in vain,
Our faith is such that we believe
That all of us shall meet again.

“Rest in peace,” the drums are still,
The smoke has cleared, the battle’s done.
And now forever yours to keep
The golden prize that you have won.

Against the sunrise on the hill,
Your colors wave upon the breeze,
With shield of honor, lance of truth,
You overcame with such as these.

No dirge of sorrow shall we play,
For one who goes to meet the Lord.
Could but we all be Heaven’s guests,
As you receive your just reward.

Dear blessed sleep that merely marks
The ending of a holy quest,
Your gentle touch remains upon
The hearts of those who loved you best.



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IN APPRECIATION

The family of the late **Mr. Ben W. Butler** gratefully acknowledges and sincerely appreciates all expressions of love, care, and concern shown during the passing of our beloved. We extend special thanks to Jimmie Reid for consistently being present and faithfully showing up when needed throughout Ben’s illness. May God richly bless each of you for your kindness and compassion.

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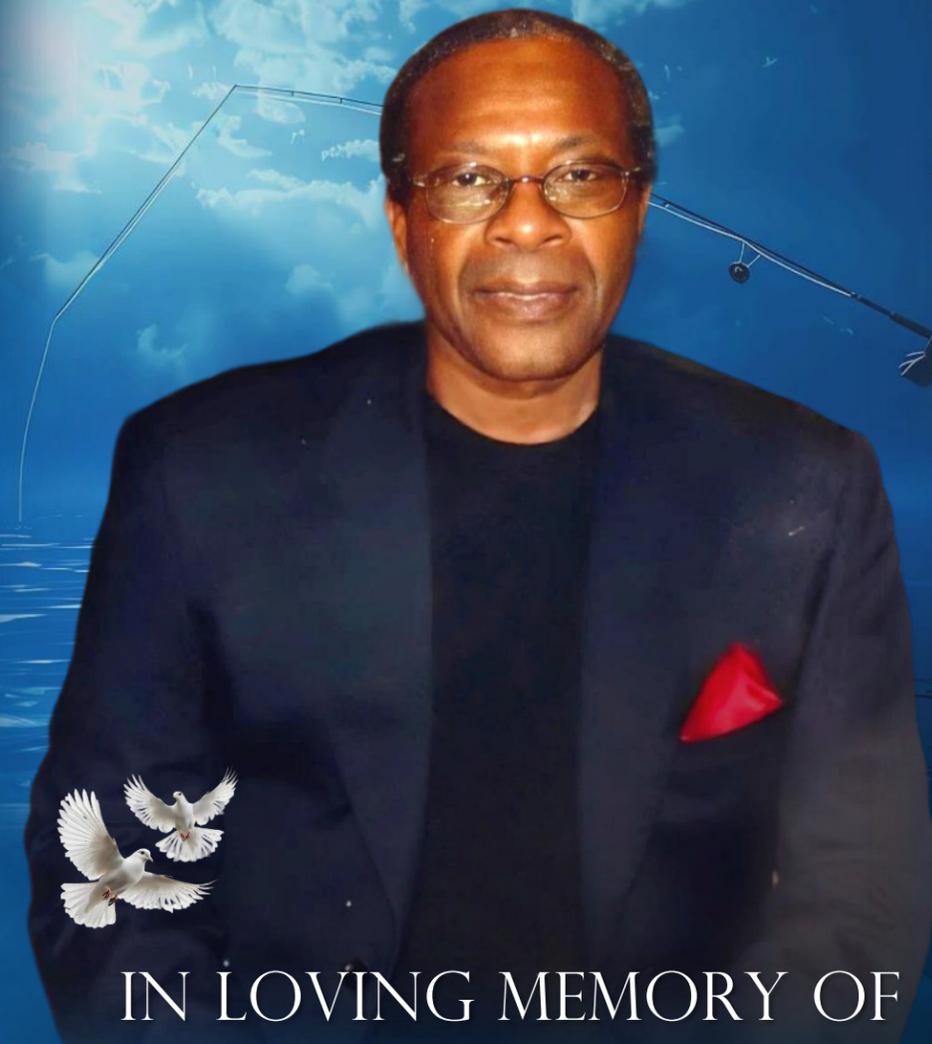


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IN LOVING MEMORY OF
BEN WILBUR

Butler

NOVEMBER 3, 1945 – JANUARY 23, 2026

Wednesday, January 28, 2026 | 11:00 A.M.

Greater Emanuel AME Church

1174 Doctor Evans Road | Moncks Corner, SC

Reverend Samuel D. Johnson, Sr., Pastor

OBITUARY

Ben Wilbur Butler was born on November 3, 1945, in Moncks Corner, South Carolina, son of the late Robert and Elouise Butler. Affectionately known as “Razor” and “Pukolou,” Ben received his education in the Berkeley County school system.

On November 9, 1968, Ben was united in holy matrimony to Idabelle “Jessie” Wheeler. They were blessed with four children.

Ben began his faith journey at Grace Reformed Episcopal Church. After relocating to New York City, he joined Progressive Baptist Church. Upon returning home to South Carolina, he became a member of Greater Emanuel AME Church, where he served faithfully.

Ben loved sports and found joy in football, basketball, baseball, and tennis. He was known for his fun-loving spirit and also enjoyed spending time fishing. Above all else, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren were the joy and love of his heart.

Ben peacefully departed this life on January 23, 2026, at his home, surrounded by the love of his family.

In addition to his parents, Ben was preceded in death by two brothers and three sisters.

He leaves to cherish his loving memory: his devoted wife, Idabelle “Jessie” Butler; daughter, Colleen Wheeler; sons, Eric (Kimberly) Butler, Gary Butler, and Keith (Pariss) Butler; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; sisters, Betty Butler and Deloris Anderson; brothers-in-law, Theodore Reid, Jerry (Doreen) Reid, and Jimmie Reid; sisters-in-law, Evelyn (Maurice) Edgerton, Mildred (Richard) Smalls, and Cynthia Reid; along with a host of nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, cousins, other relatives, and dear friends.



ORDER OF *Service*

*Reverend Samuel D. Johnson, Sr., Officiating
Pastor Tory Liferidge, Presiding*

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

FINAL VIEWING

HYMN #364

“My Hope Is Built”

PRAYER

Pastor Tory Liferidge

SELECTION

Greater Emanuel Choir

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament – Psalm 23
New Testament – John 14:1-6

Reverend Elaine Thar
Elder Anna B. Gibbs

SOLO

Brother Joseph Butler

REFLECTIONS:

Class Leader
Grandchildren Tribute

Brother Samuel Rivers
Jessica Nichols

POEM

Mecca Butler

MUSICAL TRIBUTE

Reverend Myron Tucker
272 “Pass Me Not” and #393 “Precious Lord”

RESOLUTION & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Sister Jettie Ellington

SERMONIC HYMN #448

“It is Well with My Soul”

WORDS OF COMFORT

Pastor Samuel D. Johnson, Sr.

THE COMMITTAL SERVICE

THE FINAL BENEDICTION

INTERMENT

Taylor Heirs Resting Place
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PRECIOUS MEMORIES