



Bennie Lee Crowell

January 27, 1948 - December 30, 2016

Bennie Lee Crowell was the fourth of seven children born to the late Leander and Rosa Crowell on January 27, 1948, in Winston Salem, NC. Mr. Crowell entered into eternal rest Friday, December 30, 2016, at WJB Dorn VA Hospital.

Educated in the Winston Salem Public School system, Mr. Crowell earned his diploma from Carver High School as a member of the Class of 1967. Following his graduation, Mr. Crowell enlisted in the US Army where he would proudly serve for 20 years, ultimately attaining the rank of Sergeant First Class.

While on leave, Mr. Crowell's sister invited him to her friend's house for a night of fellowship and cards. There he met the love of his life, Emma Norris. In 1971, the couple married and to this union were born two children: Francoise Crowell and the late Bennie Lee Crowell, II.

After retiring from the Army, Mr. Crowell relocated his family to Columbia, SC, where he diligently worked for the US Postal Service for five years before retiring. A proud veteran, Mr. Crowell held memberships in both the Combat Veterans Association and the VFW. An avid card player, he often travelled with the Columbia Enforcers Pennoncelle Club throughout the US to tournaments and other engagements.

In addition to his parents and son, Mr. Crowell was preceded in death by his sister, Juanita Johnson.

Mr. Crowell leaves to cherish precious memories his beloved wife of 45 years, Mrs. Emma Crowell of Columbia; a daughter, Françoise Crowell of Columbia; two grandchildren: Xavier Crowell and Diandria Crowell-Davis, both of Columbia; four sisters: Martha Cross, Ruthie Davis, Shirley (Willie) Singeltary, and Catharine (William) Heyer, all of Winston Sales; a brother, Lysander Crowell of Winston Salem; his mother-in-law, Albertha Odom of Winston Salem; two sisters-in-law: Daisy Glover of Orangeburg, SC, and Mary (Joseph) Shivers of HUDson, NY; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and firends who will dearly miss his presence.

Cemetery Details

Fort Jackson National Cemetery

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN 8. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Columbia
1200 Fontaine Place
Columbia, SC 29223
(803) 786-6300
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Public Viewing

JAN 9. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

JAN 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Graveside service

JAN 9. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *knew Bennie in RVN 1969 GOOD MAN I am sure he will be missed*

dennis - June 04, 2025 at 04:01 PM



“ *Bennie Lee Crowell*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *Patricia Lewis lit a candle in memory of Bennie Lee Crowell*



Patricia Lewis - January 09, 2017 at 12:25 AM



“ *My name is Patricia Lewis,I moved here in2004 I meet Bennie,he was kool until he got to know me, Lol!! But he had a look in his eyes to let you know.I would laugh,then he would say leave me alone, I'm playing cards.One of the best I meet. R.I.P*

Patricia Lewis - January 09, 2017 at 12:24 AM

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“ *RIP Bennie: Columbia Enforcera Pinochle Club, Mr Lillywood Dillard*

Mr. Lillywood Dillard - January 08, 2017 at 09:49 AM