



Mr. Donald Chaney

August 17, 1955 - February 15, 2025

Donald Chaney was born August 17, 1955 in Sumter, South Carolina. He was born to the late Estelle Ballard Chaney and Francis Chaney Sr. He was the baby boy of four boys and one girl. Known affectionately as “Duck” or “Don”. Donald began his education at St. Jude Catholic School and graduated in the class of 1972. After graduating high school he enlisted into the United States Army and served until he was honorably discharged in 1984. After getting out of the military he worked at Exide for a number of years until he decided to get his CDL and became a truck driver which he did for about fifteen years. Upon his death he was working at Clark Law Firm.

Donald grew up in the Catholic religion, where his family were lifelong members of St. Jude Catholic Church. But as he grew deeper in his path of becoming a Christian, he started attending First Baptist Missionary Church. Where he has been attending for the last fourteen years.

Donald was a simple but organized man, who would give or do anything for anyone. He enjoyed sports, especially attending the USC and NBA basketball games. He also loved traveling out of town for a good meal.

In addition to his parents and brothers he was preceded in death by his daughter, Sherena Veronica Chaney-Wade.

He leaves to cherish precious memories his two daughters, Ebony Maxwell, Jacksonville, FL and Michelle Chaney, Columbia, SC; his two sons, Franco Pressley and Donald J. Chaney both of Columbia, SC; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; sister, Celestine Jackson, Sumter, SC; sister-in-law, Lourena Chaney (Melvin), Gable, SC; a special cousin, Rodney Ballard; and friend, John Clark whom he looked at like his brother; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He will be greatly missed by his loved ones and all who cherished him. He will remain in our hearts forever.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

FEB **26**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Sumter
304 South Main Street
Sumter, SC 29150
(803) 773-3381
palmermemorialchapel@sc.rr.com
<https://www.palmermemorialchapel.com>

Homegoing Celebration

FEB **27**. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Missionary Church
219 South Washington St.
Sumter, SC 29150

Interment

FEB **27**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road
Columbia, SC 29223

Tribute Wall

RH

“ *Praying for the family.*

Rev. & Mrs. O. J. Hannah - February 27, 2025 at 10:16 AM

SF

“ *My deepest condolences to the family for your loss.*

*Stephanie Fullwood
St. Jude's High School*

Stephanie Fullwood - February 27, 2025 at 08:15 AM

TF

“ *Sending our sincere sympathy and
condolences and prayers to the family and
relatives and friends.*



Tammy Harrison Edwards and Family - February 26, 2025 at 05:01 AM

LJ

“ *A lifetime of memories leave with "Duck's" passing. No time in my
growing up was there not memory with the Chaney and
Campbell/Nelson family. Most of mine with him. He will be missed
and I am glad that we were able to reconnect in his last days. SIP
until we meet again.*

Lee Roy Campbell Jr. - February 25, 2025 at 05:02 PM

MM

“ Our heartfelt condolences to the family of Donald Chaney from the Fleming Family. Donald's Mom and my Mom were best friends during our childhood years and our siblings grow up together as members of the St. Jude school and church family. Our sincere prayers to the Family. We are very sad to hear this news. Mrs. Emma Fleming and Family

Mrs. Muhammad - February 22, 2025 at 02:46 AM

SY

“ I'm so sorry that I am unable to be present with you at this time. You and your whole family are very much in my prayers. I will also ask the sisters to pray for each of you. There are no adequate words.

I treasure my memories of Donald and your family while I was teaching at St. Jude's so many years ago [I served in Sumter 3 times]. Whenever there was a "chance meeting," a happy surprise, his wonderful smile would light up the room, and his desire to help others will never be forgotten.

I was so happy when he called and came to see me for a special visit while I was in Sumter in October, 2019. The Sisters were celebrating our 200th anniversary of the Sisters of St. Mary around the world.

He reached out to everyone. Donald held a special place in all of our hearts as well.

You share his gifts and are all such fine, caring and giving people.

*Bless you all,
Sister Corinne Yarborough, SSMN*

Sister Corinne Yarborough - February 21, 2025 at 09:18 PM

RG

“ I went to St. Jude Catholic School with the Chaney Family. Donald and my sister was classmates. I rem6that Donald always had this big smile on his face. He was always happy go lucky. But when he wanted to be serious he could do that too. My brother, sister and I send our deepest sympathy to the Chaney family.

Ruby Gaillard-Jones - February 21, 2025 at 07:23 PM

MK

“ Sending prayers and condolences to the family such a beautiful person Marie Knox

Marie kn - February 21, 2025 at 05:06 PM

GJ

“ To the Chaney family, our thoughts and prayers are with you. Donald was a great member and supporter of the First Baptist Missionary Church. He will be missed



George Windley Jr. - February 20, 2025 at 01:44 PM