



Joseph Samuel Rhett, Sr.

September 11, 1945 - January 1, 2017

Joseph Samuel Rhett, Sr. was born September 11, 1945 in Columbia, South Carolina. He was the son of the late Victoria Rhett.

He departed this earthly life on Sunday, January 1, 2017, at his home in Columbia, South Carolina. Joseph attended Elementary School in Irmo, South Carolina, and graduated Salutatorian from Richlex High School in 1963. He joined Pine Grove AME Church at an early age. Joseph served his country honorably in the United States Air Force and served a tour in Vietnam. With his great love for sports, he played basketball at Richlex High School and also during his military tour.

He began his career in 1967 at the U.S. Postal Service; and after serving 35 years, he retired from the Eau Claire Post Office. He received many awards and honors for his dedication and loyalty.

While employed at the U.S. Postal Service, he met and married Mary Lee Riley on September 6, 1969. Later he adopted her son, Michael.

Joseph leaves to cherish fond memories his four children: Michael Rhett, Joseph (Stephanie) Rhett, Jr., Crystal Rhett, and Erika Rhett, all of Columbia, South Carolina; six grandchildren: Marcus Evans, Ashlon Rhett, Dévon Rhett, Malcolm Rhett, Autumn Alston, and Amaya Rhett; one uncle, Charles Rhett; one aunt, Betty Corley; and a host of great-grandchildren, in-laws, nieces,

nephews, cousins, family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Fort Jackson National Cemetery

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN 5. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Columbia
1200 Fontaine Place
Columbia, SC 29223
(803) 786-6300
palmermemorialchapel@gmail.com
<https://www.palmermemorialchapel.com>

Public Viewing

JAN 6. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

The Potter's Christian Life Center
2700 Haymarket Road
Columbia, SC 29210

Celebration of Life

JAN 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside service

JAN 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

Fort Jackson National Cemetery

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Samuel Rhett, Sr.*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *RIP JOE, co-worker USPS. Mr. Lillywood Dillard.*

Mr.Lillywood Dillard - January 08, 2017 at 09:45 AM



“ *To my cousin Joesph may he Rest In Peace
Love your cousin, Brenda*

Brenda Graham - January 05, 2017 at 07:30 PM