



Rev. Matthew Joseph Reeves

January 12, 1922 - April 4, 2019

Born in the Richland County section of Irmo, South Carolina on January 12, 1922 to the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. (Carrie B.) Reeves. He was the second of eight children. He departed this life on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at the Dorn Veterans Administration Hospital in Columbia, South Carolina. A life-long resident of Irmo, he attended the Harbison Parochial School in Richland County. He enlisted in the United States Army in July of 1943 and served in World War II on the front lines as a Truck Driver in the Battle of Normandy (the largest amphibious invasion in history), Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. He received the European - African - Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with four bronze service stars and the Victory Medal for his valiant service.

At an early age, He accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior and he joined St. Paul AME Church where he saw many members of his family serve as preachers, pastors, and church builders. Rev. Reeves was married to his devoted wife, Mrs. Seretha Bookert Reeves and to this union, seven children were born. He was ordained as a local elder of the AME Church and served as such at St. Paul AME until his health declined. He was also the Father of the church. Rev. Reeves loved hunting, fishing, gardening, and sports. He loved life and lived with a joyful spirit and a keen sense of humor, always making people laugh. He drew his strength from his strong faith in the Lord and was affectionately called the "Iron Man" by his children, and his nieces

and nephews. Additionally, he owned a logging business and provided jobs for many in the Irmo and surrounding community. He later retired from the maintenance department of Lexington/Richland School District Five.

In addition to his parents, a son, Donald Lewis Reeves, preceded him in death. Two brothers and four sisters also preceded him in death: The Reverend Roland Reeves, Sr., Erskine Reeves, Sr., Inella Reeves Burkett, Rhudene Reeves Ashford, Katherine Reeves Johnson, Mary Reeves Metze, and one foster sister, Ethelene C. Eichelberger.

He leaves to cherish his memory, a devoted wife, Mrs. Seretha Bookert Reeves; two daughters: Rev. Dr. Maxine Reeves Sumpter and Rev. Rhudene Reeves (Carl) Toomer, M. Div., of Irmo, SC; four sons: Ronnie (Veronica) Reeves and Harold J. Reeves of Irmo; Rev. Dr. Morgan Bruce Reeves of Winnsboro, SC, Tony (Dr. Geri) Reeves of Hendersonville, TN; seventeen grandchildren; seventeen great-grandchildren; sister, Hortense Whetstone of Columbia, SC; daughter-in-law, Dovey Reeves of Charlotte, NC; sisters-in-law, Ruth Exum and Diana Bookert of Columbia, SC; brother-in-law, Theodore Calhoun of West Virginia; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.

He often quoted or sang the following favorite words, "It's getting late in the evening and the sun is going down. If I don't wake up in the morning, everything will be alright."

Cemetery Details

St. Paul AME Church Cemetery - Irmo

835 Kennerly Road
Irmo, SC 29063

Previous Events

Public Viewing

APR **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul AME Church - Irmo
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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Matthew Joseph Reeves*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *To the family of "Mack" Reeves .I am sorry for your loss. We always called him Mack when he would come around in his truck with okra and produce. I have always felt an affection for him and will miss him too.*

Joan Beckham, a Kennerly Road Neighbor

Joan Beckham - April 17, 2019 at 09:46 PM



“ *Jackie Parks lit a candle in memory of Rev. Matthew Joseph Reeves*



Jackie Parks - April 14, 2019 at 09:33 AM



“ *Carrie R. Nelson and Family*



Carrie R. Nelson - April 10, 2019 at 11:16 AM

VB

“ *You will be missed Uncle Mack. Will always love you.*

Your niece,

Valerie Ashford Brown

Valerie Brown - April 09, 2019 at 08:17 PM

MR

“ *Marvin Reeves lit a candle in memory of Rev.
Matthew Joseph Reeves*



Marvin Reeves - April 09, 2019 at 06:18 PM

JW

“ *To the Family:*

*At our lowest
God is OUR Hope
At our darkest
God is OUR Light
At our weakest,
God is OUR Strength
At our saddest,
God is OUR Comforter,*

You are in our thoughts, our hearts, and our prayers.

*Reverend Steven L. Evans
Mrs. Jessica Evans
& St. Paul A.M.E. Church Family
Irmo, South Carolina*

Jackie Woods - April 09, 2019 at 12:13 PM

TC

“ *The Employees at American Paper & Twine Co.
purchased the With Distinction for the family of
Rev. Matthew Joseph Reeves.*



The Employees at American Paper & Twine Co. - April 09,
2019 at 10:55 AM

BC

“ Board of Directors, SC Christian Action Council purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rev. Matthew Joseph Reeves.



Board of Directors, SC Christian Action Council - April 09, 2019 at 10:40 AM

TO

“ The Office of Economic Opportunity purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rev. Matthew Joseph Reeves.



The Office of Economic Opportunity - April 09, 2019 at 09:49 AM

KE

“ Rev. Mack Reeves will be greatly missed.

Kayla Eskew - April 09, 2019 at 09:22 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Matthew Joseph Reeves.



April 09, 2019 at 07:33 AM

SC

“ *To the Family:*

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*Reverend Steven L. Evans & Mrs. Jessica Evans
St. Paul A.M.E. Church Family
Irmo, South Carolina*

St. Paul A.M.E. Church - April 09, 2019 at 06:58 AM

VA

“ *We will miss you dearly Uncle MACK. May you rest in Peace.
Peace be still !*

Vanessa Ashford

Vanessa - April 08, 2019 at 10:27 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for
the family of Rev. Matthew Joseph Reeves.*



April 08, 2019 at 03:24 PM

MB

“ *A very nice tribute to an American hero and wonderful man of faith. As being a close friend of Tony's, wish we could have met him. His generation was truly one of the greatest generations of our times! Please extend our sympathies to all the family. Blessings, Marty & Connie Bass*

Marty & Connie Bass - April 08, 2019 at 03:13 PM