



Mr. Roland William Jacobs

February 28, 1955 - November 26, 2025

Roland William Jacobs passed away peacefully at home in Sumter, SC after a long-time battle with prostate cancer. Roland William Jacobs was born in Logantown, Liberia as the youngest of thirteen children to Leslie Bola Jacobs and Julia Cooper Jacobs. Roland moved to the United States at a young age, living in Queens, New York with an older sibling. Placing a high value on education, Roland earned degrees from Cameron University in Lawton, OK, where he studied political science, economics, business and counseling. He later taught graduate psychology at Cameron University at night and provided family counseling to troubled teens and families at Marie Detty Counseling Services in Lawton, during the day.

He played professional football (American soccer) for the Liberian National Team and the New York Cosmos team. His love for airplanes led Roland to join the United State Air Force in 1973 to start his journey to officer training then pilot training. What he did not know that that the USAF did not accept anyone with corrective lenses to become a pilot, during those days. Heartbroken, he asked for and was given an honorable discharge. Roland's hobbies included building and flying model airplanes. As a introvert, he spent many hours with all types of electronics.

In 1972, he married R. Cynthia Wesley and they raised their children Roland II and Brandy around the world in the Netherlands, Germany and around the

continental United States. He was the strong glue that held his family together for more than 50 years.

Roland was preceded in death by his parents, nine siblings, and many dear aunts, uncles and cousins. He is survived by his wife R. Cynthia Jacobs of Sumter, SC, his son Roland William (Monica A. Coleman) Jacobs II of Wilmington, DE, his daughter Brandiese Ebony Jacobs (Keith) Beverly of Morrisville, NC, granddaughters Arianna Beverly and Karina Beverly and grandson Lincoln William Jacobs and step-grandson Harlem Coleman-Datcher, sister Leslie (Pryde) Bass of University Heights, OH, sister Martha Jacobs of Cleveland, OH and sister Prudence Jacobs of New York City, and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to the family and cancer research. You can donate [HERE](#).

Link: <https://angelink.com/fundraiser-public/5ef550bd-40df-4fad-a4a0-a17457a0f833>

Cemetery Details

Fort Jackson National Cemetery

4170 Percival Road
Columbia, SC 29223

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

A Celebration of Life

DEC 16. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church
401 Dingle Street, Sumter SC, 29150

Interment

DEC 16. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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Tammy Harrison-Edwards - November 30, 2025 at 01:50 PM

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Tammy Harrison-Edwards - November 28, 2025 at 10:29 PM