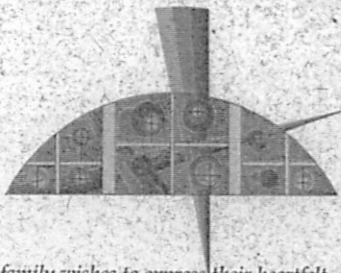




*God saw the road was getting long,
The hills were hard to climb.
He gently closed his weary eyes,
And whispered,
"Peace Be Thine.
His days of toil, his nights of pain,
His weary hours are past.
His patient worn tired frame
Has found sweet rest at last.*



PALMER MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Post Office Box 586
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Columbia, South Carolina 29212
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E. Perry Palmer, Director

The family wishes to express their heartfelt appreciation for the many acts of kindness, encouraging words, and sympathy shown during the passing of their Loved One.

Headlights should be turned on while driving in the funeral procession.

Honorary Pallbearers
Deacons of Gill Creek Baptist Church

Active Pallbearers
Trustees of Gill Creek Baptist Church

Floral Bearers
Missionary Society of Gill Creek Baptist Church

In Appreciation

The family would like to take this opportunity to extend their sincere appreciation for the many kind expressions of sympathy extended to them during their hour of bereavement. May God bless and keep each one of you in His tender, loving care.

- The Family

A Celebration of Life Services

For

MR. TIMOTHY RANDOLPH McCONNELL



Gill Creek Baptist Church
2116 Cushman Drive
Columbia, South Carolina

Monday, February 18, 2002
One O'Clock in the Afternoon

The Reverend Preston H. Winkler
- Interim Pastor -

MR. TIMOTHY RANDOLPH McCONNELL, son of Mr. Virgil and Mrs. Annie Lyles McConnell was born July 15, 1951, in Fairfield County, South Carolina.

He was a graduate of Winnsboro High School and the University of South Carolina where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration and a Masters in Accounting. He was the first Black to be elected Vice President of the University of South Carolina Student Government. As a graduate student, he worked in the office of former Governor John C. West.

He was the first Black to open his own CPA firm, T.R. McConnell and Company, CPA in the state of South Carolina. He served on the Midland Economic Development Board; the University of South Carolina Development Foundation Board and on the Board of Directors of the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce. Mr. McConnell also served as the chairman of the Greater Columbia Community Relations Council where he was instrumental in the integration of private country clubs in the city of Columbia. He was appointed by Governor Carroll Campbell to serve as a Tax Commissioner for the State and later became President and CEO of Victory Savings Bank. He was awarded The Order of the Palmetto By Governor Campbell in 1995.

Mr. McConnell was an active and faithful member of Gill Creek Baptist Church where he chaired its Board of Trustees and was a member of the Sanctuary Choir.

Mr. McConnell is survived by his wife, Mrs. Claudette Fox McConnell; a daughter, Ms. Tiffany McConnell; a son, Mr. Timothy R. McConnell, Jr; his mother, Mrs. Annie Lyles McConnell; his father, Mr. Virgil McConnell of Blair, South Carolina; his sisters, Mrs. Daisy M. Oatman, Brooklyn, NY, Mrs. Dorothy M. Walker, Dearborne, MI, and Mrs. Carolyn Glymph, Columbia, SC; his brothers, Mr. Virgil R. McConnell, Asheville, NC, Mr. Bobby J. McConnell, Columbia, SC; his mother-in-law, Mrs. Mary A. Fox, Charlotte, NC; aunts; uncles; nieces; nephews; and a host of other relatives and friends.

A brother, Johnny R. McConnell, preceded him in death.

"For I have fought a good fight,
I have finished my course. I have kept my faith."

-II Timothy 4:7



He Only Takes The Best

*God saw he was getting tired
And a cure was not to be,
So He put His arms around him
And whispered, "Come with Me"
With tear-filled eyes we watched
Him suffer and fade away.
Although we loved him deeply,
We could not make him stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands put to rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.*

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICES

PRELUDE Mrs. LaTonya Brown Derrick
and Mr. James Gardner, Musicians

PROCESSIONAL "It is Well"

OPENING SELECTION Weeping Mary Gospel Choir

SCRIPTURE READINGS Reverend J.P. Neal

Old Testament.....Psalms 23
New TestamentJohn 14:1-6

PRAYER OF COMFORT

SELECTION "Goin Up Yonder"

REFLECTIONS Ronald Stanley - Trustee
V. Reginald McConnell - Nephew
Thomas C. Salane - Friend

SELECTION "Order My Steps"

WORDS OF COMFORT Reverend Preston H. Winkler

SELECTION "Look at Me, I'm A Testimony"

RECESSIONAL

POSTLUDE

INTERMENT
Greenlawn Memorial Park and Gardens