



## Mr. Christopher Bracey

June 22, 1979 - August 3, 2024

Mr. Christopher "Chris" Bracey, 45, of Chapin, South Carolina entered into eternal rest on Saturday, August 3, 2024 at the Lexington Medical Center. He was born June 22, 1979 in Columbia, South Carolina at Richland Memorial Hospital. He was born to Phyllis Bracey Hollins and the late Dennis Blackwell.

Chris matriculated through the public school systems of Charleston, South Carolina, Orlando, Florida; and Columbia, South Carolina where he graduated from A.C. Flora High School. Chris was baptized at Friendship Baptist Church where he gave his life over to Christ. Through all of his travels, he never removed his membership from Friendship Baptist Church.

ABE1 (AW/SW) Christopher L. Bracey USN Ret. was a proud veteran of the United States Navy. He joined the United States Navy on December 30, 1999, serving his country for 22 years until retiring and being honorably discharged on January 28, 2022. Chris served more than 11 years of sea duty becoming a Blue Nose Sailor during that time, crossing the arctic circle.

Simultaneously, Chris furthered his education, obtaining both his Associate and Bachelor Degrees in Criminal Justice from Columbia Southern University as well as countless military education.

Chris cherished his family and friends and spent countless hours documenting

his memories. Memories ranging from family occasions to his world travels were all meticulously documented via souvenirs, paintings and numerous photo albums. His love of documenting memories and storytelling led to his interest in photography, creating 'Streetlight Images' to share life through his lens.

As a creative, Chris enjoyed writing and was actively working on his first book and memoir. He also enjoyed restoring old school automobiles and gardening in support of his health as his life motto became "Health is Wealth". Chris was an avid traveler with his most recent travels across Africa, a lifelong dream.

Chris is remembered and survived by: his life partner, Candace Wilson; two daughters, Sania Bracey and Kayla Bracey; his mother, Phyllis (Curtis) Bracey Hollins; three brothers, Tavarious (Katrice) Glenn of Anderson, SC, Terrence (Ceira) Blackwell and Bryant Blackwell of Columbia, SC; one sister, Denise (Brent) Blackwell of Columbia, SC; three nieces and one nephew; and a host of loving uncles, relatives and dear friends.

During his time in active duty Chris received the following Decorations, Medals & Ribbons:

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Good Conduct Medal

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal

Meritorious Unit Commendation

Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Navy "E" Ribbon

Sea Service Deployment Ribbon

Navy Pistol Expert Medal

Navy Rifle Sharpshooter Ribbon

## Navy Region Southwest Warrior of the Month

Funeral service will be 3:00 p.m., Saturday, August 10, 2024 at Friendship Baptist Church, 1237 House Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29204. Pastor A. A. Dicks, Sr., officiating. Interment with full military honors will follow in The Promised Land Cemetery. Mr. Bracey will lie in-state at the church one hour prior to the service time.

Public viewing will be held from 12 noon until 6:00 p.m., Friday, August 9, 2024 and from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon, Saturday, August 10, 2024 at A. A. Dicks Funeral Home.

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# Cemetery Details

## The Promised Land Cemetery

1740 Cushman Drive  
COLUMBIA, SC 29204

# Previous Events

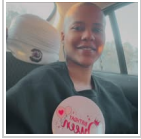
## Funeral Service

AUG 10. 3:00 PM (ET)

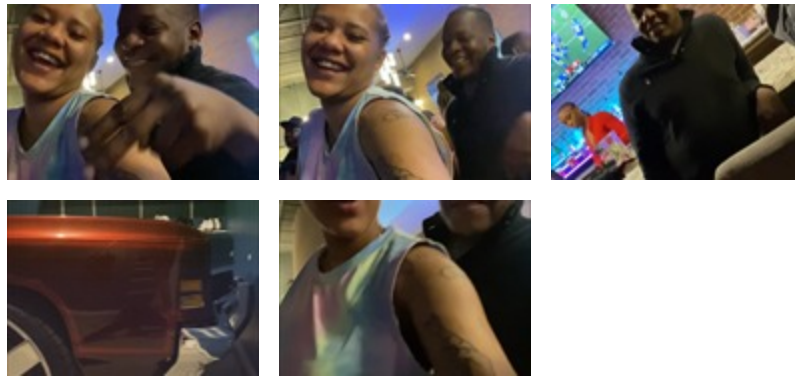
Friendship Baptist Church  
1237 House Street  
Columbia, SC 29204  
(803) 799-8906

*To view the service for Mr. Christopher Bracey, please click on the link: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/15rdgrghcx>*

# Tribute Wall



“ I am so heart broken right now. I just found out today about you being gone. I missed a whole year Chris. You were there for me after I lost my other Chris, you were my friend. I loved every moment we had together. You always talked about your daughters, and traveling, living life. Health is wealth, you even made me try out being a vegan. You showed me all the good things to eat and put me on them lemon drops haha. I wish I had more pictures of you but the little videos I have will work better for me to see your actual personality all the time. Sleep well my friend.



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**Ochandra Mitchell** - November 06, 2025 at 01:02 AM

SM

“ My deepest, deepest condolences. Chris has always had a special place in my heart. Sania and Kayla, I love you and I am always here for you. Candace, babygirl you already know. I find peace in knowing that Chris is no longer suffering and that God's got you. With love-Auntie Senovia.

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**Senovia McMahand** - August 24, 2024 at 11:38 AM

PR

“ My condolences to the Bracey family! My heart hurts so bad. Chris I'm so happy that you were able to do everything you wanted to do! No stones left unturned. I'm so happy to have shared 14 years of friendship and memories with you. Rest well my friend, until we meet again.

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**Precious** - August 20, 2024 at 10:05 AM

PR

“ My condolences to the Bracey family! My heart goes out to you all during this time. One thing I can truly say is everything you set your mind to do Chris, you did it! Meet you in the middle one the ocean only to find out we were from the same town. We have so many wonderful memories over the years and I'm grateful for them, for you. So long my friend, until we meet again.



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**Precious** - August 19, 2024 at 07:54 PM

ED

“ I met Chris when he was stationed in New Jersey. All he talked about was his daughters and traveling. Last time we spoke was in July. I always prayed that he would recover. I just tried to call and it wouldn't go through. I just learned of his passing by searching for him. I am so sorry. I hope his princesses know how much they meant to him. His southern lay back attitude kept this loud Puerto Rican from Jersey calm. I will most definitely miss him. I am so sorry.



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**Ericka Diaz-Fontanez** - August 19, 2024 at 05:17 PM

LO

“ Lorn lit a candle in memory of Christopher Bracey



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**Lorn** - August 11, 2024 at 09:23 AM

JA

“ *Forever in my heart...May you now rest in paradise. ❤️*



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**jaime** - August 10, 2024 at 11:40 PM

JA

“ *Sending my deepest condolences to the family. Ms. Hollins and family so sorry for tit loss. As I shared many memories with Mr. Bracey and he many conversations with him I wanna say I am so proud if him. He lived his best life, he visited all places he wanted to go, he had a good heart and meant well. He loved his family very much and glad he was able to make unforgettable memories. He was a living testimony and proved many wrong, he lived his best life and did not let nothing get in his way. As my heart continues to hurt I can peacefully say he is in good hands of the lord and no longer need to suffer.*



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**jaime** - August 10, 2024 at 02:16 PM

KP

“ *Kandace Patterson lit a candle in memory of Christopher Bracey*



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**Kandace Patterson** - August 10, 2024 at 01:12 PM

CP

“ *Carla Glenn Plumer,*  
*Sending my condolences to your family. Praying God gives you the strength during your time of bereavement.*

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**Carla Glenn Plumer** - August 10, 2024 at 12:04 AM

LS

“ *Prayers*



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**Lydia Mattox Tucker Shumaker** - August 09, 2024 at 11:14 PM

MJ

“ *I send my condolences to the family of Mr Brancey.*



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**M. Jones** - August 08, 2024 at 05:21 PM

TM

“ *Terry & Sharon Mckoy purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Mr. Christopher Bracey.*



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**Terry & Sharon Mckoy** - August 08, 2024 at 10:33 AM

TM

“ Terry & Sharon Mckoy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Christopher Bracey.

Terry & Sharon Mckoy - August 08, 2024 at 10:33 AM

RR

“ Ima miss you forever Unk thank you for everything imma miss the trips the party's an everything you did for us it'll never be the same  
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rah rah - August 07, 2024 at 10:51 PM

MF

“ My Sincere Condolences to Denise and Her Family in the passing of Her beloved Brother, (Christopher). I did not know your brother but, if He was anything like you He was a very loving, caring and kind person always thinking of others. It is very hard to say goodbye to a love one but we do know that His spirit will always be with you and your family. Remember the good times You shared together. His soul is now resting with the Lord. My prayers are with you and your family. I pray God's strength upon you. RIP Christopher. 😊

Mrs. Shell Faye Martin & Family - August 07, 2024 at 10:03 PM

JB

“ Jacqueline Blackwell sent a virtual gift in memory of Christopher Bracey



Jacqueline Blackwell - August 07, 2024 at 06:40 PM

OC

“ Otis & Serita Craft purchased the Rose Impression Casket Spray for the family of Mr. Christopher Bracey.



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Otis & Serita Craft - August 06, 2024 at 11:53 PM

OC

“ Otis & Serita Craft planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Christopher Bracey.

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Otis & Serita Craft - August 06, 2024 at 11:53 PM



“ Man, where do I start. I met this guy 30 years ago. He was the most peaceful, loving and genuine guy I've ever met. Best father, and provider hands down. Love you dude and most definitely won't ever forget you. Condolences to my Bracey family, stay strong and stay together like Chris always kept y'all.



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Otis Craft - August 06, 2024 at 11:39 PM

CN

“ I served with Chris Bracey on the USS Nimitz. We shared many memories together, spent many hours talking about our lives, growing up before the Navy, and we became good friends. So many stories and memories, and laughs. Chris was always supportive, even when he himself was suffering. He was kind, resilient, strong-willed, and humble. We maintained contact all these years and I will miss him (my brother). My deepest condolences to his family.

Colin Navarre - August 06, 2024 at 02:42 PM

JJ

“ Joshua and Judith purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Christopher Bracey.



Joshua and Judith - August 06, 2024 at 02:21 PM

ON

“ Onyx purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Christopher Bracey.



Onyx - August 06, 2024 at 01:30 PM

ON

“ Onyx planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Christopher Bracey.

Onyx - August 06, 2024 at 01:30 PM

JM

“ I served with Chris on the Harry S. Truman. My deepest condolences are with the family and all of his friends during this difficult time.

RIP Shipmate 🙏💙

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**John Mozdien** - August 06, 2024 at 10:29 AM



“ Me n my homie loved Cali as you can see. Rest easy shipmate! To the family... so sorry for yall loss. 😞



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**Larry Porter** - August 06, 2024 at 04:29 AM

VM

“ Valerie Jones (cousin - Flint, MI) lit a candle in memory of Christopher Bracey



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**Valerie Jones (cousin - Flint, MI)** - August 05, 2024 at 11:15 PM

TF

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

*You rest now in peace and thanks for your service our battle buddy. You are the Shining Light over us all now.*



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**Tammy Harrison Edwards and Family** - August 05, 2024 at 08:03 PM

KJ

“ *Kaysona Jones lit a candle in memory of Christopher Bracey*



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**Kaysona Jones** - August 05, 2024 at 07:00 PM

KJ

“ *Man this hurts me but I know you not in pain anymore. We had some good times and could talk about anything. Love you Chris you will be missed!!!!*

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**Kaysona Jones** - August 05, 2024 at 07:00 PM

KJ

“ *Kaysona Jones purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Christopher Bracey.*



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**Kaysona Jones** - August 05, 2024 at 06:53 PM

KJ

“ Kaysona Jones planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Christopher Bracey.

Kaysona Jones - August 05, 2024 at 06:53 PM

GA

“ RIP KING CHRIS!! THANKS FOR HELP RAISE YOUR BOY AND TEACHING ME HOW TO BE SO SMOOTH. LOVE YOU BIG DOG!!

GANTT - August 05, 2024 at 02:08 PM

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“ Sending my sincerest condolences to Chris' Mom - Candace & their children and all family & friends. While going to school with Chris & even attending our friend's wedding - I don't think I've ever heard Chris speak a word. I would hear of Chris' many accomplishments, sadly his health challenges and I must say that he had a Will to live. He made the necessary lifestyle changes in an effort to defeat his illness and live a longer and healthier life. Chris' suffering is now over and I pray that God provides all of his love ones with the strength to endure the pain of losing him and the understanding that HE makes no mistakes 🥹🙏🙏🙏



Tecarla "Tika" - August 04, 2024 at 11:15 PM

PP

“ *Porshe Patterson lit a candle in memory of Christopher Bracey*



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**Porshe Patterson** - August 04, 2024 at 07:33 PM