



## Mr. Larry Earl Rawlinson "Pearl"

May 11, 1951 - October 15, 2023

Larry Earl Rawlinson, affectionately known as "Pearl," graced this world with his presence on March 11, 1951, in Columbia, South Carolina, a cherished son of the late Oscar Hamilton Cooper, Sr., and Anges L. Deveaux Rawlinson. In the early hours of October 15, 2023, he answered the eternal call.

Larry's educational journey led him through the public school of Richland County and Miami-Dade County. Later in life, he acquired a CDL from Schneider Trucking and went on to establish Larry Odd Jobs and Service, where he skillfully offered painting and repair services. Following a career of commitment, Larry retired from his roles as a Truck Driver and Grounds Foreman, leaving behind a legacy of dedicated service at both the City of Columbia and Columbia Housing Authority.

From an early age, Larry embraced his faith, accepting Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. He was a faithful member of Friendship Baptist Church in Columbia, South Carolina, where he served in various capacities, including the male choir and as the church sexton. His genuine love for the Lord radiated through his presence, often expressed through songs of his cherished scripture, Psalm 118:24, "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Larry was an active and caring member of his community, ever ready to

extend a helping hand to those in need. In recognition of his invaluable contributions and years of dedication service as an employee, Larry received the Employee of the Year Certificate of Appreciation Award from the Housing Authority in 2016.

He was preceded in death by his father, Oscar H. Cooper Sr., his brother, Oscar H. Cooper Jr., and his stepfather, Leonard Deveaux.

Larry's memory will forever be cherished by his mother, Agnes L. Deveaux Rawlinson; his elementary sweetheart, life partner, devoted caretaker, and loving friend of over 24 years, Mary L. E. Davis (MD); his beloved grandchildren, Tahmere (Booki), Kalise, and Kurtia; his great grandchild, Amadi; and numerous cherished family members, including the Cooper's, Rawlinson's, Devoir's, Mackies, Edwards (Pinder), and Molden's along with a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and dear friends who will deeply mourn his passing.

Funeral service will be 1:00 p.m., Saturday, October 21, 2023 at Friendship Baptist Church, 1237 House Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29204. Pastor A. A. Dicks, Sr., officiating. Mr. Rawlinson will lie in-state at the church one hour prior to service time.

Public viewing will be held from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., Friday, October 20, 2023 and from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m., Saturday, October 21, 2023 at A. A. Dicks Funeral Home

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# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

OCT **21**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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

*To view the service for Mr. Rawlinson, please click on the link: <https://fb.watch/nScGDF0jzA>*

# Tribute Wall

CM

“ *CML lit a candle in memory of Larry Rawlinson*



CML - May 15, 2024 at 08:58 AM

BM

“ *To the family, Larry was a fine gentleman who will be truly missed. He always had a smile and a kind word bringing sunshine wherever he went. I will remember all the times he made us laugh and his happy spirit. RIP my friend.*

Beverly Malone - October 21, 2023 at 02:23 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences and prayers to the family, and relatives.*



Tammy Edwards - October 20, 2023 at 01:08 AM

TF

“ *Tanya & Family lit a candle in memory of Larry Rawlinson*



Tanya Washington-Fanning & Family - October 19, 2023 at 03:26 PM

BM

“ Larry was a nice gentleman, always kind. Pearl as he was called will always be remembered. He was a fine man and always made us smile. Mr Miami.

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**Beverly Malone** - October 18, 2023 at 06:38 PM

VH

“ Mr. Larry was a genuine and kind person. He always had a smile and enjoyed making us laugh. He will be missed. Love and comfort to his family.

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**Valarie K. Hilton** - October 17, 2023 at 01:38 PM

KH

“ Larry You And I Were Friends 40 plus Years We Have Had Some Very Good Times I Met You At Your Aunt Ora Bell House And It Was On Since You We're Kind Hearted Crazy And HardWorking You Will Always Be In My Heart Forever I Miss You Now And Forever Sip

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**Kathryn Logan Holman** - October 16, 2023 at 09:11 PM