



## Deacon Willie Joe Redmond, Sr.

March 6, 1933 - November 16, 2020

Public Viewing for Deacon Willie Joe Redmond, Sr. will be Sunday, November 22, 2020 from 1:30 P.M until 7:00 P.M. at A. A. Dicks Funeral Home - Sullivan Chapel, 2548 Main Street, Columbia, SC 29201.

Funeral Services will be held on Monday, November 23, 2020 at 12:00 Noon at Fort Jackson National Cemetery at 4170 Percival Road, Columbia, SC 29223.

Interment will follow in The Fort Jackson National Cemetery.

Please click the link below to view services for Deacon Willie Joe Redmond, Sr. <https://www.facebook.com/A-A-Dicks-Funeral-Home-Sullivan-Chapel-115729839828313/>

Willie Joe Redmond, Sr. was born in Fountain Inn, SC, on March 6, 1933 the oldest child of the late Joe Edgar Redmond and Algienell Grant Redmond. Willie Joe married the former Ellen Todd on June 16, 1956. They enjoyed married life rearing and educating four children and becoming the grandparents of three “favorite” grandchildren. Willie Joe and Ellen believed in working together towards common family goals. They had been married for over 62 years when he became heartbroken after her passing in 2018.

Willie Joe was educated in the public schools of Greenville County. He was a member of Bryson High School Class of 1951. He attended Area Trade in Denmark SC before serving three years in the U.S. Army. He later graduated from Midlands Technical College with a degree in Management Science.

Willie Joe became an ordained deacon under the leadership of Rev. C. E. Butler at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Simpsonville, SC in 1956. He later served at Rock of Ages Baptist Church in Greenville, SC. Willie Joe and his family joined First Nazareth Baptist Church after moving to Columbia in 1973. He was a Sunday School Teacher, a member of the Brotherhood Ministry and the Deacon Representative to the Women Working Society. He faithfully served as the Church Clerk from 2003 to 2016. Dr. Blakely N. Scott honored him with the status of Deacon Emeritus in 2018.

Willie Joe retired from Food Lion Groceries in 1992. He then began a career as a substitute teacher with Richland School District One. He was a 60+ year licensed barber who thrilled in keeping others looking good. He was also affiliated with the Prince Hall Masons Lowndes Hill Lodge #319. Willie Joe was a trusted mentor to many young deacons, ministers and barbers. His hobbies included traveling, photography, gardening, and building, repairing or fixing anything!

Willie Joe did not seek fame, fortune or recognition. His only desire was that his many years of work for his family and his church speak for him.

In addition to his parents and his wife, Willie Joe, was predeceased by his brother and sister-in-law, Mac and Myrtice Redmond, his sister Nellie Williams and his brother, Rev. Grant E. Redmond.

Willie Joe leaves to cherish his memories his four children, Naylene (Kenneth) Richardson, Dr. Willie Redmond, Jr., Vincent Redmond and Cathy Redmond-

Dilligard; his three grandchildren, Jonathan Richardson, Jeremy Richardson, and Maya Dilligard; one brother, James (Patricia) Redmond, one brother-in-law, Willie Williams; two sister-in-laws, Annie Ruth Morton and Rev. Clorine Redmond; as well as nine nieces, five nephews, many cousins and friends.

Please leave the Redmond family your condolences and prayers.

The Redmond family, acknowledges with grateful appreciation, all of your kind expressions of love and sympathy.

Thank you for helping us care for our families.

A. A. Dicks, Sr. and Staff.

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# Cemetery Details

## Fort Jackson National Cemetery

4170 Percival Road  
Columbia, SC 29229

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

NOV 22. 1:30 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

A. A. Dicks Funeral Home Sullivan Chapel  
6400 North Main Street  
Columbia, SC 29203  
(803) 254-4673

## Funeral Service

NOV 23. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Fort Jackson National Cemetery  
4170 Percival Road  
Columbia, SC 29229

# Tribute Wall

DM

“ *From The Means Family  
We send our condolences, prayers and love to Deacon Redmond's family. He was a good friend to our husband and father, Deacon Frizell Means and a genuinely nice person. God bless and keep you all always!*

Destinee Means - December 16, 2020 at 06:31 PM

DC

“ *I worked with Mr. Redmond at Eau Claire High School when he was a long-term sub in the English Department. He was such a kind, caring person who loved the students and wanted the best for them. It was a privilege to know him and work with him. I'm praying for the family during this difficult time. Donna Cloer*

Donna Cloer - November 24, 2020 at 09:30 AM

HC

“ *To the family I will miss my friend he always call me his friend him and the late Mrs. Redmond. I will miss you much. Thank you for a godly spirit and a loving spirit. And may God give the family peace and comfort in his word. Rev. Helen Cofield.*



Helen Cofield - November 24, 2020 at 09:03 AM

SS

“ *My sincere condolences to Deacon Redmond's family. I pray that God grants you comfort and peace during the difficult time. Remember, you are never alone because God is always with you!*

*Brian and Sabrina Suber*

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**Sabrina Suber** - November 22, 2020 at 06:54 PM

PF

“ *Hi, just a note to share that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time of your loss. We pray that God continues to carry you through your journey.*

*Patricia Ford and Family*

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**Patricia D Ford** - November 22, 2020 at 01:37 PM

RR

“ *Deacon Redmond was such a loving and caring man. My mom Mamie Roberts were church members together and also were in the same rehab at NHC-Parklane. My mom missed my dad so much when he passed, that she would get upset and want to leave the rehab. Deacon Redmond would always say "Come get me and I will read some scriptures and she will be fine." He calmed her down all the time. My 9 year old would always say "Mom, we got to go see Deacon Redmond." After seeing mom we would go see Deacon Redmond. I'm going to miss him so much but he's at peace now with his wife. Kathy, my prayers are with you all during this difficult time. Love you all so much.*

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**Roberta Roberts** - November 22, 2020 at 11:47 AM

DI

“ To The Redmond Family,  
Our prayers and thoughts are with you at this time and the days ahead. Praying for God to strengthen you and give you comfort. Please let the fond memories of Deacon Redmond give you peace.  
Much Love and Blessings

Deacon Joel and Loraine Ingram - November 22, 2020 at 11:36 AM

LB

“ Deacon Redmond was a loving & caring individual, always sharing words of wisdom and encouragement. He set a wonderful example of leadership for our Deacons Ministry at First Nazareth. Our deepest sympathy to the family.  
Deacon L J Breedlove/ chairman

Lorenza Breedlove - November 22, 2020 at 08:20 AM

AP

“ To the Redmond family,  
A father is someone who can never be replaced. He shapes who we are, and he makes us brave enough to face the world. Please accept our sincere condolences during this tremendously sad time. With heartfelt sympathy.  
Antony Preacher and Family



Antony Preacher - November 21, 2020 at 05:06 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Deacon Willie Joe Redmond, Sr..



November 21, 2020 at 12:49 PM

MF

“ My prayers and condolences are with the Redmond family during their time of sorrow.  
Deacon Redmond will be missed

Marius E. Free - November 21, 2020 at 12:24 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Deacon Willie Joe Redmond, Sr..



November 21, 2020 at 10:50 AM

EA

“ Frost I would like to give my deepest condolences to all of the family, my experience with Mr. Redmond wasn't much he was a quiet man. I had more interaction with Mrs. Redmond because I dated their youngest daughter, but I did talk to Mr Redmond he was kind. May God bless you 🙏 all, stay with you. Min. Amaker love you all.

Edward X. Amaker - November 21, 2020 at 08:39 AM

R1

“ Roslyn Peterson, CA Johnson Class 1977 lit a candle in memory of Deacon Willie Joe Redmond, Sr.



Roslyn Peterson, CA Johnson Class 1977 - November 20, 2020 at 07:56 PM

GN

“ *Our sincerest condolences to Willie, Vincent, and Cathy from your classmates and neighbors. May God bless you with strength and endurance during this difficult time and may your fond memories bring you joy in the morning.*

*Gale Bowers Nash, Lisa Bowers Dixon and Paula Bowers (CA Johnson High School and Meadowlake neighbors)*

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**Gale Nash** - November 20, 2020 at 06:06 PM

NB

“ *To my dear friend Cathy who I LOVE and CHERISH, I am so heartbroken as I type this message. I can only smile knowing your dad is with your precious mother in heaven. I am here for you always. My family sends their love to you.*

*To the Redmond family, may God's grace give you strength at this difficult time. I will be praying for you each day and please know you are loved in Georgia.*

*With Love,  
Nikita Brown & Family*

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**Nikita Brown** - November 20, 2020 at 05:32 PM

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*Condolences to the family*

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**Karen and Ben Adams** - November 20, 2020 at 07:52 PM

NF

“ *Nikita Brown & Family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Deacon Willie Joe Redmond, Sr..*



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**Nikita Brown & Family** - November 20, 2020 at 05:16 PM

RH

“ *Naylene Richardson...my dearest friend, we send our deepest Condolences to your entire family during this most difficult time of loss. Your father will be remembered fondly by us. Prayers sent 🙏... Love you... The Holts Frankie, Rosa, & Mrs. Alice Holt 🙏*



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**Rosa Holt** - November 20, 2020 at 04:23 PM

GF

“ *Condolences to the Redmond family. May God grant you peace. Deacon Redmond was not only my Deacon but our family connections run deep. Stephen, Angela, Clifton Jr. and of course me share in your grief. Deacon Redmond was such a gentleman . He will be greatly missed. 🙏🙏🙏 Gloria B. Fluker*

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**Gloria Fluker and family** - November 20, 2020 at 11:56 AM

GF

“ Gloria Fluker And Family lit a candle in memory of Deacon Willie Joe Redmond, Sr.



Gloria Fluker and family - November 20, 2020 at 11:46 AM

SW

“ Naylene and Cathy my love to you and your family during this time. We know and trust God for his grace and mercy, so we know that all is well for your father. He was always a very kind and graceful man. Love Shelia E Washington



Shelia E Washington - November 20, 2020 at 09:52 AM

DH

“ Redmond and Grant Families: prayers are being lifted for all of you as you journey through the transitioning of yet another love one. May the Blessings of GOD embrace you and His Love bring you great comfort. Dorethea and Donna R. Harris



Donna Rene'e Harris - November 20, 2020 at 12:29 AM

SI

“ The Deacon's Ministry and your extended Sutton Branch Baptist Church family offer our heartfelt condolences and deepest of sympathies to the Redmond and Grant Families.



Sutton Branch Baptist Church Inc. - November 20, 2020 at 12:24 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Deacon Willie Joe Redmond, Sr..*



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November 19, 2020 at 01:18 PM



“ *My condolences to the family of my friend and fellow Deacon Willie Redmond. What a good guy to idolize and learn from. He will be greatly missed in the brotherhood chain. Rest on my brother take your rest. I'll see you in the morning on the other side.*

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**Anthony Avery** - November 19, 2020 at 12:46 PM



*My condolences to the family of Deacon Willie Redmond. My friend a great man in his own right, I will truly miss our talks love him much. Rest in peace my brother..God Bless..*

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**Michael D Hollis** - November 20, 2020 at 10:25 AM



“ *PAMELA THOMAS lit a candle in memory of Deacon Willie Joe Redmond, Sr.*



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**PAMELA THOMAS** - November 19, 2020 at 11:17 AM

AR

“ I will miss his infectious laughter...when he laughed he would often time cry real tears. I will miss that about my uncle. Lots of hugs and love to his children, brother Uncle James, and all of the extended family!



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**Angela Redmond-Wynter** - November 18, 2020 at 01:46 PM

DR

*Condolences to the Redmond family. May your loving memories of James console your hearts.*

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**Deloris Dinkins Rogers** - November 19, 2020 at 08:16 AM

AB

*Mr. Redmond was a kind, humble, and loving man with integrity. He was my manager at the Giant Food World Grocery Store when I was a teenager over 40 years ago. He was a positive role model for all of the young people. His fair and consistent demeanor was evidence of his character. I remember his smile and quiet laughter. Thank you for showing young people how to work hard and be productive citizens. Rest In Peace Mr. Redmond.  
Angela G. Brown*

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**Angela Brown** - November 20, 2020 at 03:30 PM

BH

*Naylene, Cathy, and Ken:*

*Mr. Redmond always exhibited a kind, dependable, and pleasant spirit. I could always depend on him when we needed a substitute teacher when Sanders Middle was on Alida Street; especially at the last minute. I would call and request his assistance. His reply always was, "how soon do you need me to be there?" My reply was, "an hour ago". He would give that Mr. Redmond chuckle and say, "give me about 45 minutes, chief". He also had a very unique and gifted way of working with the special needs students. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family during this time.*

*Basil Harris, Former Assistant Principal*

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**Basil Harris** - November 21, 2020 at 10:30 PM

RT

*Condolences to the Redmond Family. I truly enjoyed and will miss our conversations. My thoughts and prayers to the family.*

*Deacon Robert Taylor*

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**Robert Taylor** - November 22, 2020 at 11:46 AM

GH

*Our prayers and deepest sympathy to the Redmond Family. May the memories that you shared with him live on in your hearts forever. In times of sorrow, love heals. In all times, love remembers..*

*Deacon George & Hilda Hood*

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**George Hood** - November 22, 2020 at 02:19 PM