HOMEGOING SERVICE
Celebrating the Life and Legacy of

Deacon Calvin "Chip"
JACKSON
SEPTEMBER 23, 1955 – AUGUST 7, 2020

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2020 AT 12:00PM
BIBLE WAY CHURCH OF ATLAS ROAD
2440 ATLAS ROAD • COLUMBIA, SC 29209
PASTOR DARRELL JACKSON
ASSISTANT PASTOR RANDALL “MACK” JACKSON, PRESIDING
CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

A Husband
FATHER
GRANDFATHER
SON
BROTHER
DEACON
COUNCILMAN
ADVOCATE
SERVANT

ORDER OF SERVICE
ASSISTANT PASTOR RANDALL “MACK” JACKSON, PRESIDING

Prelude

Processional ............................................................. “Let the Church Say Amen” (by Marvin Winans)

Scripture Readings

Old Testament ......................................................... Jeremiah 29:11-14 ................. Pastor James Rowson
                                            Kingdom Life Ministries

New Testament ....................................................... Romans 8:28-30 .................. Pastor Andrew B. Scott
                                            Second Union Baptist Church

Prayer ............................................................................. Senior Associate Pastor Alvah Lawson
                                            Bible Way Church of Atlas Road

Musical Selection ........................................................ “This Is the Day” (by Fred Hammond)

BWC SC Diocese Greetings ............................................. Bishop Ted Myers
                                            BWC SC Diocesan

Community Reflections

Remarks ................................................................. The Honorable Paul Livingston
                                            Chairman, Richland County Council

Remarks ................................................................. Dr. Baron Davis, Superintendent
                                            Richland County School District Two

Musical Selection ........................................................ “I’ll Make It” (by Hezekiah Walker and John P. Kee)

Church Reflections

Remarks/Church Resolution ......................................... Deacon Marlon Walters
                                            Vice Chairman Deacons’ Ministry, BWCAR Executive Board of Trustees

Family Reflections

Remarks ................................................................. Deacon Kenyatta Jackson
                                            Brother

Remarks ................................................................. Cass Smith & Regis Jackson
                                            Children

Sermonic Selection .................................................... “Intentional” (by Travis Greene)

Words of Comfort .................................................... Pastor Darrell Jackson
                                            Bible Way Church of Atlas Road

Recessional .............................................................. “Jesus Will Welcome Me Home” (by John P. Kee)

Benediction ............................................................. Associate Pastor Harold Cuff
                                            Bible Way Church of Atlas Road

INTERMENT

Greenlawn Memorial Garden
845 Leesburg Road, Columbia, SC 29209
It’s a Boy…

On September 23, 1955, the lives of Mrs. Willie Mae Farley Jackson and the late Robert Jackson were transformed forever. God showed them favor and found it pleasing in His sight to bestow upon them, after 11 hours of labor, the blessing of a baby boy whom they would name Calvin Wayne Jackson. Upon his birth, the area of Taylor’s, the City of Columbia as well as the state of South Carolina would never be the same again.

As a Child…

Growing up, Calvin was noticed for his physical stature, but as he got older, his parents began to recognize the gravity of his presence. His mom, an English teacher, noticed that Calvin was not afraid to speak in front of groups. His dad, who worked at a local dry cleaner, observed that his son did not particularly care to wear jeans like most children his age. As he would ride around with his dad delivering dry cleaning to customers, Calvin was able to glean a few things from his father, including his business instincts, clarity in communication and the ability to save a dollar. He began to carry himself in such a way that he earned the nickname “Chip” from the saying, “A chip off the old block,” in reference to the similarities between he and his father.

Early Influences…

chip, along with childhood friends, Albert Simmons, Tyrone Boykin, Bruce Sims and his cousin, Darrell Jackson, and many others would often be found playing sports at Bluff Road and others would often be found playing sports at Bluff Road Park. He and his friends soon migrated from hanging in the streets to spending time with some of the most influential men in Chip’s life, his grandfather, Andrew “Malcolm”, and his uncles, A.C. and Joseph. The influences of these men led Chip to desire to be around them constantly, hanging on their every word and action. As Chip matured, graduating from Dreher High School in 1973, his affection for his uncles continued to grow as he spent more time with them and his cousins. As his Uncle A.C. recognized the call on his life to preach God’s word, this intrigued Chip. As a result, he decided to commit his life to the Lord and dedicate the rest of his days serving him. It is during this time that Chip would recognize his love of service and passion for empowering others. Chip was able to see, firsthand, what it meant to be a real man, a protector, a provider and a nurturer.

College Life and Finding the One…

After graduating from high school, Chip went on to attend the University of South Carolina to pursue his undergraduate degree. During college, while hanging out at the Russell House, a young lady of grace and elegance would catch his eye and that would be the catalyst for what would become a lifetime pursuit of happiness. Patricia LeGate would become the object of his affection and shortly thereafter, they were introduced. It is during this time that Chip would recognize his love of service and passion for empowering others. Chip was able to see, firsthand, what it meant to be a real man, a protector, a provider and a nurturer.

Professional Career…

Channeling his passion for education, Chip began his professional career as an Admissions Officer at the University of South Carolina. After successfully establishing his foundation in education administration, he accepted a position to become the first African American registrar at the College of Charleston. Relocating to Charleston proved to be one of the best decisions Chip ever made. He immediately fell in love with the city and its culture. After adjusting to his new position and exploring the city, he decided to plant roots in the West Ashley area of Charleston and lived there for several years. In Charleston, he honed his craft of planning, organization and administration. His career continued to thrive and he accepted a position as the director of the downtown Palmer Campus of Trident Technical College (TTC). In 1999, Chip served as the deputy superintendent with the South Carolina Department of Education for six years. Having fully established his career in education administration, he accepted a position to become the first African American registrar at the College of Charleston. Relocating to Charleston proved to be one of the best decisions Chip ever made. He immediately fell in love with the city and its culture. After adjusting to his new position and exploring the city, he decided to plant roots in the West Ashley area of Charleston and lived there for several years. In Charleston, he honed his craft of planning, organization and administration. His career continued to thrive and he accepted a position as the director of the downtown Palmer Campus of Trident Technical College (TTC). In 1999, Chip served as the deputy superintendent with the South Carolina Department of Education for six years. Having fully established his career in education administration, with a positive impact on the lives of many South Carolinians, he shifted his career and his focus to work in ministry.

Called to Serve the Ministry…

Chip was involved in ministry early in his life. He had the distinct honor of being Bishop A.C. Jackson’s first adjutant. He also worked closely with Bishop Jackson on the early radio broadcast of the church. He participated in various choirs, attended multiple churchwide conventions and was able to minister, through service, to many Pastors across the country. Upon leaving the South Carolina Department of Education in 2005, Chip was led to utilize his professional skills for the edification and growth of the Kingdom of God. Under the influence of his uncle, Bishop A.C. Jackson, Chip joined the staff of the Bible Way Church of Atlas Road as its Chief Operating Officer. In this role, Chip created a business infrastructure to support the ministry. He developed various processes and procedures, most of which are still in place today. He managed the administrative and support departments of the ministry, while also actively serving as the Chairman of the Deacons’ Ministry, Vice-Chairman of the Executive Board of Trustees as well as Chairman of the Planning Ministry. This balance of business and ministry was the perfect blend of ability for Chip to excel. He led and organized several signature church events to include The Bishop A.C. Jackson Memorial Walk, The National Bible Way Convocation, held in Columbia, SC, Congaree Pointe Development and Groundbreaking, the Deacons’ Annual Bar-B-Que and many, many others. It was through his vision that the Deacons’ Ministry purchased one of their family homes in Congaree Pointe as a place of meetings and fellowship. Just as he proclaimed it would be, the house was paid off in less than five years! While providing service to and through the ministry was his passion, he continued to expand his calling and reach beyond the walls to influence his community through public service.

Public Service…

Serving others was instilled in Chip from a young age, and his life modeled this example formally and informally. He was involved in numerous organizations as a director or a board member. In 2008, Chip was elected to the Richland County School District 2 Board. He was reelected in 2012 for another four year term. After a successful stint on the school board, Chip wanted to position himself to have a greater impact on the community. This led to his decision to run for Richland County Council representing District 9. He won that race and began his first term in January 2017. On June 23, 2020, he secured his second term serving District 9. Not wanting to totally remove himself from impacting education, Chip was also serving on the Senior Advisory Board for the College of Education at Clemson University. He served as chair for the External Advisory Board for the College of Health, Education and Human Development, at Clemson University, from 2004-2016 and continued to serve as a member. While the accomplishments mentioned here are lengthy, they are not exhaustive. Chip was the consummate public servant and his contributions are too many to list. With his untimely transition on August 7, 2020, many would believe there was much more to be done, but in the sight of God, Chip’s assignment was complete.
Reflections…

From the time he was born until the moment of his untimely passing, Calvin “Chip” Wayne Jackson did it his way. He embraced his individuality from a young age by dressing in the way he was comfortable. He was not intimidated by speaking in public. As a teenager, when he and his friends were hanging out together and embracing curiosity, Chip would often escape and choose to spend time with his uncles to prepare for the impact he was destined to make on the world. When he laid eyes on the woman of his dreams, he coordinated one of the most romantic walks across the campus of the University of South Carolina providing stimulating conversation that would be music to her ears. He moved to Charleston, South Carolina, to take a job to better position himself to be a provider for the wife and family he would have, and he did it on his terms. While dropping roots in West Ashley, with a new job and young family, he made sure their new future was built on the Word of God. He attended Morris Brown AME church to ensure his family knew the Lord and his children were trained properly, covered and blessed. Whether it was the keen sense of fashion displayed in his combinations of blue and green, stripes and dots, and colors coordinated down to the socks, he always looked good and represented himself and his family well. Even if it was at home watching the Gamecocks or Tigers, snacking on pickles, olives or tomatoes and cucumbers, he did it with style. Whether on a quick family vacation to the Dominican Republic, or a cross country flight to explore one of his favorite west coast destinations of San Diego, he did his research and due diligence to ensure that everyone could have a great experience.

The love of his life will miss her best friend, his love and his encouraging words; but she can take comfort in knowing he loved God, his family and people. His daughter will miss his hugs, talks about life and his huge presence, but she will always remember his love for his family, his zeal for excellence and his discerning spirit. His son will miss their times together and the essence of his spirit, but can hold true to his wisdom, sense of humor and guidance. It has been said, you can tell the worth of a person based on what they leave behind. Through the life of Calvin “Chip” Wayne Jackson, he not only left an inheritance, but he left a legacy; a legacy of excellence, compassion and service. Every life he encountered benefited, and can be thankful he did it his way.

Surviving Family

Deacon (Councilman) Calvin “Chip” Jackson is survived by his wife, Mrs. Patricia Legette Jackson; two children, Cass Farley (Brent) Jackson Smith and Regis Alexander (Lakisha) Jackson; his granddaughter, Grace Valentine Jackson; mother, Mrs. Willie Mae Farley Jackson; brother, Deacon Kenyatta (Keenya) Jackson; four sisters-in-law, Elease Lemmons, Frances Kirton, Cynda (Joseph) White, Clara (Lewis) Moore, five brothers-in-law, Randolph (Valerie) Legette, Michael Legette, Victor (Heidi) Legette, Kenneth Legette, Tyrone (Shontell) Legette of New Orleans, LA; special aunts, Jannie R. Jackson and Ora (Patsy) Gunter; godchildren, Tiye Jackson, Kandace Johnson, Eboni Geter and Mason Walters; other loving relatives and friends.
Pallbearers
Bible Way Church of Atlas Road Deacons

Floral Bearers
Bible Way Church of Atlas Road Deacons’ Wives

Acknowledgments
We are ever so grateful to our family, friends and especially our church family for the overwhelming support extended to us during this extremely difficult period. May God reward you richly for your compassion toward us. Each act of kindness will be personally acknowledged at a later date.

The Jackson Family

Expression of Gratitude
The Jackson family expresses our sincere appreciation to everyone for your countless acts of kindness and concern during this time. The calls, cards, food and flowers were gratefully received and appreciated. We were tremendously blessed to have Deacon Calvin “Chip” Jackson with us for many years upon this earth and to God we must give ALL the Glory! We ask that you continue praying for us, and may God bless each of you.

Special Thanks
Pastor Darrell Jackson and the Bible Way Church Family
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Greenlawn Memorial Gardens

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