

# I'm Free

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard him call,

I turned my back and left it all

I could not stay another day,

To laugh, to love, to work or play

Tasks left undone must stay that way,

I've found that peace at the close of day

If my parting has left a void,

Then fill it with remembered joy

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,

Ah yes, these things I too will miss

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,

I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow

My life's been full, I've savored much,

Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch

If my time seemed all too brief,

Don't lengthen it now with undue grief

Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,

God wanted me now, He set me free.



# My Hero

My dad was my hero, my role model and everything  
a son could want. He taught me the right things and  
the wrong things but also let me make the mistakes

in life in which I could grow -

**Justin Leroy Rumph**

## PALLBEARERS

Tabious Carter      Brandon L Rumph

Doug Decker      Courtney Rumph

Roy Rumph

## FLOWER ATTENDANTS

Family & Friends

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you for being with us in our time of sorrow and sharing  
in our prayers today and tomorrow. God gives us comfort in  
the form of family and friends. May His peace be with you  
and may his love never end.

## THE FAMILY

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## INTERMENT

Willow Lake Memorial Gardens

1854 Willow Lake Road

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# Remembering Our Love

for

## JERRY LEROY RUMPH

SUNRISE

May 24, 1949

SUNSET

June 13, 2024

Saturday, June 29, 2024

11:00 A.M.

St. John Baptist Church

7834 Hwy 96 East

Fort Valley, GA 31030

*Reverend Jimmy L. Ross, Officiating*



# A LIFE WELL LIVED

To our beloved husband, father, friend, uncle, and grand dad, **Jerry Leroy Rumph**, who entered this world on May 24, 1949 in Fort Valley, Georgia. "To know him was to love him." Jerry attended the public schools in Peach County and graduated from H. A. Hunt High School in 1966. He earned his bachelor's degree from Fort Valley State College (University) and later attended Post Secondary School at Western Michigan University where he earned a Master's Degree in Chemistry.

Jerry worked as a Senior Research Chemist for the Pfizer Company. His hobbies included: working on computers, spending time with grand kids, storytelling, outside adventures, cooking down South meals and a fixer of everything. He was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. Jerry's vibrant personality drew people to him because he was: honest, generous, compassionate, friendly and helpful. He would help anyone in need.

Jerry was preceded in death by his father, Willie B. Rumph, Sr.; his mother, Mary Emma Rumph and his brother, Ervine Rumph.

Jerry departed this life on June 13, 2024 in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

He stressed the importance of education. Even though his advice to the children in his family may have sounded harsh, he would follow up with one of favorite quotes: "You can do anything if you put your mind to it."

Jerry enjoyed maintaining his well-manicured lawn. Everyone, not just family, who walked past his house while he worked in his yard could not escape becoming engaged in a conversation with Jerry. Then, there were times when he would sit on his porch and as people would pass by he would invite them to come pull up a chair and join him as he talked about life for a while.

Our family will miss the time he spent in the yard and with his antique car, Victor. However, he did not neglect his family. For example, he spent countless weekends driving his daughter to gymnastics practice and Gymnastics Meets that were frequently held out of town. He helped our mom with the chores around the house such as cleaning and preparing greens for storage in the freezer.

Jerry leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Gail Searcy Rumph; daughter, Qianna N. Decker; sons: Victor L Rumph, Justin L Rumph, and Dedrick A. Rumph; brothers: Willie B. Rumph, Jr. , Roy Rumph; sisters: Virginia Evans, Constance Rumph Griffey and Darlene Rumph; grandchildren: Alexis Rumph, Jada Decker, Jaden Miars, Candice Pierre, Brandon Porter, Savannah Rumph, Gianna Rumph, Tatum Decker and Taylor Decker along with a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and sorrowing friends.

We are blessed to have been able to share him with all of you. He will surely be missed more than we ever know. **REST IN HEAVEN!**



## ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

MUSICAL SELECTION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament.....Minister Ernestine Taylor

New Testament....Minister Ernestine Taylor

PRAYER

Reverend Jimmy L. Ross

TRIBUTES OF REMEMBRANCE

Victor L. Rumph

MUSICAL SELECTION

"Amazing Grace"

EULOGY

Reverend Jimmy L. Ross

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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