



*Pall Bearers*  
Family & Friends



*Floral Bearers*  
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*Acknowledgments*

The family would like to convey our sincere gratitude for the compassion and kindness extended to us during our time of loss. Your prayers, phone calls, flowers, meals, and visits have brought us great comfort. We deeply appreciate the overwhelming love and support we've received.

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*Life Celebration for*



*Rudy* L. Foye

Sunday, September 15, 2024 2:00 pm  
First Missionary Baptist Church  
403 Caswell St, Smithfield, NC 27577  
Evangelist Otis Bryant-Officiant  
Rev. Dr. Curtis Reid-Eulogist

# Order of Service

Evangelist Otis Bryant, Presider

Professional  
Clergy & Family

Musical Selection  
"Goodness of God"

Elder Marvin Rawls

Prayer of Comfort  
Rev. Dr. Eric Baldwin

Scripture Readings

Old Testament:  
Psalm 121:8

New Testament:  
2 Timothy 4:7-8

Musical Selection  
"More than Enough"

Elder Marvin Rawls

Acknowledgments, Cards & Obituary

Dr. Tamerill Faison

Reflections:  
Limit remarks to 2 minutes, please

A Tribute to Dad  
Dr. Patera Foye-Fuller

Musical Selection  
"It is Well"

Elder Marvin Rawls

Eulogy Rev.  
Dr. Curtis Reid

Musical Selection  
"I Shall Wear a Crown"

Elder Marvin Rawls

Morticians Brief  
Sanders Funeral Home

REPAST

Coach Reginald Ennis Pavilion (Formerly

known as The Johnston Co. Training

School, aka "The Cracker Box"

INTERMENT

Selma Memorial Gardens

Selma NC

# The Obituary

Rudy Lee Foye was born to the late Geneva Stancil Foye and Leroy Foye on October 21, 1950, and entered into eternal rest on September 9, 2024, at Duke Regional Hospital in Durham, NC.

His passing marks the conclusion of a rich and meaningful life

filled with love, craftsmanship, and a deep connection to

family and community. Rudy graduated from Richard B.

Harrison High School in 1969, where he first honed his skills

in brick masonry.

Following graduation, his talents blossomed as he expanded

his expertise to include framing. A true artisan, Rudy quickly

became known for his precision and creativity in his craft. In

1973, he founded Foye's Construction. This black-owned

business grew from humble beginnings in rural Johnston

County to a very respected and successful subcontractor for

builders and developers throughout the Triangle. Rudy took

immense pride in the homes that he built, especially those he

constructed for his immediate and extended family members.

His work embodied the principles of hard work, family, and

community, values that guided him throughout his career.

After 35 years of dedication, Rudy retired in 2008, leaving

behind a legacy of excellence in construction. On September

23, 1972, Rudy married his high school sweetheart, Minnie

Regina Reid of Princeton, NC. Their 50+ year union was a

testament to enduring love and commitment, and they were

preparing to celebrate another wedding anniversary this very

month.

To this union, three children were born: Velody, Patera, and

Jermaine, and another daughter Whitney Tomlinson. Rudy

provided a loving, stable home for them in the family house he

built in 1975 on ancestral land in Selma, NC. Rudy was a

devoted father and took immense pride in his children and

grandchildren, always celebrating their successes and

supporting their dreams. His relationship with his family was

built on love, humor, and strong values that he passed down

through generations

Rudy's bond with his extended family was just as strong. He

was one of ten siblings and the second youngest. He cherished

his relationships with his brothers and sisters, particularly his

sister, Faye, with whom he spoke several times a week until

his health began to decline. His large family was central to his

life, and he upheld the old traditions of keeping close ties

across generations of the extended Foye and Stancil families.

He often called on his great-nephew Isaiah, who was also like a

son, instructing him to carry out tasks that he no longer could,

as well as his trusted buddy Rodney Wasion, who would

come running when assistance was needed. In the community,

Rudy was a well-known and beloved figure.

His impeccable sense of style, marked by his weekly

trips to Glam-O-Kama for dry cleaning, became

legendary. His love for cruising around Selma and

Smithfield on Saturdays with crisp clothes and the

whitest of white-walled tires was part of what made

him a local icon. Rudy was not only known for his

craftsmanship and style but also his heart of service.

He belonged to an informal network of community

servicemen. Rudy was always willing to lend a hand,

and if he could not help, he surely knew someone who

could. His generosity and kindness were constants

throughout his life, and he touched the lives of many

with his willingness to assist others.

In his later years, Rudy became more active in his faith.

He was a member of Giles Chapel in Pine Level, NC, but

frequently attended First Missionary Baptist of

Smithfield, NC. His faith provided comfort and strength,

as he faced health challenges in his final years.

Rudy leaves to cherish his memory, his devoted wife,

Regina Foye of Selma, NC; his beloved children, Velody

Foye-Byrd (Rodney) of Smithfield, NC, Patera Foye-

Fuller (Jermaine) of Holly Springs, NC, Jermaine Foye

(Odessa) of Brown Summit, NC, and Whitney

Tomlinson of Smithfield, NC; nine grandchildren who

were the light of his life: Sloane, Jamison, Lily, Bryson,

Nakya, Chase, Harley, Addison, and Briana; two

sisters, Alice Faye Minter of Bowie, MD, and Ophelia

Trumilla Armstrong (James) of Greensboro, NC; two

brothers, Roy Lee Foye of Selma, NC, and Robert Lee

Foye of Pine Level, NC; three brothers-in-law, Curtis

Reid of Raleigh, NC, Kenneth Reid (Gloria) of Cerritos,

CA, and Robert Faison of Clayton, NC; and 1 sister-in-

law, Leola Foye of Capital Heights, MD. Rudy also leaves

behind a host of nieces and nephews (with whom he

shared very special bonds), extended family, and

friends who will forever treasure his memory.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leroy and

Geneva Foye, and his siblings, Helen Foye, John Daniel

Foye, Edward Foye, and Shirley Faison.

Rudy's life was a testament to hard work, love, and

community. He will be remembered not only for the

beautiful homes he built but also for the legacy of

kindness, generosity, comedic relief, and family he left

behind. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him,

but his spirit will live on forever in the lives he touched.

