



**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 found that place 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 you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

*Author Unknown*

**Casket Bearers**

Chris Westfield  
Brian Williams  
Matt Jordan

James Fuller  
David Watson  
David Watson, Jr.

**Expressions of Gratitude**

*The family of Mr. David Eugene "Pete" Philson acknowledges every act of kindness you have shown to us during our time of bereavement. We extend to you our sincerest and heartiest expressions of gratitude. Special thanks also to the professional staff at Heritage Memorial Gardens in Roebuck located at 3901 S. Church Street Ext., Roebuck, SC, 29376 for your care and professional services.*

*~The Family~*

Arrangements Entrusted to:

**The W. J. Gist Mortuary**

519 Workman Avenue – Woodruff, South Carolina  
Telephone 476-3411

**Alexander, Casey & Gist Funeral Service**

1223 Old Anderson Mill Road – Spartanburg, South Carolina  
Telephone 574-5464

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*Celebrating The Life  
Of  
Mr. David Eugene "Pete" Philson*



*Sunrise  
September 20, 1962*

*Sunset  
January 6, 2021*

*Wednesday, January 13, 2021  
Two O' Clock in the Afternoon*

*Heritage Memorial Garden  
Roebuck, SC 29303*

*Rev. Derrick Scurry, Presiding Minister*

## Life Reflections

*"O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord."*

*--Psalm 34:8*

**Mr. David Eugene "Pete" Philson**, 58, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, January 6, 2021. He transitioned from this life in Spartanburg, County. He was preceded in death by his loving mother, Mrs. Lillie Ruth Philson Browning and grandmother, Ms. Hattie B. Philson, both of Woodruff, South Carolina.

He attended the public schools of Spartanburg School District Four and graduated from Woodruff High School in 1984, where he was a member of the football team. He was a former employee of Reeves Brothers Mills for over 15 years and also worked in the hospitality industry in several restaurants throughout the Woodruff and surrounding communities.

He was a great cook and loved to cook for his family and friends. He spent countless hours having fun, while teaching family members and friends how to cook.

Mr. Philson leaves behind to mourn his passing father, James Browning of Woodruff, SC; a sister Linette (Rashad) Massey of Chula Vista, CA; two brothers Raymond (Nichole) Rooks and Alexander (Waloni) Jackson of Woodruff, SC.

He also leaves two loving aunts, Gracie (Albert) Westfield of Woodruff, SC and Hattie (Martie) Abrams of Clinton, SC; three uncles, Bennie (Mattie) Philson of Duncan, SC, Jerry (Robin) Philson of Boiling Springs, SC; and Larry (Corky) Philson of Woodruff, SC.

He further leaves to mourn his passing two daughters, Candice Williams and Mariah Matthews, both of Woodruff, SC and a very special granddaughter.

He also leaves loving memories with his long-time, special friend, Wanda Watson of Woodruff, SC and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

## Order of Service

**Processional.....Family**

**Solo.....Mr. Ronald Browning**

**Scripture:**

**Old Testament.....Rev. Dr. Vareva Harris  
Minister, New Direction Church  
Columbia, SC**

**New Testament.....Rev. Dr. Vareva Harris**

**Prayer .....Rev. Catherine Evans  
Associate Minister  
Beaverdam Baptist Church**

**Reflections.....Rev. Dr. Joey Johnson**

**Solo.....Ms. Hattie Abrams, Soloist**

**Words of comfort .....Rev. Derrick Scurry  
Pastor, Greater St. John AME  
Zion Church**

**Solo.....Minister Mekesha Watson, Soloist**

**Closing Prayer.....Rev. Catherine Evans**

### Committal and Benediction

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### Love Lives On

*Those we love remain with us for love itself lives on, and cherished memories never fade because a loved one's gone. Those we love can never be more than a thought apart, far as long as there is memory, they'll live on in the heart.*

*-- Mary Alice Ramish*

