



Mr. Joseph Ramsey

February 24, 1929 - February 27, 2026

Life's Reflection

Joseph Ramsey's sunrise began on Sunday, February 24, 1929 as the youngest of eight children collectively born to the late Mr. and Mrs. Andrew and Marie Nesbitt Ramsey.

He was very loved and spoiled by all of his sisters as the baby boy! Sadly, his sunset came at a blessed age of 97 years on Friday morning, February 27, 2026. While much of his early years were spent in the downtown area near the Projects where he attended school in Charleston County, he's been a native of SeeWee Road, Awendaw, for most of his life.

As a member of First SeeWee Missionary Baptist Church under the pastoral leadership of the late Rev. Henry H. Dayson, Joseph sang on the Senior Choir along with his sisters Hattie and Viola using his strong bass voice. Hearing him try to out sing and out-play the harmonica with his community friends, the late Freddie Young, Melvin Smith, Sidney Smith, and Alex Bradley on Saturdays was always hilarious, but a joy!! They were the Awendaw version of the Five Blind Boys, especially after tea time!

He was employed by the Southern Lumber Millwork Company, owned and operated by the Albrecht Family for over 50 years, as a Truck Driver-Delivery

Operator. He was more than an employee to the late Benjamin "Ben" Albrecht, he was a special friend!! Ben would always share whatever he caught from his fishing and hunting trips and gifts at Christmas and for his birthday.

He met, courted, and was married to the late Josephine White Ramsey for over 52 years at the time of her passing 18 years ago November 9, 2007. She affectionately called him "Bolly. Knowing what they would need as parents in the days to come, God in his infinite wisdom blessed this union with a daughter and their only child, Deborah.

Joseph was mostly quiet, sometimes funny, but always no nonsense! He loved Westerns, occasional visits from family and friends, and talking on the phone with his first cousin Leroy Nesbitt, Sr., and niece Mary Louise, literally for hours at a time until the cordless phone got hot!

He was often sought after for info as a "back in the day historian" and sometimes present day by his family. You named it, he could tell it!

Left to cherish nearly a century of fondest memories are his daughter, Deborah M. Ramsey Horry (Ronald; son-in-law, caretaker, and barber) and great-granddaughter, Aryionna DeMiya Renee Horry, who truly loved her Papa and was the light of his life! sisters-in-laws, Sally Sarah White McClain (Reverend Edward A. McClain, Jr.), Lillie Brown White; goddaughter, Teressa Goodwine Nesbitt and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was predeceased by his parents, the late Andrew and Marie Nesbitt Ramsey, wife: Josephine White Ramsey, grandson: Ryon D. Horry, sisters: Lula Goliday, Viola P. White, Hattie R. Kinlaw, Sadie R. Singleton, and Margaret R. Snipes; and brothers: George and Moses Ramsey.

Public Viewing

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

4:00 - 6:00 PM

The Rev. Bryan McNeal, Sr. Memorial Chapel

4129 Highway 17 N. - Awendaw, SC 29429

Celebration of Life Service

Wednesday, March 4, 2026

1:00 PM

First SeeWee Missionary Baptist Church

5151 Highway 17 North, Awendaw, SC 29429

Interment

Church Cemetery

The Service will be Live-Stream via the Smith-McNeal Funeral Home
FACEBOOK PAGE!

Cemetery Details

First SeeWee Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery

5151 Highway 17 N.
Awendaw, SC 29429

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

MAR 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

First SeeWee Missionary Baptist Church
5151 Highway 17 N.
Awendaw, SC 29429

LIVE STREAM VIEWING

MAR 4. 1:00 PM.

Smith-McNeal - FACEBOOK PAGE

Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

W M Smith-McNeal Funeral Home & Chapel - April 21 at 02:28 PM



“ *W.M. Smith-McNeal Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Joseph Ramsey*



W M Smith-McNeal Funeral Home & Chapel - March 04 at 01:07 PM

WA

“ *Washington-family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Ramsey*



Washington-family - March 04 at 01:10 PM

YB

“ *I will always remember your patience, kindness, and humility.*

~Yolanda Burgess and Family



Yolanda Burgess - March 04 at 11:02 AM

DG

“ To the Ramsey and Horry Family,
I am so sorry to learn of the passing of your
loved one. You have my utmost condolence. I
will keep your family in prayer. Please know
that weeping may endure for a night, but Joy
comes in the morning. Praying for your peace. God bless you!!



Deborah Grace - March 04 at 09:56 AM

TW

“ Tracey W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Joseph Ramsey.

Tracey W. - March 04 at 08:21 AM

DJ

“ Deloris Jenkins purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mr. Joseph Ramsey.



Deloris Jenkins - March 03 at 11:19 AM

DJ

“ Deloris Jenkins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Joseph Ramsey.

Deloris Jenkins - March 03 at 11:19 AM

LG

“ *My sincere condolences goes out to Mrs. Deborah Horry and family!*



Leslie Gethers - March 02 at 10:50 PM

MB

“ *Our deepest sympathy and condolences to our cousin and family and of the late Mr. Joe Ramsay. May God continue to ease your hearts during this time and the days ahead. Love Melanie n family.*



Melanie Burnette - March 02 at 08:24 PM

CH

“ *Carol Harris-Campbell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Ramsey*



Carol Harris-Campbell - March 02 at 08:00 PM

BS

“ *Bev Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Ramsey*



Bev Smith - March 02 at 12:48 PM

RM

“ *Debra definitely praying for you and your family.* ”



Rhonda Mitchketchens - March 02 at 10:29 AM

CS

“ *Chayann Simpson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Ramsey* ”



Chayann Simpson - March 01 at 12:40 PM

TS

“ *Thomasena Singleton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Ramsey* ”



Thomasena Singleton - February 28 at 10:27 PM

RK

“ *Rev. William Kinlaw lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Ramsey* ”



Rev. William Kinlaw - February 27 at 11:07 PM

VW

“ *Valdean Winns lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Ramsey*



Valdean Winns - February 27 at 09:42 PM

VW

My condolences to you my friend Debbie, sorry fir the loss of your dad. May he rest peacefully in Heaven

Valdean Winns - February 27 at 09:44 PM

RL

“ *Roger L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Joseph Ramsey.*

Roger L. - February 27 at 08:48 PM