## Because He Lives

God sent His son, they called Him, Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy he brings;
But greater still the calm assurance:
This child can face uncertain days because He Lives!

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!

And then one day, I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then, as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives!

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!

## Acknowledgements

The family of the late Mr. Roy Larue Atwater Sr. wishes to express our deepest gratitude for the outpouring of love, support, and compassion shown to us during this time of loss. Your prayers, comforting words, visits, calls, floral tributes, and every act of kindness have helped to sustain us through our grief.

A special thank you is extended to the medical staff at UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill for their care and dedication, and to all the extended family and friends who walked alongside Roy throughout his life's journey. Your presence in his life and in ours has been a true blessing.
May God continue to richly bless each of you.
— The Family

## Repass

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# ROY LARUE ATWATER, SR

Sunrise: August 14, 1949 Sunset: May 5, 2025



Services:
Monday
May 12
2025

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Pastor John Cradle Sr. - Eulogist

# Obituary

Mr. Roy Larue Atwater Sr., beloved son of the late Roy Lee Atwater and Ruth Nicholas Atwater, was born on August 14, 1949, in Orange County, North Carolina. On May 5, 2025, with his devoted daughter Alicia by his side, Roy peacefully transitioned from this life at UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill to enter eternal rest with the Lord.

Roy was educated in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools and proudly earned his high school diploma from Lincoln High School. From an early age, he accepted Christ as his Savior and became a faithful member of St. Joseph CME Church. During his years of fellowship, he served joyfully in the Adult Choir and, later, shared his musical gifts with the Voices of Joy.

A hardworking and talented man, Roy began his career at Tri-Am in Chapel Hill. He later honed his skills as a carpenter, specializing in the intricate art of antique furniture restoration. His craftsmanship was valued by employers such as Riggsbee-Hinson, The Furniture Doctor, and Fred Baldwin.

Outside of work, Roy lived a life rich in joy and connection. He found peace in fishing, excitement in watching football, and delight in music and singing. An avid card player, he treasured long Bid Whist games with his brothers. A loyal fan of the UNC Tar Heels and the Pittsburgh Steelers, Roy rarely missed a game. Above all, he loved spending time with his family, especially his brothers, sharing laughter, memories, and moments of joy.

Roy was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Ruth Atwater, and two brothers, James and Eddie Atwater.

He leaves to cherish his memory three loving children: Sojourner Atwater, Roy Atwater Jr. (Candice), and Alicia Atwater; one brother, Alan Atwater Sr. (Robin); his devoted wife, Belinda Atwater; five adored grandchildren: Adrian, LJ, Addison, Aston, and Janaia; three nieces and one nephew: Mathai, Ebonie, Alan Jr., and Keisha; ten great-nieces and nephews; two beloved bonus children; and a host of extended family and friends. Roy also leaves behind treasured memories with a dear and caring friend, Sharron Weaver, whose companionship brought him great comfort and happiness.

Mr. Roy Larue Atwater Sr. will be remembered for his loving spirit, his gentle heart, and the warmth he brought to those around him. His legacy of love, laughter, and resilience will live on in all who knew and loved him.

# Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation, purchase of God
Born of his Spirit, washed in His blood

This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long

Perfect submission, perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love

This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long












# Order of Service

**Processional**

**Prayer of Comfort: Pastor John Crandle, Sr**

**Scripture Readings**: Minister Ellen Weaver Hines
*Old Testament:* ***Psalm 1:16***

**Glory Patri- Please Stand Up**
***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.***

*New Testament:* ***John 15:19-29***

**Hymn**
*Because He Lives*: ***Congregation***

**Obituary**
***(Read Silently)***

**Acknowledgments**
**Tara Robinson**

**Hymn**
*Blessed Assurance*: ***Congregation***

**Eulogy: *Pastor John Cradle Sr.***

Benediction

Morticians Brief