



A Service
Of Committal

July 28, 1937 — June 18, 2025

Tuesday, September 9, 2025
Eleven o'clock in the morning

Old St. Andrew's Churchyard
Charleston, South Carolina

OFFICIANT

The Officiant says

Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me;
I will never turn away anyone who believes in me.

He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead
will also give new life to our mortal bodies
through his indwelling Spirit.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy.

Listen, I will tell you a mystery!
We will not all die, but we will all be changed.
For this perishable body must put on imperishability,
and this mortal body must put on immortality.
Then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:
"Death has been swallowed up in victory."
"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"
But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Officiant: Let us pray.

O God, you have ordered this wonderful world and know all things in earth and in heaven. Give us such faith that by day and by night, at all times and in all places, we may without fear commit ourselves and those dear to us to your never-failing love, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (*said together*)

Our Father, who art in heaven,	And forgive us our trespasses,
hallowed be thy Name,	as we forgive those
thy kingdom come,	who trespass against us.
thy will be done,	And lead us not into temptation,
On earth as it is in heaven.	but deliver us from evil.
Give us this day our daily bread.	For thine is the kingdom,

Then, while the ashes are placed, the Officiant says these words

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother, Luke, and we commit his ashes to their resting place; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless him and keep him, the Lord make his face to shine upon him and be gracious to him, the Lord lift up his countenance upon him and give him peace. **Amen.**

The Officiant says

The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, with whom still live the spirits of those who die in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful are in joy and felicity: We give you heartfelt thanks for the good examples of all your servants, who, having finished their course in faith, now find rest and refreshment. May we, with all who have died in the true faith of your holy Name, have perfect fulfillment and bliss in your eternal and everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Officiant: Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord;

People: **And let light perpetual shine upon him.**

Officiant: May his soul, and the souls of all the departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

People: **Amen.**

Crossing the Bar

Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Sunset and evening star,

And one clear call for me!

And may there be no moaning of the bar,

When I put out to sea,

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,

'Too full for sound and foam,

When that which drew from out the boundless deep

Turns again home.

'Twilight and evening bell,

And after that the dark!

And may there be no sadness of farewell,

When I embark;

For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place

The flood may bear me far,

I hope to see my Pilot face to face

When I have cross'd the bar.

Officiant: Let us pray.

O Lord, support us all the day long of this pilgrimage, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in your mercy, grant us safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Officiant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.



ST. PETERSBURG, FL - Colonel Joseph Carter Lucas, USA (Ret.) passed away on June 18, 2025, at Freedom Square Assisted Living Facility in Seminole, Florida. He was 87 years old. Joe was born on July 28, 1937, in Magdelene, Florida, to Christine Turner. At three months of age, he was adopted by Nikki and Joe Lucas of Charleston, South Carolina, who were living in Jacksonville at the time. When he was nine, the family returned to Charleston, where Joe was raised as their only child, cherished and guided with warmth, discipline, and love. Joe was admired by his friends and classmates. He played football at St. Andrew's High School and, upon graduation, attended Tulane University for a year on a Naval ROTC scholarship before receiving an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point. He graduated and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army in 1960, launching a distinguished career that spanned nearly 30 years and took him across the globe. While visiting home in Charleston, Joe met Marjorie Herbert, a blond beauty, whose aunt and uncle lived next door. The connection was immediate and enduring. They married in 1961 and built a life rooted in love, faith, and partnership, raising two children, Shand and Carter. Joe served two combat tours in Vietnam and held assignments in Germany, Panama, Spain, and throughout the United States. He earned a Master's degree in Spanish from Middlebury College and returned to West Point to teach in the Department of Foreign Languages. Known for his intellect, leadership, and humor, he also held several additional advanced degrees and was highly respected among his peers. Among his many military honors were the Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star, three Bronze Stars, the Meritorious Service Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Air Medal, three Purple Hearts, three Army Commendation Medals, the Ranger Tab, and the Parachutist Badge. After retiring from the Army in 1988 at MacDill Air Force Base, Joe and Marjorie settled in St. Petersburg, Florida, where they embraced life on the water. Joe earned a Master's in accounting from the University of South Florida, and he co-founded a successful CPA firm, Bird Lucas & Co. applying the same commitment and integrity to civilian life as he had in uniform. He was a longtime member of the Northeast Exchange Club and attended Riviera United Methodist Church for many years, where he loved to teach adult Sunday school classes. Known for his sharp wit and infectious humor, Joe had a joke for every occasion. His warmth and comic timing brought joy to those around him and created memories that will be treasured by all who knew him. Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Nikki and Joe Lucas; his birth mother, Christine Turner Tillery; his sister, Frances Powers; and his brother, Harvel "Bud" Mackey, Jr. He is survived by his beloved wife of 64 years, Marjorie; daughter Shand (Bill); son Carter (Kay); grandchildren Chas (Amanda), Andrew (Melisa), Margie (Josh), Rachel, and Max; great-grandchildren, Will, Harris, Noa, and Wyatt; sister-in-law, Frances LaRoche (Tom); brother-in-law, Rembert Herbert (Becky); and sisters, Shirley Jackson (Doug), Debbie Starkey (Mike), and Charlotte Lemley (Charlie). The family would like to thank the staff at Freedom Square, his caregivers and physical therapist for their wonderful devotion to him. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 19, 2025, at Anderson-McQueen Funeral Home, 2201 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Street N., St. Petersburg, Florida. Visitation will begin at 10:30 a.m., with the service to follow at 11:30 a.m. Burial will take place at a later date in Charleston, South Carolina. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Wounded Warrior Project or the Special Operations Warrior Foundation, causes close to Joe's heart.