

Pallbearers and Floral Bearers

Men and Women of Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church

What is a Real Friend?

*When sorrow's tears flow your way,
When you are feeling sad, no longer happy for a day;
Who will come again, and again?*

A friend.

*It doesn't matter if your life has been bad or good,
It doesn't matter if you are sometimes misunderstood.
Who will stick closer than a sister or brother?*

None other than a friend.

*Long after time has lingered on,
Long after time has passed and gone;
You will long to meet on the other shore.
There will be a glad reunion forevermore.*

*And never will we part again,
No, no never our precious friend.*

"So, Sister it's good night here, but it's good morning up there."

Written by Josephine Hall

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mrs. Gertrude Approbato, wish to thank each of you for the many loving and wonderful expressions of love rendered, during the illness and passing of our loved one. A special thanks to her medical teams in New York and Florida, for the loving care she received while with them. May God bless each of you with His grace and mercy we pray.

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In Loving Memory

of

Mrs. Gertrude Approbato



Sunday, October 31, 2021

2:00 p.m.

Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church

*808 Barnes Street
Columbia, South Carolina*

Reverend Moses M. Rembert, Pastor

Reverend John Allen Lewis, Eulogist

Obituary

Mrs. Gertrude Hunter Approbato, daughter of the late Evelyn Hunter Smith, was born in Columbia, South Carolina on October 14, 1932. She departed this life on Thursday, October 14, 2021, to be with The Lord.

She was reared by her maternal grandparents, Wesley and Carrie Hunter, in the Arthurtown Community of Richland County. She loved her church and her church family. She and her husband, Frank Approbato, lived in Brooklyn, New York for a number of years. Later, they moved to Tucson, Arizona, for the warmer climate due to health reasons. After his passing, she returned to Brooklyn, and lived with a close friend, Mrs. Willie Davis. After the passing of Mrs. Davis, she relocated to Florida with Mrs. Davis's granddaughter, Kimberly Darry, who was her caregiver.

Her uncle, Professor John Wesley Hunter, was very instrumental in her getting a good education. She was a graduate of The Mather Academy and of Spellman College, where she earned a degree in Social Work.

She was preceded in death by: her mother and stepfather, Evelyn Hunter Smith and Joseph Smith; her uncle, John Wesley Hunter; other aunts, uncles, cousins, and devoted friends.

Mrs. Gertrude Hunter Approbato leaves to cherish her loving memory: her dear Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church family. She took great joy and delight in her return visits home.

Order of Service

Reverend Moses M. Rembert, Presiding
Pastor – Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn..... “There’s A Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

Scripture..... Old and New Testaments Clergy

Prayer

Clergy

Selection “You Are My Strength”

Remarks..... Mr. James A. Green, *President of BCACAU*
Mrs. Ida Jackson, *Class Leader*
Mr. Byron Jefferson, *Family Friend*

Resolution..... Ms. Vivian Ricks

Selection “When I Get Home”

Words of Comfort..... Reverend John Allen Lewis
Pastor – Mt. Pisgah A.M.E. Church

Viewing *In the Vestibule* Funeral Directors

Recessional and Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church Cemetery
808 Barnes Street
Columbia, South Carolina