

Obituary

Mrs. Ruthie M. Williams Bowens was born on February 14, 1939, to the late Glen Moore Williams and Naomi Scott Williams. She was called to her heavenly home on Tuesday, December 7, 2021, after a brief illness at Jacobi Hospital, Bronx, New York.

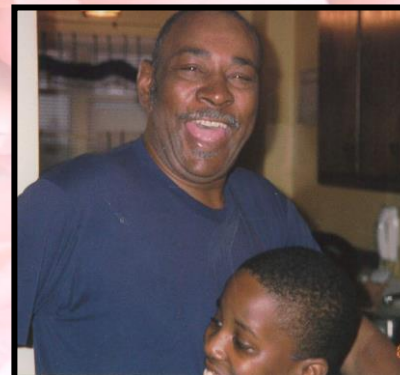
Ruthie accepted Christ at an early age, and was baptized at the Antioch Baptist Church Wheeler Hill, when it was located on Rice Street here in Columbia, South Carolina. She was raised in the home of her grandparents, Fred and Sarah Sumter Scott, surrounded by: four uncles, six aunts, and lots of love.

Ruthie was always a gentle, loving and quiet person with a giving heart. She would give you the shirt off her back. She never forgot a birthday or Christmas card, and would always include a monetary gift.

She graduated from Booker T. Washington High School, Class of 1957. Ruthie was lead majorette for the high school from 1954 until her graduation, in 1957. Ruthie moved to New York City, shortly after graduation and began to work as a secretary for Phillip Morris Tobacco Company. While living in New York, she met and married the late Ralph Bowens.

Mrs. Ruthie M. Williams Bowens is survived by: three aunts, Marjorie Williams, of New York City, Freddie M. (Joseph) Mickens, and Rosa (Belle) King, of Columbia, South Carolina; one special cousin, John Williams, of Charleston, SC; one special niece, Michelle Green; a host of sisters-in-law, cousins, and friends, all of whom loved her dearly and will miss her greatly.

Memories



Order of Service

Reverend Ralph Taylor, Presiding

Prelude.....Minister Dameon Johnson
Bethlehem Baptist Church, Lyon Street

Processional

Opening Hymn.....“Oh How I Love Jesus”

Old Testament.....Bishop Aaron Brown, DD
Pastor, Joy Temple Pentecostal Church, Columbia, SC

New Testament.....Reverend Anthony McCallum
Pastor, Bethlehem Baptist Church, College Place, Columbia, SC

Prayer.....Reverend Dr. Charles A. DeLaughter
Pastor, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Lyon Street, Columbia, SC

Selection....Sister Karon Repley and Brother James Cooper
Bethlehem Baptist Church, Lyon Street, Columbia, SC

Reflections.....Mother J. Brown
Mr. John Williams
Mrs. Veronica Barnett
Ms. Michelle Green

Obituary Reading

Selection....Sister Karon Repley and Brother James Cooper

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Ralph Taylor
Mt. Moriah A.M.E. Church (Ret.) Jesup, GA

Recessional.....“I’m Free”

Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

Lincoln Cemetery
4900 Farrow Road
Columbia, South Carolina

Just A Memory Away

I'm no longer by your side
But there's no need to weep
I've left sweet recollection
I'm hoping you will keep.

Eternal joy and memories
Stay in our hearts forever
Strengthening our special bond
That parting cannot sever

Now it's time to journey on
Do let your faith be strong
For I'm in a better place
I'm home where I belong

And if times of loneliness
Bring sorrow and dismay
Don't despair for I'm there
Just a memory away.

Pallbearers

Tre Vaun Green
Herbert Barnett

John Williams
Larry Mickens

Floral Bearers

Michelle Green
Veronica Barnett

Cania Gordon
Rakel Taylor

Dawn Wallace

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mrs. Ruthie M. Williams Bowens, wish to extend sincere thanks: to Jacobi Hospital, Bullock Funeral Services (Gloria Carroll), James and Ann Daniels, all of the Bronx, NY, ministers, pastors, and Bethlehem Baptist Church, College Place, for hosting the repast and all acts of love and kindness shown during the passing of our Beloved Ruthie.

Repast

Bethlehem Baptist Church, College Place
Columbia, South Carolina

Services Entrusted To:

Taylor Street Chapel
1831 Taylor Street
Columbia, SC 29201
(803)771-7799

Leeby's

FUNERAL HOME

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9120 Garners Ferry Road
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-General Manager-



In Loving Memory of Mrs. Ruthie Williams Bowens



Saturday, December 18, 2021
1:00 p.m.

Leevy's Funeral Home Chapel
1831 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Reverend Ralph Taylor
- Officiating -