

God's Garden

God looked around his garden
And found an empty place.
He then looked down upon the earth,
And saw your tired face.

He put His arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering,
He knew that you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb.
So He closed your weary eyelids
And whispered "Peace be thine."

It broke our hearts to lose you
But you did not go alone...
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.

Pallbearers

Trustees

Floral Bearers

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Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mrs. Herteline Diana Starks Lowman, would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to all who have shown comforting expressions of love, sympathy, and prayers, during the passing of our loved one. Our hearts will always be grateful for your kindness, as we pray for a special blessing to be bestowed upon each and every one of you. A special thanks to the late Leroy Foust Family and the Pine Grove Community.

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In Loving Memory of

Mrs. Herteline D. Starks Lowman



Thursday, December 16, 2021

11:00 a.m.

Pine Grove A.M.E. Church

120 Steward Road

Columbia, South Carolina

Reverend James Dennis

-Pastor-

Obituary

“Come aside by yourself And Rest a While.”

Mark 6:31

Mrs. Herteline Diana Starks Lowman, affectionately called **Herte**, departed this life on Monday, December 13, 2021. Herteline, the daughter of the late Bennie and Annie Thompson Starks, was born on February 14, 1920, in Lexington County, South Carolina.

She received Christ at an early age. She joined Pine Grove early in life, and attended for all of her teen years. While living with her mother in Columbia, SC, she attended Bethel A.M.E. Church, on Sumter and Taylor Streets.

Her early education began in Washington, DC, Pinkney’s Pre-school, Howard Elementary School, and Booker T. Washington, Columbia, SC. While at Booker T. Washington High School, she was a member of the John Works Chorus and the basketball team, proudly wearing the #13. As a member of the drama department, she performed in several operettas at the Columbia Township Auditorium, namely The Mikado Treasure Island and others. She was a member of the National Youth Association (NYA), and a member of the Senior Student Council, serving as Recording Secretary.

On September 20, 1938, she was united in Holy Matrimony to Theodore James (TJ) Lowman, of Columbia, South Carolina. After marriage, the couple moved to Philadelphia, PA. While in Philly, she attended Mother Bethel Church. The couple returned to Columbia, SC, where her husband was called for military duty. They later moved to Chicago, IL, and worshipped at the Wayman A.M.E. Church, on the Northside. There, the great Ramsey Lewis and his father were Ministers of Music. She later returned to Columbia, SC, reunited with Pine Grove A.M.E. Church, served on the usher board, member of Class # 9, a Sunday Visitors Welcomer, leaving what she called “My little thought for today.” She traveled with the V.A.J. Mass Choir on occasions dramatizing “The Motherless Child.”

In Chicago, she was employed with the Montgomery Ward Main Plant, as an instructor in packing and billing. Later, she enrolled with the Lydia’s School of Cosmetology. She graduated from Lydia’s and opened Herte’s Petite Beauty Shop, in Chicago’s Northside, and operated for years.

At USC, she worked as a Security Guard with the Pinkerton Security Guard System, as a special event guard. She earned a certificate of award for “Outstanding Performance of Duty during the Billy Graham Crusade at William Brice Stadium, in Columbia, SC. She met Pope John Paul. She was a poll manager for Richland County Election Commission-Ward Precinct.

Her hobbies were fishing and listening to good music. Her slogan was “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” She had a great sense of humor.

She was preceded in death by: mother, Annie Thompson Starks; father, Bennie Starks; husband, Theodore Lowman; and her brother, Henry Author Starks;

Mrs. Herteline leaves to cherish her memory: her son, SSgt. Phillip L. (Frances) Wong; granddaughter, Mya Wong; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends, all of whom will miss her dearly.

I needed the quiet
so, he drew me aside into the shadows
where we could confide away
groom the hustle and bustle
where all the day long.
I hurried and worried
when active and strong.

Thank God for I’ve been blessed.
Thank God for all who loved me
Praise God who loved me best
Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me
All the days of my life
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord
forever

Psalm 23:6

“Thought for The Day”
A smile is a curve that can set many things straight

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Thank God I Am Free

A Service of Remembrance

Reverend James Dennis

Prelude

Processional..... “Jesus the Light of the World”

Hymn of Praise..... “Amazing Grace”

Invocation

Old Testament – Psalm 23.....Licentiate Elton Spain

New Testament – Mark 6:29-31.....Minister

Solo.....Mr. Leon Smith

Remarks.....Mr. Leon Smith
Dr. Patricia Hall

The Hymn of Preparation..... “It Is Well With My Soul”

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Joseph Darby
Nicholas Chapel A.M.E. Church, Charleston, SC

Recessional

Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

**Piney Grove Cemetery
4300 Piney Grove Road
Columbia, South Carolina**