

Obituary

On July 12, 1935, Mary Louise *Sister* Pinckney McCloud was born to Louis and Chamie Pinckney, in Columbia, South Carolina. She was the second of seven siblings. She was called home to be with her Lord and Savior on Saturday, December 4, 2021.

She was educated in the Richland County Public Schools. She graduated with the Class of 1953 from Bookert T. Washington High School, where she took cosmetology under the leadership of Mrs. Elsie Martin. She was also known for playing a great game of basketball.

She married James McCloud, her *pecan tan*, and from this union brought seven children.

Mary had a passion for cooking and was well-known for her cooking. She held many jobs as cook and worked at South Carolina National Bank now known as Wells Fargo, where she retired. She then continued sharing her cooking skills at NCR Corporation.

She became a member of Ridgewood Missionary Baptist Church in 1971, where she served on the well-known Musical Choir, under the leadership of Edna Pough. She also served as Head of the Kitchen Committee and Senior Adult Ministry. She served faithfully until her health started to decline.

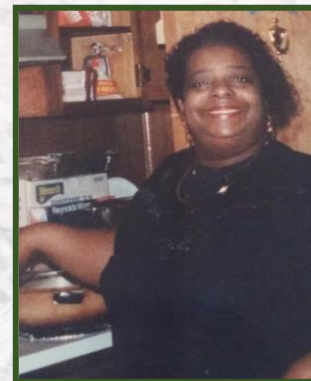
After retirement, she enjoyed life by traveling. Wherever there was a bus moving, Mary was on it ready to go. She enjoyed shopping, playing BINGO and Pokeno with her family. Her family meant everything to her. She adored all the moments and events she had with her family. She was also a member of the The Rainbow Women Social Club, the Majestic Women Social Club, and served as chaplin and vice president.

Mary also had a heart for children. She served as a Foster Grandparent at Greenview Elementary School for 15 years. She looked forward every day going to work with her students and her assigned teacher, Ms. McClain, which who became a close friend.

Mary was preceded in death by: her husband, James McCloud; parents, Louis and Channie Pinckney; two brothers, Louis Pinckney and Willie Pinckney; sisters, Rosetta Gregg and Henrietta Pinckney; a great-granddaughter, Triniti Ross; and her fur-baby, Princess.

Mrs. Mary Pinckney McCloud leaves to cherish her memory: four daughters, Joycelyn McCloud, Valeria McCloud, Fay Chandler, and Velma McCloud, all of Columbia, SC; three sons, Wardell (Libby) McCloud, Vincent (Tonya) McCloud, and Stanley McCloud, of all Columbia, SC; eleven grandchildren; twenty-one great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Tenna P. Hayes, of Columbia, SC; brother, Elliott Pinckney, of Columbia, SC; six nieces; four nephews; a host great-nieces, great-nephews; **a daughter by love**, Sharline Brown; **a son by love**, Leamon Jones; a special cousin, Eddie Jefferson; along with many whom she loved as daughters and sons; family, and friends, all of whom will miss her dearly.

Memories



Order of Service

Reverend Darrius Graves, Executive Pastor, Presiding

Prelude

Processional.....“God Is”

Opening Hymn.....“I Am Free”

Old Testament.....Reverend Gerald Tucker
New Beginnings Baptist Church

Proverbs 31: 10

New Testament.....Minister Shonda Hayes
Ridgewood Missionary Baptist Church

Revelation 21: 1-6

Prayer.....Reverend Cortney Williams
Associate Minister Ridgewood Missionary Baptist Church

Solo....“I Shall Wear A Crown”..... Ms. Tumarra Taylor

Remarks.....Ms. Estell Young, *Friend*

Solo.....“Shower of Blessings” ... Ms. LaShawn Goode

Words of Comfort....Reverend Fred W. Coit, Senior Pastor
Ridgewood Missionary Baptist Church

Recessional.....RMBC Praise Team

Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

**Lincoln Cemetery
4900 Farrow Road
Columbia, South Carolina**

A Mother's Crown

Heaven lit up with a mighty presence,
as the Angles all looked down.

Today the Lord was placing the jewels into my mother's crown.

He held up a golden crown, as my darling mother looked on.

He said in His gentle voice, "I will now explain each one."

"The first gem He said, is Ruby, and it's for endurance alone,
For all the nights by their bedside, you stayed till the fever went
down. For nursing every little wound,

I add this ruby to your crown.

An emerald, I'll place by the ruby,
for leading your child in the right way.

For teaching them lessons, that made them who they are today.

For always being there, through all life's important events.

I give you this one for courage.

Then the Lord added a garnet stone.

I'll place a stone of amethyst, He said. For all the times you spent
on your knees, when you asked if I'd take care of your children,
and then for having faith in Me.

I have a pearl for every little sacrifice
that you made without them knowing.

For all the times you went without,
to keep them happy, healthy, and growing.

And last of all I have a diamond,
the greatest one of all,

for sharing unconditional love
whether they were big or small.

It was your love that helped them grown
feeling safe and happy and proud.

A love so strong and pure
it could shift the darkest cloud.

After the Lord placed the last jewel in,
He said. "Your crown is now complete;

You've earned your place in Heaven
with your children at your feet."

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Floral Bearers

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Acknowledgements

We, the family of Mrs. Mary L. Pinckney McCloud, wish to thank each of you for the many loving and sincere acts of kindness rendered during the passing of our loved one. Special thanks to SeniorCare PACE-White Rock staff, her sitters, Erica Smith and Constance Cannon, and her driver, Bryant

Services Entrusted To:

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

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-Owner & Director-

Leevy's

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-President & Managing Director-

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Leverette A. Williams, II
-General Manager-

In Loving Memory

Mrs. Mary Pinckney McCloud



Friday, December 10, 2021

1:00 p.m.

Levi C. Chavous Conference Center

5326 Ridgeway Street

Columbia, South Carolina