

Roses Grow In Heaven

If roses grow in heaven,
Lord, please pick a bunch for me,
Place them in my wife's arms
And tell her they're from me.
Tell her I love her and miss her,
And when she turns to smile,
Place a kiss upon her cheek
And hold her for awhile
Because remembering her is easy
I do it every day,
But there's an ache within my heart
That will never go away.

Your Loving Husband, James

If tears could build a stairway and memories a lane. We would walk right up to heaven and bring you back again. Since you'll never be forgotten. We pledge to you today. A hallowed place within our heart. Where you will always stay.

Jammie and Melandie

My Mother - In - Law

I just wanted to let you know how much you meant to me. Only a heart as dear as yours would give so unselfishly. The many things you have done. All the times you were there helped me to know how much you truly cared. Even though I did not tell you often how much I really appreciated you I was truly blessed to have a mother-in-law like you. You will truly be missed Susie Q.

Stephanie



Honorary Pallbearers

Tony Canteen
Richard Hardy
Greg Williams
Keith Lyles

Thomas Spigner
Derrick Goodwater
Kelvin Martin
Roy Portee

Pallbearers

Louis Hargove, Jr.
John Gibbs
Earl Ware, Jr.

John Maye
Reginald Blanding
Dennis White

Floral Bearers

Nieces

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mrs. Susie Mae Gibbs Portee, 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.

Services Entrusted To:

Taylor Street Chapel 1831 Taylor Street Columbia, SC 29201 (803)771-7799 I. S. Leevy Johnson -Owner & Director-	Leevy's FUNERAL HOME Chris Leevy Johnson -President & Managing Director-	Lower Richland Chapel 9120 Garners Ferry Road Hopkins, SC 29061 (803) 776-6922 Leverette A. Williams, II -General Manager-
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Home Going Service *Celebrating the life* *of*

DEACONESS SUSIE MAE GIBBS PORTEE
"THE MAYOR OF PONTIAC"

SUNRISE
MARCH 11, 1946

SUNSET
DECEMBER 17, 2021



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021
2:00 P.M.

GREEN HILL BAPTIST CHURCH
2215 GREEN HILL ROAD
ELGIN, SOUTH CAROLINA

REVEREND CLARKE MCGRUFF
-PASTOR-

Obituary

Mrs. Susie Mae Gibbs Portee was born March 11, 1946, in Pontiac, South Carolina. She was the daughter of Louis and Mayzola Bush Gibbs. On Friday, December 17, 2021, God called her home to receive her crown.

Susie attended the public schools of Richland County, SC School District II. She graduated from Bethel High School, Class of 1965. Shortly thereafter, Susie began her career in the healthcare profession at the South Carolina Department of Mental Health/Crafts-Farrow. She retired as an employee in the Human Resources Department, with more than thirty-two years of service. Susie was united in Holy Matrimony to Deacon James Portee and was blessed with one daughter, Reverend Melandie Portee and a son, Jammie Portee.

Susie, known affectionately as Susie-Q and *The Mayor of Pontiac*, dedicated her life and resources to helping those in need. She took several family members into her home who were facing life challenges or who had health issues. There was rarely a Sunday where she didn't rise early and travel to Columbia to pick up someone who needed a ride to church. Many times, she would stop along the road, pick up someone she saw walking and bring them to Sunday School and Worship Services with her. Susie was known at most Midlands area hospitals and nursing home facilities by both staff and patients. Whenever you visited the sick, the bereaved or those in need, they would say, "Sue has already been there." She was a true Missionary.

Susie was a faithful member of the Green Hill Baptist Church and a great supporter of its mission and ministry. She served in the Deaconess, Missionary, and Pastoral Care Ministries, and was a regular participant in Bible Study and Sunday School.

She was preceded in death by: her parents; four brothers; three sisters; several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

Susie leaves numerous family members to celebrate her joyous life and homegoing: her devoted husband, Deacon James Portee; her loving children, Reverend Melandie Portee, Jammie (Stephanie) Portee, all of Pontiac, South Carolina; two grandchildren, Jammie Lynn "JP" and Jordan, both of Columbia, South Carolina; two great-grandchildren, Cassidy and Kameron, of Columbia, South Carolina; three brothers, Reverend Johnny (Henrietta) Gibbs, Jessie (Vermell) Gibbs, and Macky (Brenda) Gibbs, all of Pontiac, South Carolina; three sisters, Margie Blanding, Evelyn Ware, and Patsy Hargove; one bonus sister, Carolyn (Willie) Samuel, of Pontiac, South Carolina; one aunt, Juanita Boyd; one uncle, Arthur Bush, both of Columbia, South Carolina; brothers-in-law, Willie (Doris) Portee and Melvin (Elsa) Portee, of Columbia, South Carolina, and Larry Harmon, of Pontiac, of South Carolina; one sister-in-law, Linda Portee, of Pontiac, of South Carolina; several, godchildren, other relatives, and caring friends, all of whom will miss her dearly.

Memories



Order of Service

Reverend Lucas J. Hargrove, Presiding

Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn.....Deacon James Woods

Old Testament.....Reverend Joe A. Bush

New Testament.....Reverend Sara Martin

Prayer.....Reverend Eric Gilyard

Solo.....Reverend Melandie Portee, *Daughter*

Remarks.....Deacon John Bowers, *Church*

Ms. Minnie Anthony, *Friend*

Ms. Henrietta Gibbs, *Sister-in-law*

Mr. Kelvin Gibbs, *Nephew*

Reverend Johnny Gibbs, *Brother*

Messrs Jammie, JP, and Jordan Portee, *Son and Grandsons*

Acknowledgements.....Ms. Shavonne Gibson, *Niece*

Reading of Obituary.....Ms. Peggi Hawkins, *Niece*

Resolution.....Ms. Patsy Hargrove, *Sister*

Solo.....Deacon James Portee, *Husband*

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Clarke McGriff, *Pastor*

Selection.....Mr. Terrance Ford

Recessional

Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

Green Hill Baptist Church Cemetery

2215 Green Hill Road
Elgin, South Carolina