



Pallbearers

Antioch Baptist Church Brotherhood and
Macedonia Baptist Church Brotherhood

Floral Bearers

Missionaries of Antioch Baptist Church and
Sorors of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

"I Am the resurrection and the Life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."

Committal, Benediction and Interment

1:00 p.m.
Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road
Columbia, South Carolina

Services Entrusted To:

Taylor Street Chapel

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

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-Owner & Director-

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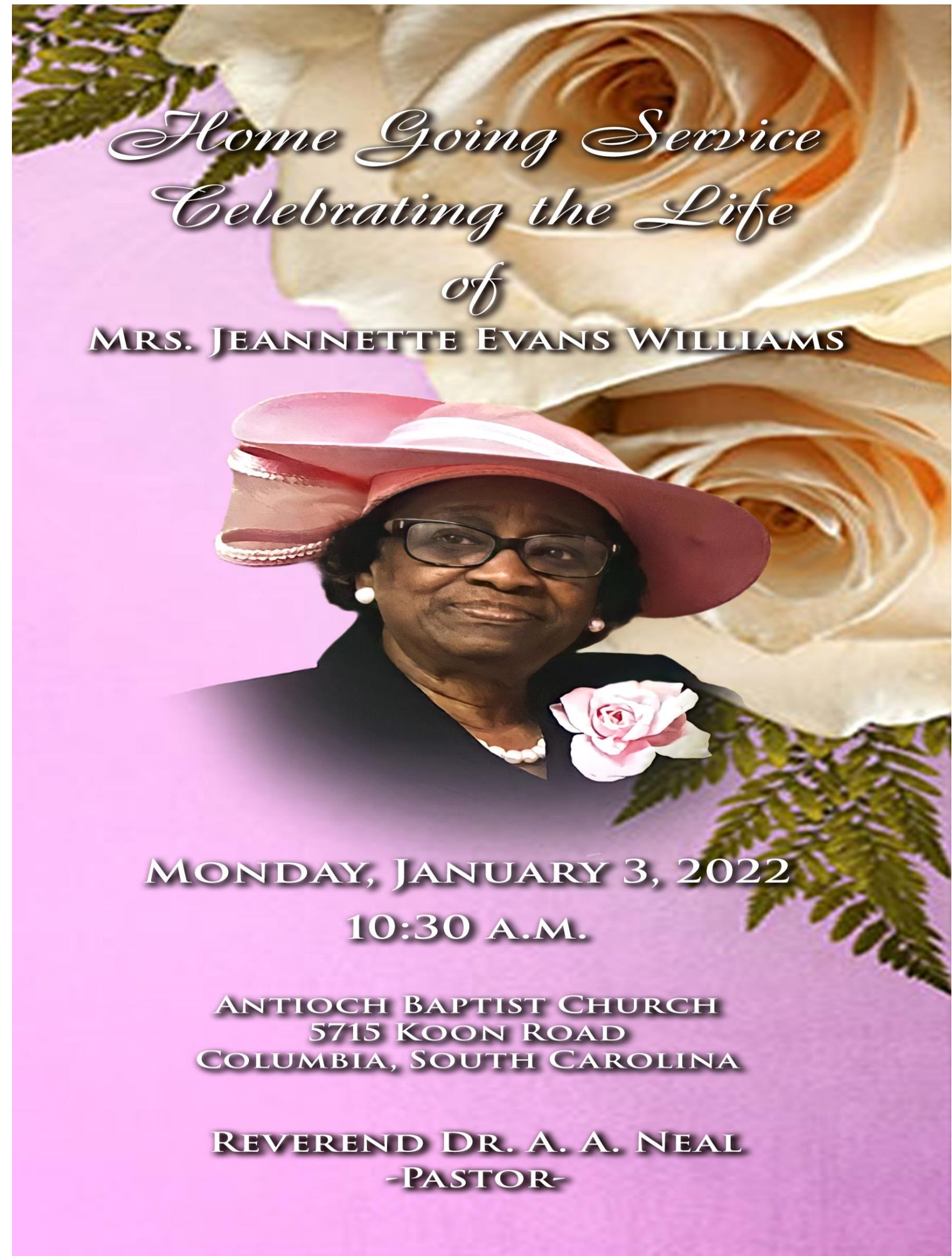
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*Home Going Service
Celebrating the Life
of*

MRS. JEANNETTE EVANS WILLIAMS

MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022

10:30 A.M.

**ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH
5715 KOON ROAD
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**REVEREND DR. A. A. NEAL
-PASTOR-**

Obituary

Mrs. Jeannette Evans Williams was born on April 20, 1938, in Augusta, GA. She was the second of four children born to John H. and Alice Moore Evans. She departed this life on Wednesday, December 22, 2021.

She was educated in the public schools of Augusta, GA, until her family relocated to Columbia, SC, in the summer of 1951. She was enrolled in C. A. Johnson High School, from which she graduated in 1955. She then entered Benedict College, from which she graduated in 1959 with honors, receiving the Bachelor of Arts degree, with a major in Elementary Education. She embarked on a teaching career that would cover over thirty (30) years as a classroom teacher. In 1969, South Carolina State College (now University) conferred upon her the degree of Master of Education.

Mrs. Williams' walk with the Lord began early in life, at age eleven, when she was baptized at Macedonia Baptist Church, in Augusta, GA, under the pastorate of Reverend R. C. Calhoun. She was often among the youth, who represented Macedonia at church related events and competitions, at least once being a first-place winner in oratory. She remained an active young Christian at Macedonia until her family moved to Columbia, where they joined in membership at Second Nazareth Baptist Church, under the pastorate of Rev. William McKinley Bowman. She remained active at Second Nazareth until her marriage to Reverend John C. Williams, two years after graduating from college. While at Second Nazareth, she taught Sunday church school, worked in the Young Woman's Auxiliary (YWA), and sang on the Church's gospel choir, The Nazarenes.

Mrs. Williams' educational career began at Carver Elementary School in Columbia in 1959. After two years at Carver (and marriage and two children), she returned to the classroom. She taught at Perrin-Thomas Elementary School in Columbia, Lakeview Elementary School, in West Columbia, and Atlas Road Elementary School in Columbia. In 1972 when Richland County School District No. One went to full integration, Mrs. Williams was assigned to the former all-white Satchel Ford Road Elementary School. She remained at Satchel Ford Road Elementary School until her retirement in June 1991, capping thirty years, twenty-four years of which were at the first grade level. Her retirement was prompted by the untimely death of her older sister and the failing health of her parents.

Mrs. Williams was a faithful wife and partner to her husband, accompanying him in his pastorates at Mount Nebo Baptist Church, in Lower Richland County, Beauty Hill Baptist Church, in Orangeburg County, and Macedonia Baptist Church. She never asserted herself for church or auxiliary leadership, but was always willing to perform service when asked. She accompanied her husband into membership at Antioch Baptist Church when he (Reverend Williams) retired from the pastorate at Macedonia Baptist Church.

She was an active and supporting Benedict College alumna (half-century), supporting the college financially and working through the local Benedict College Club and the Benedict College National Alumni Association. She was a "golden soror" (fifty years or more) of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, having joined the sorority while still in college. She was a member of the National Education Association (NEA), the South Carolina Education Association – Retired (SCEA-R), and the Richland County Education Association – Retired (RCEA-R). She was active in the Ministers' Wives and Widows department of the National Baptist Convention of America, Inc., in which Macedonia Baptist Church has membership.

She was preceded in death by: her parents, John H. and Alice Moore Evans; siblings, Joan Lewis and Benjamin James "Foxy" Evans.

Mrs. Jeannette E. Williams leaves to cherish her precious memory: her loving husband of over 60 years, Reverend John C. Williams; daughters, Cynthia D. Williams, of Columbia, South Carolina and Camela W. (Joseph) McAllister, of Charlotte, North Carolina; sister, Doris Evans Rumph; sister-in-law, Yvonne G. Evans, of Decatur, Georgia; grandchildren, Donovan A. Hardy, Sr., Janay C. McAllister, Danielle A. Hardy, and Devin M. McAllister; three great-grandchildren, Donovan Aubrey Hardy, Jr., Josiah O. Payne, and Zuri Amina McAllister; loving nieces, nephews, cousins, many other relatives, and caring friends, all of whom will miss her dearly.

Safely Home

I am home in heaven dear ones

Oh, so happy and so bright!

There is perfect joy and beauty

In this Everlasting light.

All the pain and grief are over!

Every restless yearning past

I am now at peace forever,

Safely home in heaven at last.

Dear ones, do not grieve so sorely,

Try to look beyond earth's shadow

Try to trust Our Father's Will

When your work is completed!

He will gently call you home;

Oh! The rapture of that meeting!

Oh, the joy to see you come!

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mrs. Jeannette Louise Evans Williams, gratefully acknowledge all prayers, food, flowers, cards, other expressions of support, and kindness during this time. May God bless you in a special way for your thoughtfulness.

Memories



Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Opening Selection.....“Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross”..... Congregation

Old Testament – Proverbs 31:10-30.....Reverend Dr. Lavern Witherspoon
Pastor, Butler Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Orangeburg, SC

New Testament – John 14:1-3 & 2 Corinthians 5:1-5.....Reverend Dr. Blakely N. Scott
Pastor, First Nazareth Baptist Church, Columbia, South Carolina

Prayer.....Reverend Dr. A. A. Dicks
Pastor, Friendship Baptist Church, Columbia, South Carolina

Musical Selection..... “May The Work I’ve Done Speak For Me”.....Mrs. Ida Belton
Macedonia Baptist Church

Remarks.....Deacon Robert E. Currie, *Chairman of Deacons*
Antioch Baptist Church, Columbia, SC
Deacon Robert Squirewell, *Chairman of Deacons*
Macedonia Baptist Church, Ridgeway, SC
Ms. Mary L. Green, Member, *Mt. Nebo Baptist Church*
Lower Richland Community
Mrs. Cedelle E. Gates, *President*
Benedict College National Alumni Association
Mrs. Lillie James, *Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.*
Mrs. Mildred W. Jacobs, *Neighbor*
Riverview Terrance Community
Mrs. Sheibra W. James, *Niece*
Mr. Grant Carl Lewis, *Nephew*
Ms. Cynthia D. Williams, *Daughter*

Acknowledgements.....Antioch Baptist Church

Selection..... “Blessed Assurance”..... Ensemble-Antioch/Macedonia Baptist Churches

Words of Comfort.....Pastor A. A. Neal

Selection..... “I Am Free”..... The Ensemble

Recessional..... “When We All Get To Heaven”

Postlude



Memories

