

## Remember Me

*To the living, I am gone.  
To the sorrowful, I will never return.  
To the angry, I was cheated,  
But to the happy, I am at peace,  
And to the faithful, I have never left.  
I cannot be seen, but I can be heard.  
So as you stand upon a shore, gazing at a  
beautiful sea - remember me.  
As you look in awe at a mighty forest and  
its grand majesty - remember me.  
As you look upon a flower and admire its  
simplicity - remember me.  
Remember me in your heart, your  
thoughts, your memories of the times we  
loved, the times we cried, the times we  
fought, the times we laughed.  
For if you always think of me, I will  
never be gone.*

By:  
*Margaret Mead*

## Pallbearers

Franklin Hampton  
Willie Hampton, III  
Arvin Martin

Sterling Hampton  
Robert Johnson  
Samuel Quilller

## Floral Bearers

RMBC Senior Missionaries  
&  
RMBC Hospitality Committee

## Acknowledgement

We, the family of the late Elaine Lakins Hampton, would like to thank each of you for your kindness, thoughts, and prayers, during the loss of our loved one. It is our prayer that God richly blesses each of you in a very special way.



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## *Celebration of The Life of Mrs. Elaine Lakins Hampton*



*Saturday, February 26, 2022  
1:00 p.m.*

*Ridgewood Missionary Baptist Church  
5326 Rideway Street  
Columbia, South Carolina*

*Reverend Fred Coit  
-Pastor*

*Obituary*

**Mrs. Elaine Lakins Hampton** was born, May 27, 1937, in Queens, New York. She was the daughter of the late John Lakins and Eloise Mosley. She quietly went home to be with the Lord on Monday, February 21, 2022, in Columbia, South Carolina.

Elaine spent her early years in Queens, where she was educated in the public schools of New York. During her sophomore year while attending Queens High School, she relocated to Columbia, South Carolina, to live with her father and stepmother. She then attended the public schools of Richland County, where she graduated from Brooker T. Washington High School, Class of 1956.

While attending Booker T. Washington, she met George R. Hampton. The two were united in Holy Matrimony on May 10, 1956 and from this union, they were blessed with three children, George, Jr., Ronald, and Novera.

Elaine loved music and was a gifted singer. One of the highlights of her life was competing as a singer at the Apollo Theater in New York City.

Mrs. Hampton was employed with the South Carolina Department of Social Services. She retired in 1997, after more than 30 years of service. During her retirement, she became a Foster Grandparent at Arden Elementary School for many years. Because she had a love for children, she then became a substitute teacher in Richland School District One until her health declined.

Elaine was a lifelong member of Ridgewood Missionary Baptist Church, where she served in spirit and in truth, loving the Lord. During her tenure there, she was a member of Jubilee Choir, which she loved dearly. She was also a longtime member of the RMBC Senior Missionaries, where she shared the true character of a missionary. She depicted integrity and was always willing to participate wherever she was needed. A true missionary, she volunteered tirelessly even when she may not have felt her best, but she knew that a smile would show forth the glory of God to all she served.

Elaine loved life and people. She loved to cook, read, travel, and doing anything that allowed her to be around children. Those who knew her also knew that she loved her vegetable garden and working in the yard. She will be remembered for her quick wit, her beautiful smile, her ability to make you laugh, and the love that she shared with all she met.

Mrs. Hampton was also preceded in death by: her son, Ronald Hampton; and her sister, Eloise Lakins Knightner.

Those who are celebrating and rejoicing in her life are: her loving son, George (Gail) Russell Hampton, Jr., of Marietta, GA; her loving and devoted daughter, Novera G. Hampton, of Columbia, SC; her loving and caring stepchildren, Franklin (Tashera) Hampton, of Atlanta, GA and Rosie H. (Samuel) Quiller, of Columbia, SC; her daughter-in-law, Deborah Hampton, of Columbia, SC; her loving grandchildren, Randy I. Allen, of Charlotte, NC, Dexter Hampton, of Marietta GA, Seneca Hampton, United States Navy, Sequoia H. (John) Collard, and Shannon Hampton, both of Columbia, SC; her precious great-grandchildren, Anandi Allen, of Charlotte, NC and Ryland Jones, of Columbia, SC; sister-in-law, Margaret M. Hampton, of Hopkins SC; bonus daughter, Petra Sumter; her special friends, Rose Davis and Nancy Reed, both of Columbia, SC; loving nephews, nieces, other friends, who were dear to her; her loving Knightner Family; and a host of other loving relatives and dear friends, all of whom will miss her dearly.

## Memories



## A Service of Remembrance

*Reverend Darrius Graves, Executive Pastor, Presiding*

Prelude	
Processional.....	Ministers and Family
Viewing.....	Funeral Directors
Opening Hymn.....	Praise Team
Old Testament.....	Psalm 121.....Deacon Jason Ellison
New Testament.....	John 14:1-6.....Deacon Marvin M. Bryant
Prayer.....	Reverend Dr. Lillie Burgess
Musical Selection.....	Praise Team
Remarks .....	Arden Elementary School Representative RMBC Senior Missionaries Representative Reverend Shandra Hayes Ms. Vera Hampton and Mr. George Hampton
Solo.....	“I Won’t Complain”.....Ms. Tamara Taylor
Words of Comfort.....	Reverend Fred Coit
Recessional.....	“Let The Church Say Amen”
Postlude	



## Committal, Benediction and Interment

Lincoln Cemetery  
4900 Farrow Road  
Columbia, South Carolina