

Pallbearers

Mr. Darryl Dewitt Earley, II
Mr. Michael Earley
Mr. Donald Frierson
Mr. Derra Ramsey
Mr. Victor Terry

Floral Bearers

St. Mark Baptist Church Ushers and Missionary

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mrs. Ola Ruth Weeks Earley, would like to thank and extend our heartfelt gratitude for all the love that has been shown, during our time of bereavement. For the many expressions of kindness, visits, phone calls, cards, food, prayers, and comforting words, we say **Thank you!**

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*A Celebration of Life
In Loving Memory
of*

MRS. OLA RUTH WEEKS EARLEY



**MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2022
11:00 A.M.**

**ST. MARK BAPTIST CHURCH
2700 CHESTNUT STREET
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**REVEREND REGINALD JOHNSON
-PASTOR-**

*Reflections of the Life
of
Mrs. Ola Ruth Weeks Earley*

“Don’t grieve for me, for now I’m free. I’m following the path God has laid you see. I took his hand when I heard His call. I turned my back and left it all. Lift up your heart and peace to thee—God wanted me now; He has set me free.”

Mrs. Ola Ruth Weeks Earley was born on January 3, 1928, in the State Park Area of Columbia, South Carolina. She was the youngest child of six, born to the late Samuel and Bessie Lee Weeks. On Tuesday, March 22, 2022, God sent special angels to her home to lead the tired and weary, but brave soul of Mrs. Earley from this earthly life to rest eternally with Him.

Mrs. Earley was educated in the public schools of Columbia. She graduated from Booker T. Washington High School, Class of 1946. She furthered her education at Allen University, where she earned a bachelor’s degree in Home Economics. After college, she was employed as a school teacher in the Dillion and Great Falls areas of South Carolina. Mrs. Earley retired after 30 dedicated years of working for the State of South Carolina.

She accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age. She was a vital member of St. Mark Baptist Church, in Columbia, SC, where she served faithfully in various auxiliaries and programs: Sunday School teacher, Missionary, Kitchen Ministry, Bible Study, and Vacation Bible School, for over 80 years. She was a **true worshiper**. She loved her church and her church family. She had a genuine love for the Lord, and never hesitated to let you know that because of His goodness in her life, nothing or no one would ever separate her from Him.

Mrs. Earley was very active in the community. She was a member of the Ward -9 Get Out of the Vote (GOTV) initiative, a founding and active member of the Friendly Bunch for retired teachers, the National Council of Negro Women, the United Order of the Tents, and an active member of the Lower Waverly Neighborhood Association. In 2010, Mrs. Earley was presented the Outstanding Christian Service Award from the Gethsemane Baptist Association, and in 2021, a certificate awarded by the Richland County Education Association for retiring in recognition of her valuable contributions and years of dedicated service as an educator and member of RCEA-R. She enjoyed missionary work, reading, touring, and caring for her flowers.

She was preceded in death by: her parents, Samuel and Bessie Lee Weeks; her husband, Joshua Earley; her brothers, Joseph, McKinley, Isiah, and Theodore Weeks, and her sister, Andrena Weeks Frierson.

Mrs. Ola Ruth Weeks Earley leaves to cherish her precious memory: her sons, Darryl Earley and David (Patricia) Earley, both of Columbia, SC; a daughter in her heart, Joann (Derra) Ramsey of Elgin, SC; two grandsons, Darryl Dewitt Earley II, of Atlanta, GA and Michael Anthony Earley, of Columbia, SC; two nephews, Ronald Abdul-Malik and Donald Frierson, both of Columbia, SC; a special cousin, Sandra (Sammie) Rentz, who was raised like a sister by Mrs. Earley’s mother; many other loving relatives and caring friends. Mrs. Earley will be greatly missed by her family, and all whose lives she touched. While our hearts are grieving, the memories and legacy of Mrs. Ola Ruth Weeks Earley will remain a constant part of our hearts forever.

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.*

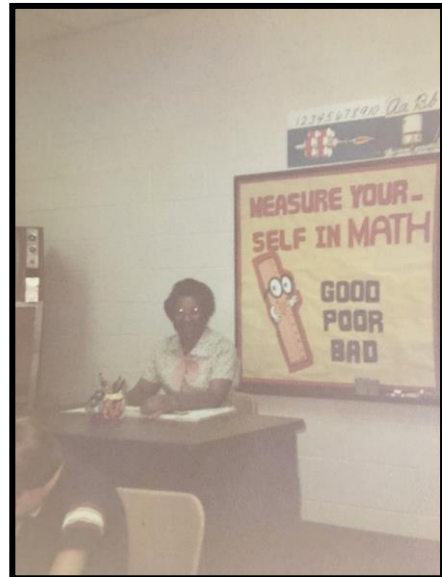
*He put His arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God’s garden must be beautiful,
He always takes the best.*

*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.*

Memories



Order of Service

Reverend Reginald L. Johnson, Presiding

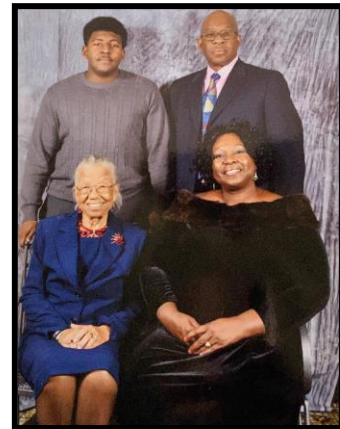
Prelude
 Processional.....“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”Clergy and Family
 Viewing.....Funeral Directors
 Opening Selection.....“Oh I Want To See Him”
 Old Testament..... Psalm 23.....Reverend Raymond Richburg
Pastor, Love Missionary Baptist Church
 New Testament.....John 14:1-6.....Reverend Derra Ramsey
Associate Pastor, Union Baptist Church
 Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Edward H. McDowell, Jr.
 Selection.....Reverend Damein Boyles
 Remarks.....(Three minutes, please).....Deacon Robert **Butch** Taylor, *Church*
 Mrs. Thelma Parks, *The United Order of Tents*
 Reverend Dr. Edward H. McDowell, Jr., *Councilman*
 Mr. Victor Terry, *Friend*
 Mr. Darryl Dewitt Earley II, *Grandson*
 Solo..... “How Great Thou Art”.....Deacon Sammie Rentz
 Words of ComfortReverend Dr. Mary O. Stover
Greater Faith United Missionary Baptist Church
 Recessional“When We All Get To Heaven”.....St. Mark Baptist Church Choir
 Postlude



Committal, Benediction & Interment

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

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