Pallbearers

**Trustee Board of Reid Chapel A.M.E. Church** 

Floral Bearers

Women's Missionary Society of Reid Chapel A.M.E. Church

Your love, your sacrifice, your smile You left a legacy in even the smallest things You gave so much of yourself Loving others unselfishly and unconditionally.

H Beautiful Mother

by Amy Finley

You were a light, a beacon, a fire Burning bright through the years You put your burdens on the shelf Giving your heart so freely and beautifully.

You brought laughter, learning, and joy Into moments large and small

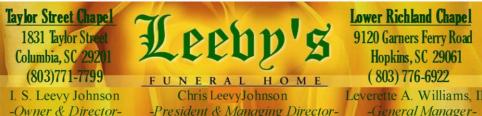
Your heart was your true wealth A beautiful mother inside and out.

Acknowledgement

We are so greatly appreciative of the many kind words, deeds, and prayers from family and friends, during this period of extreme sorrow. Although "...weeping may endure for a night..." we have faith "...joy cometh in the morning...". We love you and may God bless and keep you.

The Family of Mrs. Earnestine W. Dawkins





Celebration of Life In Loving Memory

Mrs. Earnestine W. Dawkins



Friday, June 10, 2022

11:00 a.m.

Reid Chapel A.M.E. Church 704 Gabriel Street

Columbia, South Carolina

Reverend Carey H. Gra

Obituary of Mrs. Earnestine W. Dawkins

Mrs. Earnestine W. Dawkins was born on October 20, 1932, in Columbia, South Carolina. She was the third oldest of six children of the late Mack and Corine Williams. She departed this life on the morning of Saturday, June 4, 2022.

Mrs. Dawkins was educated in the public schools of Richland County, South Carolina. She earned her high school diploma from Booker T. Washington High School. She completed her undergraduate degree at Benedict College and her graduate degree from the University of South Carolina.

Mrs. Dawkins worked as an educator for 35 years. She began her education career as an elementary school teacher at Elloree Training School, in 1954. While there, Mrs. Dawkins and twenty fellow African-American teachers resigned from their teaching positions in protest of a state law that forbade state employees from involvement with or membership to the NAACP. This group of civil rights activists were later referred to as "Elloree 21" by national media. After this period of turmoil, Mrs. Dawkins resumed teaching. From 1957 to 1960 and 1961 to 1968, Mrs. Dawkins taught at Voorhees Elementary School in Denmark, South Carolina, Carver Elementary School in Columbia, South Carolina, respectively; and from 1968 to 1989, she taught second grade at Satchel Ford Elementary School in Columbia, South Carolina, where she retired in 1989.

Mrs. Dawkins was also 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).

Mrs. Dawkins was an active and supporting Benedict College Alumna (half-century). She supported the college financially, and worked through the local Benedict College Club and the Benedict College National Alumni Association.

Mrs. Dawkins was a faithful member of Reid Chapel AME Church for many years. She served the community and her church through the Missionary Society, the Lay Organization, and the Senior Choir in various leadership roles. Mrs. Dawkins served on the V.V. Reid Kindergarten Board of Directors, and taught first grade at V. V. Reid Elementary School.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by, her husband, James Dawkins, and her eldest son, James Artie Dawkins Jr.; her sisters and brother, Sarah Wilson, Siretha Queen Willis, and Fred Williams

Mrs. Dawkins leaves to mourn her passing and celebrate her home-going her devoted children: Gregory (Shelia) Dawkins, of Columbia, South Carolina, Kevin Dawkins, of Columbia, South Carolina, and Kenneth (Genise) Dawkins, of Charleston, South Carolina; daughter Kimberley (Lionel) Kennedy, of Blythewood, South Carolina; five grandchildren whom she adored, Jabari Dawkins, of Boston, Massachusetts, Gabri-EL Dawkins, of Charleston, South Carolina, Langston Kennedy, of Columbia, South Carolina, Maya (Donald) Mickle, of Alexandria, Virginia, and Daniel Dawkins, of Columbia, South Carolina; one great- grandchild, Alaina Mickle of Arlington, Virginia; her warm-hearted sister, and brother, Edna (Rev. David L.) Thompson, of Winston-Salem, North Carolina and Rev. John C. Williams, of Columbia, South Carolina a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends, all of whom will miss her dearly.

Memories





















- **Musical Prelude** Processional Hymn of Pra Invocation... Responsive Selection.... Old and New **Musical Sele** Acknowledge
- Remarks.....

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H Service of Remembrance

Hymn of Praise	"When Peace Like A River"
Invocation	Reverend Janie Williams
Responsive	
Selection	"How Great Thou Art"
Old and New Testaments	Reverend Gloris McClinton
Musical Selection	"Precious Lord"
Acknowledgements	
	Sister Belinda Thomas, Reid Chapel AME Church, Friend Sister Bernadette Herbert rch, Women's Missionary Society and Community Sister Tryphena Taylor Reid Chapel A.M.E. Church, Senior Choir Mr. Gregory Dawkins Son
Musical Selection	y The Works I've Done Speak For Me"
Words of Comfort	Reverend Carey A. Grady, Pastor
Recessional	"I'll Fly Away"



Committal, Benediction and Interment

**Crescent Hill Memorial Gardens** 2603 Two Notch Road **Columbia**, South Carolina