#### Pallbearers

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# If Roses Grow In Heaven

If roses grow in heaven, Lord, please pick a bunch for me, Place them in my mom'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.

"No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD." Isaiah 54:17

# Services Entrusted To:

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Homegoing Gervices Celebrating the life Overseer Ruth Ann Emerson



Wednesday, July 13, 2022 1:00p.m.

Second Nazareth Baptist Church

2336 Elmwood Avenue

Columbia, South Carolina

Overseer Cedric Boyd

- Eugolist-

Reverend Johnny Ray Noble, Ph.D.

# Reflections of the Life of Overseer Ruth Hnn Emerson

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Pastor Ruth Ann Emerson was born on May 30, 1948, in Columbia, South Carolina. She was the fourth child of the late Willie and Geneva Scott Ervin. She departed this life on Wednesday, July 6, 2022.

Ruth was educated in the public schools of Columbia, South Carolina. She was employed with the Washington Hospital Systems. For many years, she worked for the U.S. Postal Service, in Washington, DC. After living in Washington, DC, and maturing in Christ, God spoke to her saying, "Go down south and deliver my people out of Egypt, just as Moses did." Ruth relocated to Columbia, South Carolina. While in Columbia, she was employed with Whispering Pine Apartments, for a short time. As she was building her ministry, she was affiliated with several churches. During this time, she was led by God to start a bible study, on Thursday nights in her home at Henley Homes. Ruth was later offered the use of the recreation center to conduct her weekly bible study.

Pastor Emerson was very active in the church and the community, served where ever she was needed. She was later blessed with her own church. The church was later built on another site, paid in full (off of faith), and was called Holy Site Deliverance Temple, of Columbia, South Carolina. While working in ministry, she met her husband, Deacon Johnnie Emerson, of Winnsboro, South Carolina. They were married on April 6, 1996. Pastor moved to Winnsboro, South Carolina, but traveled back and forth to Columbia faithfully. She traveled doing what her heart always desired, which was pleasing the Lord. She built a five-fold ministry, ordaining and licensing many people in the gospel. On February 19, 2022, Pastor Emerson was ordained and became Overseer.

Overseer Emerson was preceded in death by: her husband, Johnnie Emerson; daughter, Deborah Bartley; her parents, Willie and Geneva Scott Ervin; three sisters, Baily Gail Ervin, Gloria Jean Smith, and Elder Willean Johnson; four brothers, Henry Scott, Willie Ervin, Dennis Ervin, and Artie Scott.

Overseer Ruth Ann Emerson leaves to mourn her passing: two daughters, Vandella Bartley and Charline Johnson, both of Columbia, South Carolina; one son, James Bartley, Jr., of Columbia, South Carolina; three grandchildren, Jeremiah Bartley, Sr., of Arizona, Rion Harvin, and Isaac (Destiny) Johnson, both of Columbia, South Carolina; one granddaughter, Jasmine (Nigel) Webber, of Washington, DC; seven great-grandchildren; three sisters, Elizabeth Covington, JoCynthia Couthry, and Virgin Howard; one brother, James Scott; one sister-in-law, all of Columbia, South Carolina; a host of nieces, nephews, other loving relatives, and caring friends, all of whom will miss her dearly.

# Order of Service Apostle Jesse Flourney, Officiating

Prelude

Processional

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Viewing	Funeral Directors
Opening Selection	
Old Testament	
New Testament	Bishop Kevin Alston
Prayer of Comfort	Archbishop Emanuel Spearman
Solo	Sister Elizabeth Rodriguez
Remarks	Minister JoCynthia Couthry Evangelist Vernall Wallace Sister Sherry Evangelist Margaret Huge Ms. Vandella Bartley and Ms. Charline Johnson
Video Presentation	
Solo	Ms. Armani Lorick
Words of Comfort	Overseer Cedric M. Boyd
Selection	
Recessional	
Postlude	

### Committal, Benediction and Interment

Lincoln Cemetery 4900 Farrow Road Columbia, South Carolina

## Heknowledgement

We, the family of Overseer Ruth Ann Emerson would like to thank each of you for the many acts of kindness shown to us, during the passing of our loved one. May God bless each of you with His mercy in Jesus' name.