

Pallbearers

Grandsons

Floral Bearers

Granddaughters

The Legacy of Florence

You sang the high notes all our lives,
In the choir formed by the father of our family.
(Willie Martin)

You prayed for us all, on Ryan Avenue,
alongside the mother of our family.
(Josephine Martin)

You comforted many of us when we were low,
One of the many reasons we hate to see you go.

But you deserve peace,
Since you were a peacemaker.
Although, there's no doubt you knew how to fight.
It was safer to make you laugh than to cause any strife.
Some of us were better at it than others.
(DeeDee and Lisa)

The three of you together was a sight to see.
Something about mismatched shoes, and passenger seats.
But we all have our personal moments and special memories.
Your prayers have covered us all and
many generations to come.

And though you never grew taller than the four feet range,
You're a giant in our family and we will forever speak your name.

Family, stand strong, love one another, and pray.

This is the Legacy of Florence,
This is the Martin and Washington way.
"Written by your favorite niece, Sherika"

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*Homegoing Services
In Loving Memory*

*of
Mother Florence Edith Martin Washington*



Saturday, October 1, 2022

11:00 a.m.

Bethlehem Baptist Church

*1028 Eastman Street
Columbia, South Carolina*

Reverend Dr. Anthony McCallum

-Pastor-



Reflections of the Life
of
Mother Florence Edith Martin Washington

Florence Edith Martin Washington was born on December 5, 1930, in Columbia, SC. She was the first of 10 children, and beloved daughter of Deacon Willie and Mother Josephine Martin. Florence took her wings like a dove, after a brief illness, and departed this earthly life to be with her Heavenly Father on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at 3:00 a.m. At the time of her peaceful transition, she was surrounded by her family, in the home, as that was her last spoken wish to the family.

Florence was educated in the Richland County School District, of Columbia, SC, and was a graduate of Booker T. Washington High, Class of 1947. She was married to the late John Washington, Sr. and to that union, seven children were born. She was employed as a housekeeper by the Havens Family, owners of Havens Piano Company and Havens Framing. She was shipping and handling manager at Rackes Boutique on Devine. She was also an administrative assistant at Washington Family Practice. She loved unconditionally everyone who came into her life.

At an early age, Florence accepted the Lord as her Savior and in those early days, attended St. Paul Baptist Church. She became one of the 8 Founding members of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, under the pastorate of Rev. Dr. Dorothy L. Pearson, in 1956. Florence was a servant indeed and served in Mt. Olive until her health declined. Serving the Lord was her number one focus and in doing so, she served in various ministries: President of the Pastor's Aid, Chairman of the Pastor's Anniversary for 10 years, 10 years as President of the Senior Missionary Circle, she was the last member of The Original Pearson Specials Singers, the first President appointed President of the M & W Family Choir, for the first 20 years, she served as President of The Radio Choir, 4 years as Sunday School Superintendent, and 45 years as Deaconess. For many years, she was voted delegate to the Progressive National Baptist Convention. She was honored and elevated to the position of Church Mother, under the pastorate of Rev. Ella D. White on October 14, 2017.

Mother Washington was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, James A. Martin; and a sister, Amanda Martin. She will be missed as she wore many hats: Mom, Mama 2, BamMa, Grandma, NaNa, Sunshine, Auntie, and Friend.

She leaves to celebrate and cherish her precious memory: **her children**, John (Carolyn) Washington, Jr., James F. (Ineatha) Washington, Rev. Dr. Curtis N. (First Lady Angela) Washington, Minister Richard (Min. Sandra) Washington, Sr., all of Columbia and surrounding areas, Minister Yvette (Marvin) Davis, of Riverview, FL, Bishop T. Bernard (First Lady Shelita) Washington, of Virginia Beach, VA, and Barbara (Will) Miller, of Bartlett, TN; **siblings**, Thomas (Lerlene) Martin, Charles Martin, Curtis (Marie) Martin, Will Martin, Jr., Willie Mae Crosby, Minister Gail (Dr. John) Davis, Rev. Dr. Lorraine Anderson, and Marvin Davis, all of Columbia; 17 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, 5 great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, a very special first cousin, Jacqueline Lawrence; goddaughter, Carol Davis, her church family, a host of other relatives, and friends, all of whom will miss her dearly.

Her Children arise up and call her blessed. Proverbs 31:28

Order of Service

Reverend Yancy C. Martin, Sr., Officiating
Pastor, St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, Bishopville, South Carolina

- Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Opening Hymn....."Sweet Bye and Bye"
- Old Testament.....Psalm 91:1-16.....Reverend James Wilson
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Ridgeway, SC
- New Testament.....Philippians 4:1-13.....Reverend Chester Gray
Dennis Chapel Baptist Church, Columbia, SC
- Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend John C. Heath
St. Paul Baptist Church, Chester, SC
- Musical Selection
- Remarks *(Three Minutes, Please)*
 - The Church/Her Deacon.....Deacon Vivian Drumwright
 - Former Employer/Friend.....Mrs. Barbara Rackes
 - The Family/Cousin.....Mrs. Jacqueline Lawrence
- Resolution(s)/Acknowledgements.....Deacon Bertie McKie
- Musical Selection
- Words of ComfortReverend Ella D. White
Pastor, Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, Columbia, SC
- Recessional
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

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

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mother Florence Edith Martin Washington, wish to express our sincere appreciation for all the love, kindness, prayers, visits, and every act of kindness shown, during the illness and transition of our loved one. To each of her healthcare providers: Prisma Senior Primary Care, Cardiologist, Carolina Kidney Specialist, South Carolina Oncology/Hematology, and the Prisma Hospice Care Team: Christina, Joy, Paula, Chaplain Pollock, you helped walk us through each stage of her transition. A special thank you to her primary caregivers, our aunts, Lorraine and Gail, who cared for MOM in the absence of her daughters. Thank you all for your dedication in how you cared for our MOM. Our prayer is that God will richly bless each of you!!!

