

# *Because the Angels Came*

*By Hannah McCarty*

*No more grief or sorrow,  
No more suffering or pain  
Now there is everlasting peace  
Because the Angels came.*

*Only God knows what is best  
And He gently holds my hand  
Guiding me to a better place  
Because the Angels came.*

*When the sun rises tomorrow  
And I answer not my name,  
Please don't cry ... Rejoice with me  
Because the Angels came.*

*So please don't mourn for me  
As new wings I now claim.  
I can take my flight to heaven  
Because the Angels came.*

## *Acknowledgement*

We, the family of Mrs. Beatrice W. Richardson, would like to sincerely thank all of you for your thoughts, prayers, words of encouragement, and kindness shown to us during our time of bereavement. With our deepest gratitude, our hearts are full. Our words are not sufficient to express the thankfulness we feel today.

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# In Loving Memory of



*Mrs. Beatrice Whitaker Richardson*

*"Bea"*

*Sunrise: December 24, 1925*

*Sunset: November 8, 2022*

## Obituary

“The Lord is my Light and my Salvation, whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my light, of whom shall I be afraid?”

Psalm 27:1

God in His infinite wisdom made plans for Bennie Whittaker and Hersha Rhodatsia Zeiglar to become parents of a baby girl, Beatrice Ornita Whittaker, born in Columbia, South Carolina on December 24, 1925. Her father died in an automobile accident when she was two years old. Her mother met and married Otis Julian Pope, who helped to raise Beatrice as his own child. She departed on Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

Mrs. Richardson was raised in the WARD ONE Area of Columbia. She attended Saxon Elementary School and Booker T. Washington High School. She continued her educational efforts at Benedict College, where she received her degree in Early Childhood Education and later earned a Master’s Degree in Elementary Education at Howard University. She was employed with Richland County School District One, for 30 years until her Retirement. After retirement, she became the Director of the Northminster Presbyterian Church Child Care Center.

On October 3, 1951, Beatrice married the Love of her Life, Albert “AJ” Richardson, Jr. To this union one daughter, Deatrix Jamice, was born.

Mrs. Richardson received Christ at an early age and attended the Union Baptist Church with her mother, where she worked tirelessly and was a faithful member until her health began to decline. She was instrumental in creating and chairing programs to assist the members in their walk with Christ. Beatrice was also instrumental in the betterment of the community, as a member of Eastern Star and other civic organizations. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren who brought so much joy to her life. **Bea** loved her family and eagerly awaited the opportunity of their visits.

Mrs. Beatrice Whittaker Richardson was preceded in death by her parents and her husband of 62 years. She leaves to cherish her memory: one daughter, Deatrix (Anthony) Hodges; two grandsons, Taurean and Darrian Hodges, both of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; six nieces; a special family friend, Marian Scott; three Care Givers, Cynthia Solomon, Nadine Tolliver, and Tonjia Allen; and a host of other loving relatives and caring friends, all of whom will miss her dearly.

## Graveside Service

*Saturday, November 12, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.*

Call to Worship

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Psalm 121: 1-8..... Reverend Simon Bouie

New Testament – John 14: 1-6..... Reverend Henry Edmonds

Prayer of Comfort ..... Minister Natalie Smalley

Musical Selection

Poem.....Mrs. Rachel C. Phelps

Musical Selection

Words of Comfort..... Reverend Quinda Richardson



*Committal, Benediction and Interment*

**Lincoln Cemetery**

4900 Farrow Road  
Columbia, South Carolina