

"The Race"

II Timothy 4:6-8

*For I am now ready to be offered,
and the time of my departure is at hand.
I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course.
I have kept the faith:
Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness,
which the Lord, the "Righteous Judge",
shall give me at that day; and not me only,
but unto all them also that love his appearing.
The success of a race is determined
not only by how well you begin,
but also how well you end.
Live your life in such a way
that you can one day conclude.
"I have fought the good fight.
I have finished the race.
I have kept the faith."*

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Pallbearers

Great-grandsons

Floral Bearers

Nieces

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mrs. Mattie Pearl Jones Counts, would like to thank everyone who has offered their prayers, condolences, and acts of kindness during this difficult time. We would also like to thank the Prisma Hospice team for the great care they provided to help transition the Matriarch of our family into heaven.



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In Loving Memory of

Mrs. Mattie Pearl Jones Counts



Tuesday, December 20, 2022
12:00 p.m.

Haskell Heights First Baptist Church
1231 Blue Ridge Terrace
Columbia, South Carolina

Reverend Glenn Wigfall, Pastor
Reverend Lawrence Johnson, Officiating

Obituary

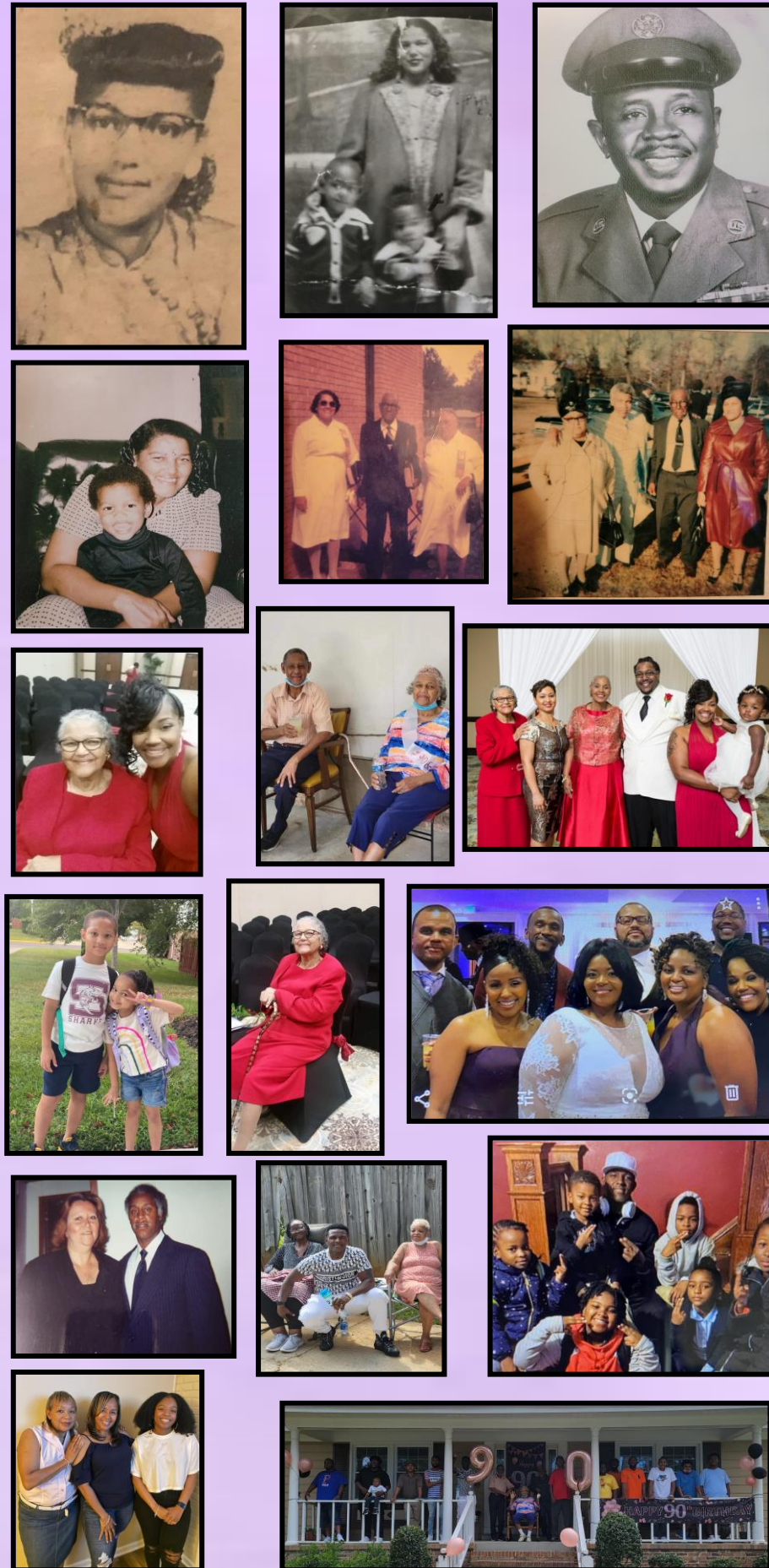
Mrs. Mattie Pearl Jones Counts reached her 91st birthday on May 13, 2022 and passed away peacefully on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, in her home surrounded by family – just like she would have always wanted.

Mrs. Counts was born on May 13, 1931, in Edgefield, SC, and raised in Columbia, SC. She was the youngest child of the late John Henry Jones and Nellie Jones. Her two siblings, Nancy Mae Jones and John Henry Jones, II, preceded her in death.

Mrs. Counts was a long-time homemaker, great cook, and avid gardener who loved flowers. She tried to feed everyone she came in contact with – even animals who found their way to her doorstep. Caregiving was her God-given gift and she excelled at it. Mrs. Counts loved to talk and “never met a stranger.” She loved listening to gospel music, shopping, reading, and sitting on her front porch speaking to those who passed by. Most of all, she loved her family and friends. She was the definition of a Proverbs 31 Woman – a virtuous wife, mother, daughter, grandmother, aunt, friend and faithful servant of God. She was a source of love and light to everyone who knew her. Every day she faithfully exercised the first and second Commandment – Love God with all of your heart; and love your neighbor as yourself. She loved unconditionally. She was truly an angel on earth.

Mrs. Counts was married for 55 years to the late Robert Counts, Sr. until he transitioned to heaven in 2003. They are survived by: their four children, Richard Lee Counts, Robert.(Andrena) Counts, Jr., John Dennis (Ernestine) Counts, and Doris Andrena Watson; nine grandchildren; great grandchildren; one great-great grandchild, nieces, nephews, many other loving relatives, and caring friends, all of whom love her and will miss her dearly.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

Prelude	
Processional.....	Voices of Deliverance
Viewing	Funeral Directors
Opening Hymn	Voices of Deliverance
Scriptures.....	Old and New Testaments
Prayer	
Solo	Ms. Minnie Dinkins
Remarks	Sis. Fristella Branch Friend/Neighbor Mr. Robert Counts, Jr., <i>Son</i> Mr. Kennyatta Counts, <i>Grandson</i> Mr. Dennis Counts, <i>Grandson</i> Mr. Marcus Counts, <i>Grandson</i>
Solo	Mr. Roger Mealing
Poem/ Acknowledgements.....	Ms. Latashi Jones
Selection	Voices of Deliverance
Words of Comfort	Reverend Lawrence Johnson <i>Pleasant Baptist Church, Suffolk, Virginia</i>
Recessional	
Postlude	



Committal, Benediction and Interment

2:00 p.m.

Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road
Columbia, South Carolina