

*"Dolores"*

*Dazzling beauty that*

*Overflowed the room with*

*Love*

*Original and poised*

*Remarkable even from above*

*Educated and elite, greatness is she*

*Selfless woman, a blessing to be*

*~Catheta Kelly*



*Don't Grieve For Me*

*Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard him call,  
I turned my back and left it all  
I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work or play  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of day  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow  
My life's been full, I've savored much,  
Good friends, good times, my loved one's  
touch  
If my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief  
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

*Acknowledgement*

We, the family of the late Dolores Jean Belgrave, would like to thank each of you for your many acts of kindness and love shown to us, during the passing of our loved one. We pray a special blessing upon each of you.

**Services Entrusted To:**

<b>Taylor Street Chapel</b> 1831 Taylor Street Columbia, SC 29201 (803)771-7799 I. S. Leevy Johnson -Owner & Director-	<b>Leevy's</b> FUNERAL HOME Chris Leevy Johnson -President & Managing Director-	<b>Lower Richland Chapel</b> 9120 Garners Ferry Road Hopkins, SC 29061 (803) 776-6922 Leverette A. Williams, II -General Manager-
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*Celebration of Life  
In Loving Memory*

*of  
Mrs. Dolores Jean Belgrave*



*Sunday, January 29, 2023*

*1:00 p.m.*

*Leevy's Funeral Home Chapel*

*1831 Taylor Street*

*Columbia, South Carolina*

*Mrs. Katrechia Belgrave*

*-Eulogist-*

# Obituary

Mrs. Dolores J. Belgrave, 89, peacefully passed away on January 25, 2023, after a brief hospitalization. She was born Dolores Jean Greene, on October 23, 1933, to the late Hayward Greene and Bessie Parker in Jersey City, New Jersey. Dolores earned her high school diploma from Sarah J. Hale, in 1951. Her first job was with the Bell Telephone Company, and her diligence helped her to ascend to management quickly. After she departed the telephone company, she began working for the United States Postal Service. Once again, she was elevated to management shortly thereafter. While working at the Post Office, she met Vernon Rivers, the love of her life.

As a member of management, Dolores identified a post office culture that required attention. Armed with firsthand knowledge of the rules, regulations, and processes of the post office, she aimed to implement change for all postal employees. After diligently pursuing her bachelor's and master's degrees, she graduated from Brooklyn College of Law, with her Juris Doctorate, in 1988. Dolores was passionate about defending persons whose Equal Employment Opportunity rights had been infringed, particularly by the United States Postal Service. As a leader in her profession and nationally known, she was a formidable, zealous advocate for those she represented and loved fighting for equality.

Although she was extremely passionate about protecting the rights of employees, it paled in comparison to her unyielding love for her family. She was the 2nd of eight children and as a close-knit family, she and her siblings were inseparable. In 1953, she gave birth to her only child, David Rickey Belgrave, Jr. She loved him unconditionally and ensured that he had the best of everything. She adored Rickey and the beautiful children that descended from him. Upon retiring to Miami Florida in 1995, she was adamant about spending quality time with her grandchildren and created beautiful and special memories with each and every one of them.

While retired, Dolores had time to pursue her love of reading, traveling, and community involvement through membership of her church. She loved dancing and listening to music, especially Johnny Mathis. She shared her life with Vernon for over 50 years; they complemented one another perfectly. He was her best friend and protector. She treasured every moment they had together until the very end.

Dolores J Belgrave was the epitome of a loving, wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, sister and friend. She was so many things to so many people and her memory will forever live in the hearts of those who loved her. The world was a better place while she was here. She touched the lives of so many people; her presence will truly be missed.

Left to cherish her memory are: her husband, Vernon Rivers; grandson, David Rickey Belgrave III; granddaughter-in-law, Katrechia Belgrave; granddaughter, April Belgrave; her beloved sister, Doris Johnson; nieces, Beverly Sealy and Nadine Greene; nephews, Hayward White, Mark Johnson, Michael Greene, Roderick Greene, and Blair Greene; an honorary granddaughter and devoted caregiver, Catheta Kelly; eleven great-grandchildren, eight great-great grandchildren; other relatives who will miss her dearly. Dolores was preceded in death by her parents, Hayward and Bessie; her son, David Rickey Belgrave, Jr; her brothers, Richard Greene, Donald Greene, and Ronald Greene; and her sisters, Barbara White, Margo Glover, and Angela Greene.

# Memories



# A Service of Remembrance

- Musical Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Musical Selection.....“You Know My Name”  
*Recording by: Tasha Cobbs*
- Scriptures Reading.....Mr. Vernon Rivers  
  
Old Testament – Psalm 23  
New Testament – I Thessalonians 4:13-18
- Prayer.....Mrs. Katrechia Belgrave
- Musical Selection.....“Trouble of the World”  
*Recording by: Mahalia Jackson*
- Reading of Obituary.....Ms. Nadine Greene
- Musical Selection.....“Something About The Name Jesus”  
*Recording by: Worship Mob*
- Words of Comfort.....Mrs. Katrechia Belgrave
- Recessional.....“Fly Me To The Moon”  
*Recording by: Johnny Mathis*
- Postlude

