

Pallbearers

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*A Poem for my Mother..*

*If flowers grow in Heaven, Lord  
then pick a bunch for me.  
Then place them in my mother's arms  
and tell her they're from me.  
Tell her that I love and miss her,  
and when she turns to smile,  
place a kiss upon her cheek  
and hold her for a while.*

**Services Entrusted To:**

**Taylor Street Chapel**

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9120 Garners Ferry Road  
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*The Celebration of Life  
for  
Mother Carrie Lee Stallworth Cook*



*Saturday, January 14, 2023  
1:00 p.m.*

*Cedar Creek Community Church  
120 Warner Drive  
Columbia, South Carolina*

*Reverend Charlie D. Butler, Jr., Pastor*



*In Remembrance*

*“Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.”*

*John 11: 25-26*

Mother Carrie Lee Stallworth Cook, the oldest child of the late Matthew Stallworth and Salone Salter Stallworth was born March 28, 1933 in Evergreen, Alabama. On Friday, January 6, 2023, she quietly slipped out of time and into eternity in the early hours of the morning, leaving an eternal void in the hearts of those she loved most.

*Carrie* was educated in the public schools of Conecuh County, learning the basic educational necessities for the journey that would lay ahead. She ultimately graduated from Conecuh County High School, and soon after went on to receive Early Childhood Education Credits from the University of South Carolina, Columbia. She was a strong and independent woman, and for that reason she always carried the task in the forefront of her mind to make the best decisions for her daughter and herself. *Carrie* was a loving and doting mother to her only child, Bedra, (Steve) Starkey whom she adored, and who diligently cared for her in the latter years of her life. She was employed for many decades as a preschool teacher, and ultimately concluded her career after working in the nursery at Saint Michael’s and All Angels Episcopal Church, Child Development Center for over 36 years. Hard work, dedication, determination, and a strong mind; these were the key ingredients to 89 blessed years of life.

*Carrie* confessed her faith in Jesus Christ and was baptized at a young age in Evergreen, Alabama. After moving to South Carolina with the love of her life, Mr. Willmont Cook, and her daughter, Bedra, she became a member of Cedar Creek Community Church. Down through the years, she served tirelessly as a member of the church and in whatever capacity the Lord needed her; there was not anything that she wouldn’t do for the Lord and her church family. It was for this reason, with consideration for her loving compassion for all that she encountered, that for the past year she was known as the “Mother of the Church.” She was notorious among her family and church family for her baking abilities, and her generosity that she displayed with them. However, of all of the things that she was known for, the role she held that was most paramount was a mother and helping hand to all who were in need of her loving and timeless touch. “A golden heart has stopped beating, hardworking hands are now at rest.” It is for this reason that all of our worlds now shine just a little less brightly, in the absence of our mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, Mother Carrie Lee Stallworth Cook.

In addition to her parents, *Carrie* was preceded in death by: her granddaughter, Ms. Cristen Wilson; her great-grandson, Master Joshua Alexander Wilson; her brothers: Mr. Matthew Stallworth, Jr., and Mr. John Stallworth; and her sisters: Ms. Bennie Tayborn, Ms. Dorothy Stallworth, Ms. Daisy Rankins, and Ms. Alberta Stallworth.

Now that she has received her crown, *Carrie* leaves behind to continue her legacy of love: her only child, Mrs. Bedra (Steve) Starkey, of Columbia, South Carolina; her granddaughter, Ms. Carrie Wilson, of Columbia, South Carolina; her great-granddaughter, Ms. Victoria Wilson, of San Antonio, Texas; and her sister, Ms. Emma Jean Brantley, of Pensacola, Florida. Also left behind are her sisters-in-law, Ms. Yvonne Martin, of Winnsboro, South Carolina and Ms. Audrey Fort, of Columbia, South Carolina; two very close friends, Mrs. Constance Bookert and Mrs. Evelyn Simons; a host of special nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, and friends, all of whom will need your prayers in the coming days, weeks, months, and years ahead as they learn to cope with this loss. We have all loved her, but God loved her best.

*Order of Service*

- Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Opening Hymn.....The Voices of Cedar Creek  
“Lord, Help Me to Hold Out”
- Prayer of Comfort.....Mr. Tyson K. Brown
- Old Testament.....Psalm 23.....Bishop Roger Weaver
- New Testament.....John 3:14-19.....Reverend Mary Weaver
- Selection.....Brother Cornell Stewart  
“Hold On, Change is Coming”
- Remarks.....Mrs. Constance R. Bookert, *Friend*
- Tribute..... *A Letter From Mom*
- Sermonic Selection.....Brother Quintus and Sister Verdell Young
- Words of Comfort .....Reverend Charlie D. Butler, Jr.  
*Pastor, Cedar Creek Community Church*
- Recessional .....“Going Up Yonder”
- Postlude



*Committal, Benediction and Interment*

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

*Acknowledgement*

**We, the family of the late Carrie Lee Stallworth Cook, would like to thank each and every one of you for your calls, texts, visits, condolences, and any other act of kindness that you may have shown this family during, our time of bereavement. We say a special thank you to the Prisma Health Richland Hospital staff for their relentless efforts and their kindness during the brief illness of our beloved mom. Please know that none of your individual deeds have gone unnoticed, and that at a more opportune time we will attempt a more intimate expression of our gratitude.**

**Grace and peace to all,  
The Cook Family**

