

*I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God has laid you see.*

*I took His hand when I heard His 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 found the peace at the close of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joys  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life's been full, I savored much,  
Good friends, good times,  
a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.*

*Lift up your heart, and peace to thee-  
God wanted me now; He has set me free.*

*Pallbearers*

Family and Friends

*Floral Bearers*

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*Acknowledgement*

We, the family of Ms. Diane Nelson, would like to thank everyone for your many kind expressions, your phone calls, visits, flowers, thoughts, prayers, which all helped greatly during our time of bereavement. May God continue to bless each of you.

*Repast*

New Revelation Baptist Church  
Blythewood, South Carolina

**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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*A Celebration of Life  
In Loving Memory of  
Ms. Diane Nelson*



*Sunrise: March 25, 1956    Sunset: January 2, 2023*

*Let Your Light So Shine*  
-Matthew 5: 16

*Saturday, January 7, 2023*  
1:00 p.m.

*New Revelation Baptist Church*  
1131 North Fire Tower Road  
Blythewood, South Carolina

*Reverend Edward Mitchell*  
- Officiating -



## Obituary

Ms. Diane Nelson was born on March 25, 1956, in Elgin, South Carolina. She was the youngest daughter of the late Walter Nelson and Allie Mae White Nelson. She transcended from her earthly body during the morning of Monday, January 2, 2023.

Diane was educated in the Richland County Public Schools, and graduated from Spring Valley High School, Class of 1975.

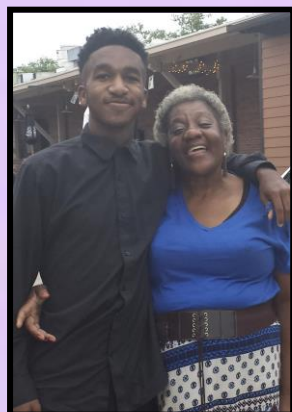
At an early age, Diane was baptized and joined Rehoboth Baptist Church, in Ridgeway, South Carolina where she served faithfully for many years on the Usher Board and choirs. She loved singing, praising the Lord in her own unique way, and she particularly loved traveling to hear her cousins, as she affectionately called them "The Tookie Doo Boys" sing. She later moved her membership to New Revelation Baptist Church, where she served faithfully until her unexpected death.

Diane loved the Lord and loved talking about the Lord. She was always one to encourage you and make sure that you never left her presence on an empty stomach. She worked as a custodian and caregiver among many other things. She mainly spent her years serving her church, community, family members, and friends. Whenever you needed her, she was there. She sincerely enjoyed cooking and especially caring for the elderly. She will truly be missed.

Diane was preceded in death by her mother, Allie Mae White Nelson; her father, Walter Nelson; an uncle, William Nelson; and two sisters, Margaret Nelson-Qualls and Martha Ann Nelson Cullins.

Ms. Diane Nelson leaves to cherish her precious memory: her two daughters, Ashley M. (Benjamin) Davis and Felicia A. Nelson, both of Columbia, SC; three sisters, Lois Oglesby, Catherine Tobias, both of Columbia, SC, and Mary Lee Barr, of Far Rockaway, NY; one grandson, Dashon T. Nelson, of Columbia, SC; one brother-in-law; a host of nieces, nephews, other loving relatives, and caring friends, all of whom will miss her dearly.

## Memories



## A Service of Remembrance

- Prelude
- Processional
- Opening Hymn.....The Praise Team
- Scriptures..... Minister  
Old and New Testaments
- Prayer of Comfort
- Selection ..... The Choir and Praise Team
- Reflection.....*Three Minutes, Please*.....Family Designees
- Words of Enlightenment..... Pastor Ernest G. Geiger
- Selection ..... The Choir and Praise Team
- Words of Comfort ..... Reverend Edward Mitchell
- Viewing ..... Funeral Directors
- Recessional
- Postlude



*Committal, Benediction and Interment*

**Old Rehoboth Baptist Church Cemetery**  
**Highway 34**  
**Ridgeway, South Carolina**