

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 him call
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I 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
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 hearts and peace to thee
God wanted me now; He set me free.*

Pallbearers

Brandon Lee Walter Watson Corey Cust
Edison Morris Herbert Jacobs Talmadge Smith

Floral Bearers

Ladies of Jones McClerkin Missionary and Marquettes

Acknowledgement

Our family is profoundly grateful to all of our friends, neighbors, coworkers, and others who have supported us. The prayers, love, phone calls, cards, visits, food, gift cards, and all other expressions have been meaningful. Words cannot express the gratitude we are feeling.

Special thanks to Deacon Henry Geathers and Deacon Moses Felder.

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In Loving Memory of

Mrs. Carolyn Yvonne Harris Dennis

Sunrise
November 27, 1951

Sunset
February 5, 2023



Sunday, February 12, 2023
12:30 p.m.

Second Nazareth Baptist Church
2300 Elmwood Avenue
Columbia, South Carolina

Reverend Johnny Ray Noble, PhD
-Pastor-

Obituary

Carolyn Yvonne Harris Dennis passed away peacefully after a very sudden illness on Sunday, February 5, at the age of 71. She had a feisty, yet giving spirit, which radiated brightly upon all who interacted with her. She will be missed dearly.

Carolyn was born in Columbia, SC on November 27, 1951. She was raised in Hopkins, SC. She was the daughter of the late John Harris, Sr. and the late Mary Jane Bush Harris, both of Hopkins.

Carolyn attended Richland County public schools, and she received her diploma from Hopkins High School, in 1969. She went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from Benedict College, in 1973. Upon her graduation, Carolyn briefly worked for the SC Department of Social Services' Food Stamp Program. She then worked for the SC Employment Security Commission, and later the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control, before going into private business with her husband.

Carolyn married her beloved husband James "Jim" Dennis in 1976, a bond that lasted until the end, and one that will transcend this earthly life. In 1985, they formed House Cleaners of Columbia. They later formed Midlands Maintenance & Homecare in 1996, which Carolyn ran alongside Jim until the time of her passing. Carolyn and Jim raised three daughters, Mandisa "Mandi", Rashida, and Aisha. Carolyn's daughters—who went on to excel in their respective fields of medicine, finance, and law—were the source of her greatest pride, and she was their biggest advocate and cheerleader. Carolyn also took great delight in spending time with her three grandchildren Brooks, Logan, and CJ, who affectionately referred to her as "Mimi."

Carolyn was very devoted to her faith, and she was an active member of Second Nazareth Baptist Church. There, Carolyn participated in several ministries, including the Women's Ministry, the Jones-McClerkin Missionary Circle, and the Compassionate Care Ministry. Carolyn was also one of a dedicated few who ensured that the church sanctuary was decorated with fresh flowers for Sunday service each week.

Carolyn was an avid reader who stayed on top of current events, and kept up with new technological advancements over the years, including participating on social media. Carolyn enjoyed socializing with friends, and she was a member of the Bookies Book Club and the Marquettes Social Club. She also loved to entertain her family and friends at holiday and other gatherings in her home. Carolyn will be fondly remembered for her excellent cooking and baking, which included the beloved dishes Beaufort "Low Country" Crab Boil, macaroni and cheese, and pound cake, among countless others.

Carolyn's memory will be forever cherished and shared by her loving family: her husband of 46 years, James Edward Dennis; daughters, Mandisa Dennis (Corey) Cust, of Brooklyn, NY, Rashida Dennis (Brandon) Lee, of Charlotte, NC, and Aisha Dennis, of Houston, TX; three grandchildren, Brooks Lee, Logan Lee, and Corey James "CJ" Cust; a sister Rosa (Marvin) Sanders, of Ridgeville, SC; two brothers, Greenie Bush, of Brooksville, FL and Ricky Burden, of Hopkins, SC; four brothers-in-law, George (Daisy) Dennis, of Powhatan, VA, Joseph (Zenobia) Dennis, of San Antonio, TX, Robert (Dorothy) Dennis, of Greensboro, NC, Donald Dennis, of Columbia, SC; five sisters-in-law, Sherma Hutto, of Columbia, SC, Beverly Brown, of Columbia, SC, Carol Pierce, of Queenstown, MD, Sandra (Talmadge) Smith, of Columbia, SC, and Patricia Wilson, of Columbia, SC; two aunts, Lilly (Lever) Thompson, of Columbia, SC and Rachel Cuff, of Columbia, SC; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, caring others, and special friends.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

Prelude

Processional

Viewing Funeral Directors

Opening Hymn..... "How Great Thou Art"

Old Testament..... Reverend Jimmy Duggan

Psalm 23

New Testament..... Reverend Malachina Little

Romans 8:38-39

Prayer..... Reverend James Abrams

Musical Selection..... "Order My Steps"

Remarks Marquettes Member

Ms. Mary Green

Ms. Mary McCants

Ms. Rashida Lee

Solo Ms. Crystal Nesbitt

Words of Comfort Reverend Johnny Ray Noble, PhD

Recessional..... "I'm Free"

Postlude



Committal, Benediction, and Interment

Memorial Gardens of Columbia

9301 Wilson Boulevard

Columbia, South Carolina