

# Memories



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## Acknowledgement

William and Winifred sincerely thank everyone who joined us today to celebrate our mother's life. We are grateful to all, especially the Francis Burns Church family, for every call, visit, prayer, and thought. Mom felt your love.

Special Thanks to friends and family Palmer Williams, Jr., Will "Worm" Blount, William Rhinehart, and the Francis Burns Methodist Church Family and Choir for their support and musical assistance.

The family would like to acknowledge the aides and nursing staff at HarborChase, Wellmore Senior Living and All Seasons Health who worked hard to make Fannie's last days comfortable, safe and enjoyable.

For those who have asked, we set up an endowed scholarship, the Fannie Belle Harp Carson Elementary Education Scholarship at her alma mater, Allen University. Mom defined herself by her profession, educating children. The scholarship has been designed to support students committed to becoming elementary school teachers. To give, checks can be sent to:

Allen University Office of Institutional Advancement  
1530 Harden Street  
Columbia 29204

Please note on the check, "Donation made in honor of Fannie Belle Harp Carson."



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

## MRS. FANNIE BELLE HARP CARSON



SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023  
11:00 A.M.

FRANCIS BURNS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
5616 FARROW ROAD  
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAORLINA

REVEREND GENEVA STAFFORD  
-PASTOR-

REVEREND DR. MACK MCCLAM  
-OFFICIATING-



## Obituary

Fannie Belle Harp Carson was born May 4, 1930, in Saluda County, South Carolina. A twin, she, and Annie Belle, were born to the late Will and Sarah Harp. She was one of a total of 14 siblings. Ambitious and industrious, she attended church and public school in Saluda County, at a time when her parents had to pay for her education. Hers was the first class required by the state to matriculate through 12<sup>th</sup> grade to get a high school diploma.

Fannie attended Allen University, where she majored in elementary education, played basketball, and worked to send herself to school. While at Allen, she boarded with Mr. and Mrs. L.W. Dakers, who quickly became her second family. Helping to entertain servicemen at the USO near Allen's campus, she met the love of her life, Second Lieutenant William H. Carson. Upon completion of his active-duty service requirement, they were married on February 19, 1955.

Shortly after graduation in 1953, Fannie was offered her first career job, teaching 8<sup>th</sup> grade in Ridge Spring, SC. After marriage, she and William moved to Columbia, where both secured nearby teaching positions. The marriage was blessed with the births of two children-- Winifred Yvonne Carson-Smith (Frank), a lawyer, and William Harvey Carson, Jr., a physician. Fannie poured her being into this family, which she cherished, creating a home built on Faith and Love. With family as their number one priority, Fannie and Bill generously aided their extended families. In addition to educating her children, Fannie welcomed into her home two of her nieces, the late Jonell Coleman Hopkins, and Barbara Jean Coleman Butler, both of whom she sent to college. She and her husband also supported the educational endeavors of numerous other family members.

A woman of spirit and action, Fannie accomplished much during her ninety-two years. From Ridge Spring, she moved to Richland District One, teaching at Gadsden Elementary. With the integration of South Carolina schools, she was assigned to A.C. Moore Elementary, where she remained until her retirement in 1986. She returned to graduate school, earning a master's in education from South Carolina State College. With an infectious smile and a big hug, Fannie opened her heart to her young charges, whom she proudly mentored and supported for the rest of their lives. She followed their exploits, taking pride in their accomplishments and staying in touch. Lucky were the children who ended up with Mrs. Carson as their teacher!

An ardent churchwoman, Fannie joined Pine Pleasant C.M.E as a child. She was a member of Bethel A.M.E. from young adulthood to middle age and in her later years, she joined Francis Burns United Methodist Church. She served as Sunday School teacher, Bible School teacher, Couples' Ministry leader (with her husband) and member of the Pulpit Aid Society and the Senior Ministry. Like her mother, sisters, and brothers, she was a lifelong member of the Women's Home Aid Society, a mutual benefit organization established in the 1800's. Fannie was also an active member of the Allen University Alumni Association, Richland District One Teachers and Retired Teachers Organizations, the SC Education Association, and Avante Garde.

Fannie is predeceased by her parents; her brothers and their spouses: Charlie (Mattie Bess), Wilson, Sr. (Gladys), Willie (Alberta), Grady (Sarah), Eugene (Willie) and Ceasar (Fannie) Harp; and, her sisters and their spouses: Annie Belle Harp, Eliza Mae Harp, Sarah Caldwell (Joseph) and Emma H. Coleman (Gary) and her nieces who lived with her, loved and cared for her Barbara Jean Butler, Jonell Hopkins (William Earl) and Geraldine Morgan (James).

In addition to her children, she leaves to mourn her passing her devoted brother and sister-in-law, Johnnie and Bennie Harp, nieces and nephews, Susie Harp, Charlie Harp (Beverly), Greta Gallman (Charles), George Coleman (Phyllis), Louis Coleman (Patricia), Malcolm Harp, Wilson Harp (Alice), Blanche Elizabeth Davenport, Jerry Caldwell (Judy), Joseph Caldwell Frankie Caldwell (Angela) Reginald Harp (LaShawn and Gwendolyn Harp. On the Carson side, nieces, nephews, and their families include: Mary Louise Brown (Gerald), Warren Moore (Kathy), Garrett Moore, Joseph Moore, Peggy Moore Dawson (Christopher), Mary Hines Staley (Earl) and Linda Brockman. Additionally, she leaves to celebrate her life, her great- nieces and great-nephews, James and Germaine Morgan, Felecia Morgan (Cory) and William Hopkins, who are also her godchildren.

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Family gathered on porch of Charlie & Mattie Harp

## A Service of Remembrance

Processional	
Viewing.....	Funeral Directors
Prayer.....	Reverend Richard Dozier <i>Nortminister Presbyterian Church, USA</i>
Old Testament.....	Reverend Ernest Ethridge, Ret. <i>Columbia District. Associated Church</i>
New Testament.....	Reverend Warren Bolton <i>Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Camden, SC</i>
Musical Selection.....	"Total Praise"
Acknowledgements.....	Reverend Geneva Stafford
Remarks.....	Ms. Ellen Duffy Cleary, <i>Student</i> Pastor Charles Odom, <i>Family Friend</i> First Fellowship Baptist Church, Norcross, GA
Musical Selection.....	Mr. Palmer Williams, Jr. Mr. William Rhinehart
Eulogy.....	Reverend Mack McClam, Ret. <i>Trinity United Methodist Church, Orangeburg, SC</i>
Musical Selection.....	"If I Can Help Somebody"
Benediction.....	Reverend Geneva Stafford
Recessional.....	"When Peace Like A River"
Postlude	



## Committal, Benediction and Interment

**Greenlawn Memorial Park  
7500 Garners Ferry Road  
Columbia, South Carolina**

## Repast

**Francis Burns United Methodist Church**