

God's Garden

*God looked around his garden
And found an empty place.
He then looked down upon the earth,
And saw your tired face.*

*He put His arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
He always takes the best.*

*He knew that you were suffering,
He knew that you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.*

*He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb.
So He closed your weary eyelids
And whispered "Peace be thine."*

*It broke our hearts to lose you
But you did not go alone...
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.*

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Floral Bearers

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Acknowledgement

We, the family of the late Emma Mae Bleach, would like to thank each of you for your love and support during the illness and transition of our loved one. We pray the Lord blesses each of you in a very special way. A special thanks to Prisma Health Hospital staff and Hospice department for the exceptional care they provided during her illness.

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Celebration of *Life*



Ms. Emma Mae Bleach
May 9, 1964 - May 22, 2023

Obituary of Ms. Emma Mae Beach

Death is a journey that we that all must take, and each must go alone. It is all a part of the Master's plan, a step on the road home.

A Time To Be Born: God blessed us with the birth of a wonderful daughter, sister, aunt, and friend, Emma Mae Beach, was born on May 9, 1964, in Beaufort, South Carolina. Emma was the fifth of six daughters born to the late Etta Beach. She departed this life on Monday, May 22, 2023, at her home in Columbia, South Carolina.

Emma was educated in the public schools of Beaufort County and graduated from Beaufort High School, class of 1983. After graduation, Emma continued her education at Benedict College, in Columbia, South Carolina. There, she became a member of the Phi Beta Lambda Fraternity. Her line name during orientation was "Clorox 2." Her hard work and dedication resulted in her earning her name to the National Dean's List. While at Benedict, Emma worked as a library assistant, file clerk at the auditor's office, and residence hall advisor. At Benedict, she built lifelong relationships with friends, more than 34 years ago, that still endures today. She graduated from Benedict College in May 1988, with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Business Administration and Economics.

A Time To Live: One of Emma's favorite hobbies, both professionally and personally, was photography. She loved documenting life events through the lens of her camera. She also enjoyed traveling and meeting new people. One of her most favorite pastimes was working the concession stands at USC and Benedict College games. Emma was also an avid Dallas Cowboys fan, who loved watching her beloved team play and win football games!

A Time to Be Planted: Emma was a faithful and dedicated member of the Brookland Baptist Church, where she served as an Usher and as a Church Photographer. In November 1991, Emma began working at First Citizens Bank in Columbia. In the Consumer Loan Department. Emma worked as a: Document Imaging Clerk, Documentation Specialist, and as Loan Processor for consumer loans. Her duties included setting up new loan packages, updating information for customers on existing accounts, gathering customer data, and processing each loan from pre-approval to closing. Emma also worked at NCNB and TD Bank as a loan processor. At the time of her passing, Emma was employed by the South Carolina Department of Revenue.

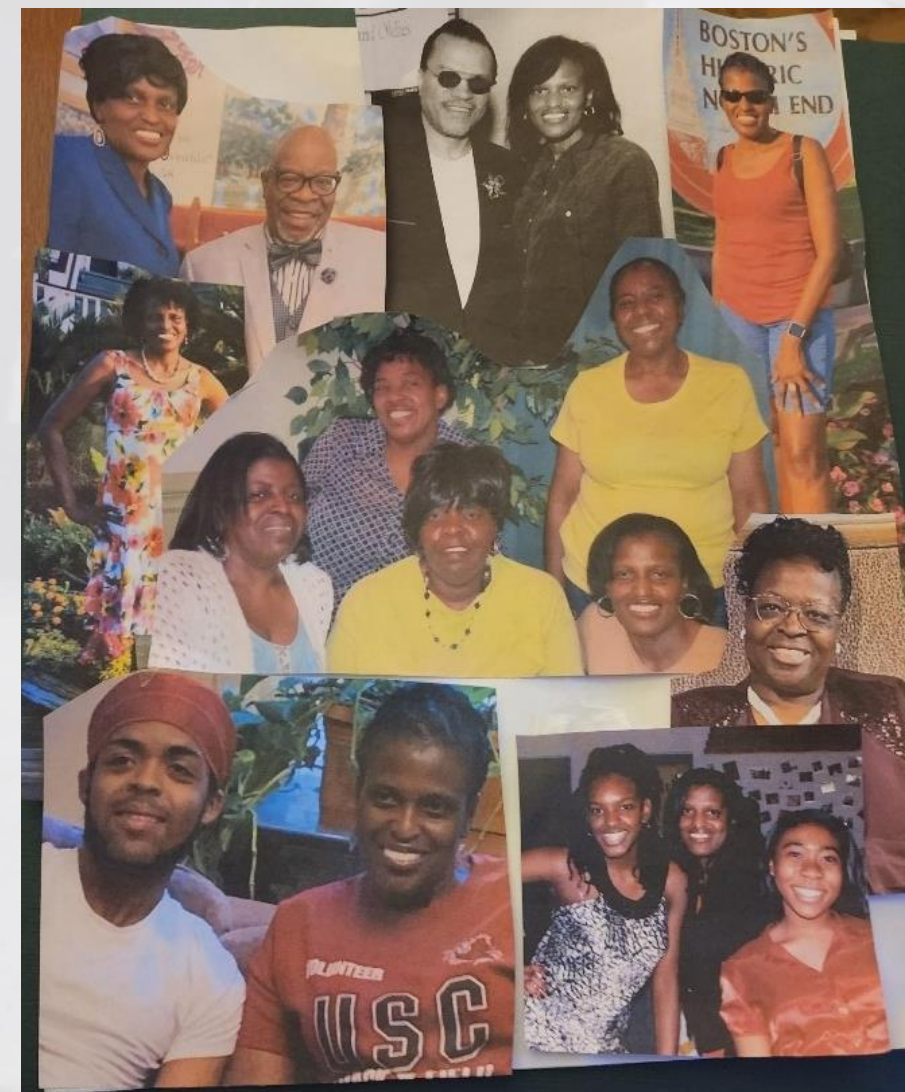
A Time to Die: Emma fought a good fight. She ran the race and won the battle as God knelt and whispered, "Come Home," into the ears of His beloved daughter. "Obediently," Emma surrendered her soul to be with the heavenly host of angels. She is now free to walk around Heaven all day!

A Time to Mourn: She was preceded in death by her mother, Etta Beach and her younger sister, Francee Beach.

A Time To Cherish: Emma leaves to cherish her memory: four sisters, Mary Beach and Betty Thomas, of Boston, MA.; Ethel L. Beach, of St. Helena Island, SC, and Sharon Beach (R. Johnson), of Beaufort, SC; one brother-in-law, Robert Thomas, of Boston, MA; one aunt, Helen Beach Davison (William), of Atlanta, GA; a special cousin/"sister," Barbara Allen (Robert), of Beaufort, SC.; five nieces; eight nephews; 13 great-nieces and nephews; a host cousins, other relatives, her church family, and the many, many friends she made throughout her life.

Also left to cherish her memories include her, Courtney Taylor (like a daughter), of Columbia, SC; her incredibly special friends, Debra Geiger, Monica Culpepper, Brenda Wilson, Althelia Wilson, Lorrie Dyson, Betty Wade, Deloris Robinson, Rosalin Johnson, Sara Brown-Wright, and her neighbor, Mary Hickman.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

Tuesday, May 30, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Brookland Baptist Church

1066 Sunset Boulevard

West Columbia, South Carolina

Reverend Dr. Charles B. Jackson, Sr., Pastor

Prelude

Processional

Viewing.....Funeral Directors

Hymn of Praise....."How Great Thou Art"

Old Testament.....Minister

New Testament.....Pastor Raymond Johnson, Sr.

Prayer.....Deacon Tyrone Brown

Musical Selection....."I Pray We All Be Ready"

Acknowledgements.....Ms. Rhianna Thomas

Reflections.....Deacon Acy Suber, Brookland Baptist Church
Evangelist Althelia Wilson, Friend
Ms. Karen Hildbrand, Co-worker

Poem.....Mrs. Barbara Allen

Prayer.....Mrs. Betty Thomas

Musical Selection....."In My New Home"

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Charles B. Jackson, Sr.

Recessional

Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

Beaufort Memorial Gardens

1 Copeland Drive

Beaufort, South Carolina