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*Be The Best Of Whatever You Are*

*If you can't be a pine on the top of the hill,  
Be a scrub in the valley — but be  
The best little scrub by the side of the rill;  
Be a bush if you can't be a tree.*

*If you can't be a bush be a bit of the grass,  
And some highway happier make;  
If you can't be a muskie then just be a bass —  
But the liveliest bass in the lake!*

*We can't all be captains, we've got to be crew,  
There's something for all of us here,  
There's big work to do, and there's lesser to do,  
And the task you must do is the near.*

*If you can't be a highway then just be a trail,  
If you can't be the sun be a star;  
It isn't by size that you win or you fail —  
Be the best of whatever you are!*

*Acknowledgement*

We, the family of the late Annie Lee Sanders Hollis, would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to each of you, for the many expressions of love and sympathy shown to us, during the passing of our loved one. Your prayers have strengthened us as a family. Just as you have prayed for us, it is our prayer for each of you that the Lord blesses you in a very special way.

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IN  
LOVING  
Memory



*Mrs. Annie Lee Sanders Hollis*

*Reflections of the Life*  
*of*  
*Mrs. Annie Lee Sanders Hollis*

Mrs. Annie Lee Sanders Hollis entered into eternal rest on Friday, May 19, 2023, at the age of 91, in Columbia, SC. She was born on October 10, 1931 to Nancy (Wilkes) and Estell Sanders in Sharon, South Carolina, and later moved to York, South Carolina. She was the eldest of fifteen children. After the passing of her mother, Annie became the family matriarch and was affectionately known as “The Boss.” She led her family with kindness, compassion, and love.

Ann was a phenomenal student. After graduating from Jefferson High School, she earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in English, from Barber-Scotia College in Concord, North Carolina. With a desire to be a college professor, Ann earned her Master’s in English from Howard University, in Washington, DC.

She met the love of her life, Benjamin Hollis, while working at Harbison Junior College. On December 21, 1957, she married her soulmate. They were married for 50 years until Ben passed in 2008. This union was blessed with two daughters, Benita Lynn, and Jennifer Ann Hollis.

Ann was a brilliant English professor at several colleges and universities; most notably at Voorhees College, Virginia Union University, Allen University, and Benedict College. She retired in 1998 from Midlands Technical College but continued her love for learning and educating through various cultural programs. Ann’s passion for the literary arts led her to establish one of the first African American performing art studios in Columbia, SC. The Jenny Lynn Studio of Performing Arts offered drama, dance, modeling, etiquette and martial-arts classes. Her vision and creativity allowed others to see the gifts in themselves and express them through the arts. Each year culminated with a production and banquet that showcased the array of talents of her beloved students and instructors.

She was an ordained deacon at Northminster Presbyterian Church, in Columbia, SC, and an active member of the Presbyterian Women. She loved her church family dearly and served faithfully in numerous positions, but what brought her the most joy was serving with the Drama Ministry, where the Word of God was brought to life through plays and musicals.

Ann was known for her beauty and ageless sense of style and fashion. Her wardrobe was immaculate and featured an extensive hat collection that was fit for a queen. Her choice of outfits, hats and accessories were colorful with elegant embellishments. When teased that she was too old to wear them, she simply replied, “style has no age.”

In addition to her parents, Ann was predeceased by her husband, Benjamin Hollis, Elois Sanders Wilson (sister), Elizabeth Burton (cousin reared in the home), Ted Lewis Sanders, Leroy Sanders, Arthur Allen Sanders, and Samuel Sanders (brothers).

Mrs. Annie Lee Sanders Hollis leaves to cherish her memory: two daughters, Benita Lynn and Jennifer Ann Hollis, both of Columbia, SC; a special nephew that she considered as a son, Gregory Bell, of Bronx, NY; two grandchildren, Darren Hollis-Crockett and Madison Hollis-Guyton, of Columbia, SC; surviving siblings: JB Sanders (Gemma), of Washington, DC, Margaret Smith (William), of York, SC, Perry Sanders (Josephine), of Oxon Hill, MD, Nancy Faye Love, of West Columbia, SC, Richard Palmer Sanders (Rosiland), of New Carrollton, MD, Carl Sanders, of York, SC, Dennis Sanders (Helen), of York, SC, Janice Thompson, of York, SC, and Jocelyn Fair (Johnny), of Gastonia, NC; two of her closest friends, Maxine Morant and Liz Robinson, who always were a pillar of support, her college roommate and best friend for over 70 years, Katie Roos; a host of nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends.

*Order of Service*

*Saturday, May 27, 2023*

*11:00 a.m.*

*Northminster Presbyterian Church*

*6717 David Street*

*Columbia, South Carolina*

Prelude

Processional

Viewing.....Funeral Directors

The Call To Worship.....Reverend Dr. Robert Scotland

Opening Hymn.....“How Great Thou Art”

Invocation.....Reverend Dr. Richard F. Dozier, *Honorably Retired*

Old Testament.....Psalm 91.....Reverend Dr. Martin L. Quick

New Testament.....1 Corinthians 13.....Reverend John P. Brown

Solo.....“Safe In His Arms”.....Mrs. Benita Rivers

Remarks.....Mrs. Gloria Boyd, *Northminster Presbyterian Church*

*Ms. Kisha Morant, Family Friend*

*Mr. Gregory Bell, Nephew*

*Mrs. Kimberly Love-Quick, Niece*

*Mrs. Margaret Smith, Sister*

Special Tribute.....Ms. Benita Lynn Hollis, *Daughter*

Solo.....“Center Of My Joy”.....Elder Kendrick Chiles

Words of Comfort .....Reverend Dr. Richard F. Dozier, *Honorably Retired*

Pastoral Prayer.....Reverend Dr. Martin L. Quick

Recessional .....“I’ll Fly Away”

Postlude



*Committal, Benediction, and Entombment*

**Greenlawn Memorial Park**  
**7100 Garners Ferry Road**  
**Columbia, South Carolina**