

Obituary

Mrs. Dorothy Mae Hampton Ricks was born on August 17, 1938. She was the third oldest daughter of the late Johnny Hampton and Pauline Gibson Taylor Hampton. She departed this life on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at her residence after a brief illness. Her devotion to her family and her firm belief in God were evident to all.

Dorothy was educated in the public school systems of Columbia, South Carolina. She attended C.A. Johnson High School. Dorothy moved to Chester, Pennsylvania in 1965 and earned her G.E.D. from Widner University, where she also received her Certified Nursing Assistant License. She was employed at the Chester Care Center Nursing Home and Devon Manor Nursing Home. Dorothy returned to Columbia, South Carolina from Chester, Pennsylvania in 1999, and began working for Devon Manor Nursing Home, currently known as Heartland Nursing Home. Dorothy retired after 32 years of service.

Dorothy, affectionately known as *Dot*, dedicated her life to Christ, and joined Francis Burns United Methodist Church, where she was a faithful member of the Older Adult Ministry. She was also a long-time active member of the Senior Resource Center.

In addition to her loving parents, Dorothy was predeceased by her husband, Cleo Ricks, Sr.; grandson, Tamir Ricks; sister, Ivory Hampton, and three brothers, Alex Taylor, Jr., Sammy Lee Hampton, and Nathaniel Hampton.

Left to cherish her loving memory are: her children, Nora (Robert) McKenzie, of Inglewood, CA, Robert (Sandra) Ricks, of Tampa, FL, Sandra Ricks, of Columbia, SC, Doretta Ricks, of Chester, PA, Cleo, Jr. (Ann) Ricks, of Chester, PA, Theresa Ricks, of Chester, PA, and Sylvester (Alice) Ricks, of Millsboro, DE; her siblings, Johnnie Clark, of Hyde Park, MA, Edward (Vernell) Hampton, of Columbia, SC, William P. Hampton, of Columbia, SC, Ret. Sgt. Maj Wade (Marjorie) Hampton, of El Paso, TX, Martha (George) Partlow, of Royston, GA, Linda (Odell) Kennedy, of Columbia, SC, Lionel (Deborah) Hampton, of McKinney, TX, Daniel (Addie) Hampton, of North Babylon, NY, and Edward Hampton II, of Brooklyn, NY; a special cousin, Mabel Rotan, of Elgin, SC; eight grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, church family, and friends, all of whom will miss her dearly.

Memories

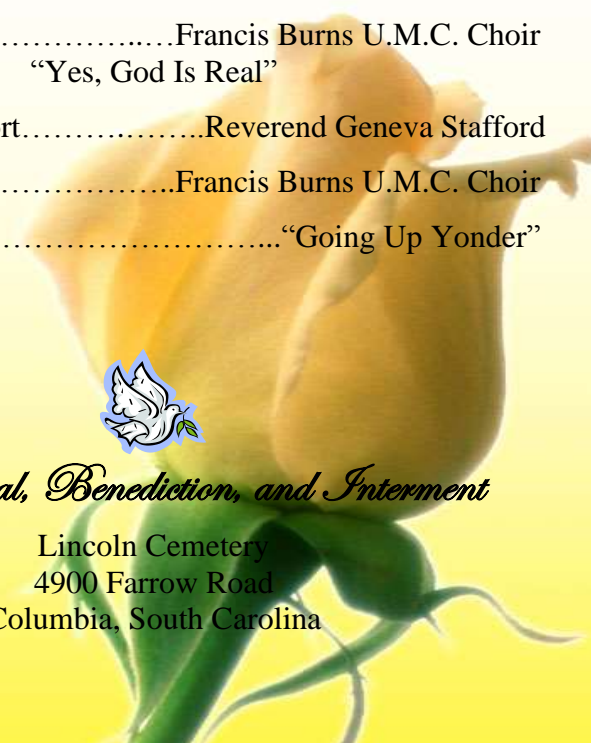


Order of Service

Prelude.....Musician
 Greeting.....Reverend Geneva Stafford
 Processional
 Viewing.....Funeral Directors
 Opening Hymn.....#378 – “Amazing Grace”
 Prayer.....Reverend Dr. Charles A. DeLaughter
 New Testament.....Reverend Edward McDowell
 Psalm 23
 New Testament.....Reverend Raymond Richburg
 Revelations 21:1-7
 Praise Dance.....Ms. Michelle Shelley
 “If You Can See Me Now”
 Remarks.....Ms. Asia Walker, *Great-granddaughter*
 Mr. J.W. Pearson, *Senior Resource Center*
 Ms. Betty Mack, *Church Member*
 Selection.....Francis Burns U.M.C. Choir
 “Yes, God Is Real”
 Words of Comfort.....Reverend Geneva Stafford
 Selection.....Francis Burns U.M.C. Choir
 Recessional.....“Going Up Yonder”
 Postlude

Committal, Benediction, and Interment

Lincoln Cemetery
 4900 Farrow Road
 Columbia, South Carolina



*To Those I Love and
To Those Who Love Me*

*When I am gone release me; let me go.
I have so many things to see and do.
You must not tie yourself to me with tears,
Be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love – you can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you each have shown.
But not it is time I traveled on alone.
So, grieve a while for me, if grieve you must;
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part,
So bless the memories with your heart.
It won't be far away, for life goes on.
So if you need me, call. I will come.
Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near;
And if you listen with your heart you will hear
All of my love around you, soft and clear.
And then, when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and wave
"Welcome Home."*

Author Unknown

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Floral Bearers

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Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mrs. Dorothy Mae Hampton Ricks, would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for all acts of kindness and concern shown to us, during this difficult time in our lives. May God's peace, love, and blessings forever be upon you.

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Services Entrusted To:

Taylor Street Chapel 1831 Taylor Street Columbia, SC 29201 (803) 771-7799 I. S. Leevy Johnson -Owner & Director-	Leevy's FUNERAL HOME Chris Leevy Johnson -President & Managing Director-	Lower Richland Chapel 9120 Garners Ferry Road Hopkins, SC 29061 (803) 776-6922 Leverette A. Williams, II -General Manager-
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A Service of Remembrance

Celebrating the Life

of

Mrs. Dorothy Mae Hampton Ricks



Wednesday, July 19, 2023

1:00 p.m.

Francis Burns United Methodist Church

5616 Farrow Road

Columbia, South Carolina

Reverend Geneva Stafford

- Officiating -