

Obituary

Mrs. Freda Bernice Swinton Butler was born February 16, 1938, in Columbia, South Carolina. She was the daughter of the late Zibaline and Levi Swinton, Sr. Freda was the eldest of eight children, and the proud mother of Debra Robinson and Norman Butler. She was a graduate of the historic Booker T. Washington High School, in Columbia, South Carolina. Freda was a graduate of Good Samaritan Waverly School of Nursing, earning her licensed practical nursing degree in 1958. Freda had an illustrious career in nursing, spanning over 40 years serving and ministering to the sick. She was united in holy matrimony to Grady Butler.

Freda loved to travel and dance. She lived life to the fullest and one could always find her on the dance floor. Freda would light up the room with love and joy. She shared her life's lessons of being diligent, focused, determined, and believing in Jesus, as the key to a successful life. She took great pleasure in spending time with her family. Freda loved her children, family, and friends unselfishly. She was a devoted member of St. James United Methodist Church, in Seneca, South Carolina, and a member of Club Elegant of Seneca, South Carolina.

Freda was called home on Monday, August 14, 2023, at Lexington Medical Center, Lexington, South Carolina. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Grady Butler; brothers, Levi Swinton, Jr. and Zebedee Swinton; sisters, Annette McDaniels, Jeanette Cousins, Edna Pruitt, and Valarie Swinton.

Her beautiful love will forever be cherished in the lives of her two children, Debra (Donald) Robinson, of Grovetown, Georgia and Norman (Tonia) Butler, of Columbia, South Carolina; her grandchildren, Deirdre, Torry, Grady (Thoreau), and Freda (Tyndara); great-grandchildren, LaChyna, Elijah, Harmoni, Kylie, and Lanie; great-great-grandchildren, Tymeek and Karter; sister, Carol Johnson, of Columbia, South Carolina; and sister-in-law, Peggy Swinton, of Columbia, South Carolina; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends

Memories



Order of Service

- Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Hymn of Praise....."Near The Cross"
Recording by the Mississippi Mass Choir
- Invocation.....Bishop John Lockett, Jr.
Pillar in Zion Church, Allenhurst, GA
Refuge in Zion Temple, Harlem, GA
- Old Testament.....Bishop Earnest Jones
Proverbs 31:10, 12-15
- New Testament.....Sister Robin Eaddy
Revelations 21:1-6
- Solo.....Mr. Frank Bynum
- Tributes:
Friend.....Mrs. Anita Whitfield
Family.....Mr. Grady Suber
Grandchildren
Mr. Norman Butler
Mrs. Debra Robinson
- Selection....."Just A Closer Walk With Thee"
Reid Chapel AME Church Choir
- Selection....."Fight On"
Reid Chapel AME Church Choir
- Eulogy.....Reverend Carey Grady
- Recessional....."Going Up Yonder"
Reid Chapel AME Church Choir
- Postlude



The Creator Understands

Like a precious jewel
You'll forever shine
If not in your presence
In our hearts and minds

Always lighting the way
As only you could
Trusting whatever came
Would be for our good

Protecting us fiercely
Loving like none other
Flowing with compassion
Yes, you our dear mother
Days and nights seem longer
Not having you close by
Your light shines even brighter
And yet, we may still cry

We are no longer able
To hold each other's hands
But love will wipe away the tears
That only The Creator Understands

Pallbearers

South Carolina Combat Veterans Group
VFW Post 4262

Floral Bearers

Nieces

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly on a chair. Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, if so, we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, that anyone could say. Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much whatever the part. We, the family of Mrs. Freda Bernice Swinton Butler, acknowledges with deep appreciation each of your kind expression of sympathy.

Committal, Benediction, and Interment

Monday, August 28, 2023, 11:00 A.M.
Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road
Columbia, South Carolina

Services Entrusted To:

Taylor Street Chapel 1831 Taylor Street Columbia, SC 29201 (803)771-7799 E. 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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Homegoing Celebration

for

Mrs. Freda Bernice Swinton Butler



Saturday, August 26, 2023

1:00 p.m.

Reid Chapel A.M.E. Church

704 Gabriel Street

Columbia, South Carolina

Reverend Carey Grady

-Pastor-