

Pallbearers

The Men of the Trinity Baptist Church Trustee Ministry

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.

Floral Bearers

Elaine Bailey & Lillian Kelly

The Ladies of the Trinity Baptist Church Trustee Ministry



Acknowledgement

We, the family of the Ms. Geraldine Bedenbaugh, our dearly beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, cousin, and friend would like to express our sincere gratitude to those of you who helped us celebrate the life and legacy of our loved one. Special thanks to Pastor Bowen's and the Trinity Baptist Church Family, LMC Medical Team of doctors, Dr. Stacy Moore-Bowens (Primary Care Physician), Prisma Health Medical Team of doctors, as well as other teams of medical providers. Her personal sitters, Elaine Bailey, Lillian Kelly, and Rosemary Robinson; Bonita Wade, personal hairstylist for over 25 years; Lizzie Marshall, retired nurse, who stepped in and assisted with our loved one's medical care while in Hospice; Mr. Nelson Ward, who provided yard service for more than 10 years; the Honorable I. S. Leevy Johnson, a longtime friend and attorney and the Leevy's Funeral Home Staff, we sincerely thank you. Our family will be ever so grateful for your love, your commitment, and upholding the Hippocratic Oath as our mother's medical staff and caregivers. Thank you.

Services Entrusted To:

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| 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 Celebration of Life In Loving Memory of Ms. Geraldine D. Green Bedenbaugh



*Tuesday, October 10, 2023
12:00 Noon*

*Trinity Baptist Church
2521 Richland Street
Columbia, South Carolina*

*Reverend Dr. Thurmond Bowens, Jr.
-Pastor-*

Obituary of Ms. Geraldine D. Green Bedenbaugh

Ms. Geraldine D. Green Bedenbaugh was born June 2, 1942, to the late Jeremiah Green and Annie Bell Shepard Green, in Columbia, SC. She received her wings on Friday, September 29, 2023, at home.

At the early age of 10, Geraldine (Gerri) was baptized. She became a faithful and devoted servant of Christ at Trinity Baptist Church (TBC), currently under the leadership of Reverend Dr. Thurmond Bowens, Jr. During her tenure and years of membership, Geraldine served as Trustee and later became the second female Chairperson of the Trustee Ministry (2001-2017), culminating over 40 years of service. Later becoming Emeritus Geraldine Bedenbaugh.

In addition to her service as a Trustee, she was also actively involved in other ministries, and committees: Sunday School Teacher, Vacation Bible School Assistant Coordinator, Assistant Chair to the Senior Citizens Ministry, and taught in the after-school tutoring program for young people. She was also a member of the Garden Circle, Pastoral Search Committee, and the Senior Musical Choir during the 70s and 80s.

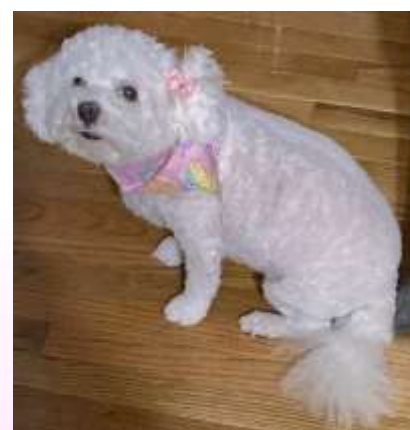
Geraldine was a graduate of C.A. Johnson High School, and Benedict College, earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree. As an educator, Geraldine worked as an English teacher in the Spartanburg, Lexington, and Richland County School Districts. Later retiring after 25 years of service. She also worked as a nurse's aide at the old Columbia Hospital.

Geraldine loved spending time with family and her grand dogs, Bailea and Nola. During the vibrancy of her life, she enjoyed fishing, playing cards (ie., bridge, bid wiz, and pinnacle), eating seafood, shopping, traveling, and spending time with her longtime friends. Geraldine was the only child born to her parents, Jeremiah and Annie B. Green. In 1959, Gerri married Charles Bedenbaugh (deceased) and to this union two daughters were born.

In addition to her parents, Geraldine was preceded in death by one great-grandchild, Amani L. McCants, and one "grand dog," Bailea.

Those left to mourn her passing and to cherish her memory are: her two daughters, Lakay A. Bedenbaugh and Cheryl (Trampus) Starks; two granddaughters, Alyssa N. Bedenbaugh and Kayla S. Bedenbaugh-Abraham; two great-grands, KhyLii A. Russell and Ahmari A. McCants. Geraldine shared her life with her best friend, Johnnie M. Richardson, who she saw as a sibling she never had for more than 70 years; a sister cousin, Bernice G. Scott; special friends, Viola Mayo, Maxine Dubard, Sarah Tidwell and Elvena Daniels and a host of cousins, other loving relatives, and friends all of whom will miss her dearly.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

Reverend H. Michael Williams, Presiding

- Musical Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Opening Hymn....."Glory To His Name"
- Old Testament.....Reverend Dr. Jeffrey Howard
- New Testament.....Reverend Gayle Coker
- Prayer.....Reverend Barrien D. Henderson
- Musical Selection....."The Battle Is Not Yours"
- Remarks.....Deacon Thomas A. Spry, Deacon
Three Minutes, Please The Honorable Bernice G. Scott, Cousin
Trustee Alonzo Spry, Chairman, Trustee Ministry
The Honorable I.S. Leevy Johnson, Longtime Friend
- Musical Selection..... "My Soul Has Been Anchored"
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend H. Michael Williams
- Recessional....."Going Up Yonder"
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction, and Interment

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

