

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Miss Me But Let Me Go

*When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room
Why cry for a soul set free?*

*Miss me a little - but not too long
And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me-but let me go.*

*For this is a journey that we all must take
And each must go alone.
It's all a part of the Master's Plan,
A step on the road to home.*

*When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds
Miss Me - But Let Me Go.*

Floral Bearers

Elder Roslyn G. Coleman Mrs. Vernelle S. Brown Dr. Johnelle Sherald
Mrs. Barbara Canteen-White
&
Winyah High School Class of 1972

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Ms. Charlena McElveen, would like to thank each of you for your prayers and many acts of kindness extended to us during the passing of our loved one. It is our prayer that the Lord blesses each of you in a very special way.

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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Obituary

Ms. Charlena McElveen was born on February 14, 1954, in Georgetown, South Carolina to Mrs. Florine Brown McCall and Mr. Herbert Fraser. She was nurtured and raised by Mrs. Catherine McElveen.

Charlena was baptized at a young age at Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church, in Georgetown, South Carolina. She was a very studious individual. She loved to read and sing. She was a perfectionist at heart.

Charlena was educated in the public schools of Georgetown County, South Carolina. After graduation from Winyah High School in 1972, she enrolled at Hunter College, in New York City, where she obtained her bachelor's degree. She later attended the University of Redlands, in Redlands, California, where she received her master's degree.

Shortly after graduating from Hunter College and briefly working in New York, Charlena moved to San Diego, California in the early 1980s, where she joined her sister, Gwen Hart-Keith. While in San Diego, Charlena continued to flourish.

She began worshipping at the 61st & Division Streets Church of Christ, where she was baptized and served there until returning to South Carolina in 2006. She served as the Church Secretary, Treasurer for the Youth Program, was a member of Spiritual Connexion, an all-female award-winning a cappella choral group. She also served as the Chairperson for the 19th Annual Christian Women's Seminar, which attracted hundreds of women from across the State of California. In addition, she was a member of the Sister to Sister Support group.

She moved to Lexington, South Carolina in 2006, where she became a member of the Sunset Boulevard Church of Christ, where she served until her passing. She was loved by many and will be sorely missed. Her zeal for service will always be remembered.

She began her professional career at UC San Diego, where she served for more than twenty years. Charlena quickly advanced in numerous campus roles which included: The Offices of External Funds and Campus Auditing. Charlena had a significant and meaningful impact in her professional career. Until her passing, several of her former colleagues have maintained contact with her. She retired in 2006.

Charlena was preceded in death by her parents and several siblings. She leaves to mourn her passing her beautiful children: a daughter, Shadiamond A. McElveen; her son, Tracy M. McElveen, both of Lexington, South Carolina; her siblings, Shirley M. Goodall (David), of Richmond, Virginia, Joseph McCall, of Arlington, Virginia, Willa Bell King, of Italy, Gwen Hart-Keith, Samuel Blunt, Jr., Earl Holmes, Yvonne Marsh (Larry), all of Georgetown, South Carolina, and Herbert Fraser, Jr., of New York; a sister-in-law, Mary Blunt, of Georgetown, South Carolina; close friends, Mae Brown, of San Diego, California and Doretha McDonald, of Georgetown, South Carolina, Hattie Lee and Family, of Lexington, South Carolina; two loving caregivers, Tashena Perales and Diana Lashley; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other loving relatives, and friends.

Memories



Funeral Service
Saturday, November 4, 2023 – 1:00 p.m.

Levy's Funeral Home Chapel
1831 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina



- Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Opening Hymn.....“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

- Scripture Readings:
 - Old Testament.....Mr. Wisdom Marsh
Psalm 23

 - New Testament.....Mr. Joseph McCall
John 14:1-4
- Prayer of Comfort.....Minister Jack McNeil
- Musical Selection.....Mr. Lonnie Clark
- Remarks.....A Family Member
A Friend
A Church Member

- Solo.....Ms. Flamingo Brown
- Words of Comfort.....Minister Jack McNeil
- Recessional
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction, and Interment

Lincoln Cemetery
4900 Farrow Road
Columbia, South Carolina