

Family and Friends

# Miss Me But Let Me Ga

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

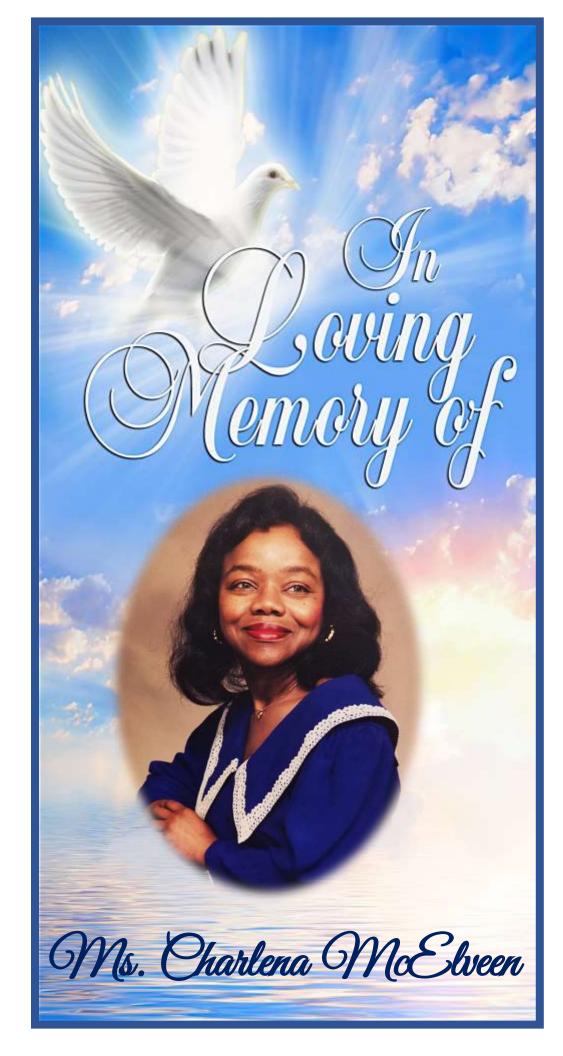
Elder Roslyn G. Coleman Mrs. Vernelle S. Brown Dr. Johnelle Sherald Mrs. Barbara Canteen-White & Winyah High School Class of 1972

### **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:





## **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 61<sup>st</sup> & 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.

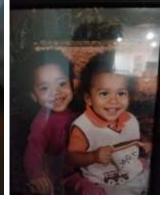
She began her professional career at UC San Diego, where she served for more than twenty years. Charlena quickly advanced in numerous campus roles which included: The Offices of External Funds and Campus Auditing. Charlena had a significant and meaningful impact in her professional career. Until her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

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



Prelude

Postlude

**Processional** Viewing .......Funeral Directors Opening Hymn....."What A Friend We Have In Jesus" Scripture Readings: Psalm 23 New Testament......Mr. Joseph McCall John 14:1-4 Prayer of Comfort......Minister Jack McNeil A Friend A Church Member Solo......Ms. Flamingo Brown Words of Comfort......Minister Jack McNeil Recessional



Committal, Benediction, and Interment

Lincoln Cemetery 4900 Farrow Road Columbia, South Carolina