

# Obituary Of

## Mrs. Bertha Butler King

Mrs. Bertha Butler King of Sumter, SC passed peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Wednesday, November 22, 2023. Born September 4, 1959 in Gulfport, Mississippi, she was the youngest daughter of the late Theodore Ray “Buster” Butler, Sr. and Ercill Flowers Butler.

Bertha was educated in the Harrison County School District and graduated from Harrison Central High School in 1977. After high school, she attended Jackson State University and majored in Education. After graduating from Jackson State University, she attended the Mississippi University for Women, where she received a Master’s degree in Speech and Language Pathology. She was employed with and retired from Sumter School District after 30+ years as a Speech and Language Pathologist. Bertha truly valued education and the pursuit of higher learning.

Bertha was an active member of Palmetto Chapel at Shaw Air Force Base, where she served as a Children’s Church instructor for many years. She had an immense passion for educating children.

Bertha loved traveling with her husband and best friend of 40 years, Mr. Calvin King. They were frequent visitors of Charleston, SC, Washington, D.C, Savannah, GA, their home state of Mississippi, and Las Vegas, NV. Bertha thoroughly enjoyed cooking for family and friends, especially during the holidays. (Her “chess squares” were a fan favorite!) She loved her daily neighborhood walks, was an avid reader, and spent many relaxing afternoons on her screened porch after retirement. She also enjoyed spending time with her “grand pups,” Huey, Dewey, and Archer, while she was eagerly awaiting the birth of her first grandchild, Baby Neisler.

Everything Bertha approached in life was with elegance, class, and grace. Her exuberant personality will be greatly missed by all who loved her.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Bertha Butler King was preceded in death by two (2) brothers, Travis Butler and Tracy Butler. Those left to mourn her passing and cherish her memory: two (2) daughters, Amber King Oliveira, Charlotte, NC and Brooke King Neisler, Sneads Ferry, NC; four (4) sisters, Brenda Marks, New Orleans, LA, Beverly Brown, Lawrenceville, GA, Babra Haskin, Antelope, CA, and Belinda Hardy, Gulfport, MS; three (3) brothers, Theodore Ray Butler, Jr., Gulfport, MS, Tyrone Butler, Dayton, OH, and Troy Butler, Gulfport, MS; two (2) sons-in-law, Yuri Oliveira and Cameron Neisler; a plethora of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

## Her Smile

Though her smile is gone forever,  
And her hand we cannot touch,  
We still have many memories  
Of the one we love so much.

Your memory is our keepsake,  
With which we’ll never part.  
God has you in his keeping,  
We have you in our hearts.

Sadly missed,  
But never forgotten.

Love always,  
Calvin, Amber, and Brooke



## Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn.....“How Great Thou Art”

Scripture Readings.....Mrs. Jametra Collins  
Old Testament - Isaiah 41:10  
New Testament – II Corinthians 1:3-4

Prayer.....Elder Danelle Young

Selection.....“You Are My Strength”

Remarks.....Mr. Boyd C. James IV, Nephew  
Dr. Pamela Self, College Roommate/Soror

Solo.....“It Is Well”.....Ms. Debra Neisler

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Stanley R. Ladson, Sr.

Recessional

Postlude



## Committal, Benediction, and Interment

1:00 p.m.

Fort Jackson National Cemetery  
4170 Percival Road  
Columbia, South Carolina



## 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.

## Honorary Pallbearers

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| Cedric Hobbs   | Calvin Elam | Calvin Jones |
| Victor Winston | Glen Tatum  | Doug Hayes   |

## Pallbearers

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| Darryl Prince   | Boyd C. James IV | Roy Godine   |
| Cameron Neisler | Yuri Oliveira    | Casey Foster |

## Floral Bearers

Nieces

## Acknowledgement

We are most grateful for the gift of friends like you, who have been so kind and thoughtful during these hours of sorrow. Your prayers, visits, calls, food, flowers, and every act of kindness have given us strength and inspiration for the facing of this hour. May God bless each of you.

## Services Entrusted To:

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| <b>Taylor Street Chapel</b><br>1831 Taylor Street<br>Columbia, SC 29201<br>(803)771-7799<br>F. S. Leevy Johnson<br><i>Owner &amp; Director</i> | <b>Leevy's</b><br>FUNERAL HOME<br>Chris Leevy Johnson<br><i>President &amp; Managing Director</i> | <b>Lower Richland Chapel</b><br>9120 Garners Ferry Road<br>Hopkins, SC 29061<br>(803) 776-6922<br>Leverette A. Williams, II<br><i>General Manager</i> |
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## Celebration of Life for Mrs. Bertha Butler King



**Wednesday, November 29, 2023**  
11:00 a.m.

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

**Reverend Dr. Stanley R. Ladson,  
Sr.**  
-Officiating-