

## 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.

## Honorary Pallbearers

Gentleman of the Senior Usher Board

## Pallbearers

Adrian L. Boston      Shawn Pauling      Eric Pauling  
Cormick Bluford      John Ramseur, Jr.      Forsheé Blair

## Honorary Floral Bearers

Ladies of the Senior Usher Board  
&  
Ladies of Helping Hands Senior Care

## Floral Bearers

Cheryl Sanders      Renee Boles      Jacqueline Kimble  
Ann Bruce Watson      Deborah Henderson Ward

## Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mrs. Estelle Phillips Pauling would like to thank each of you for your prayers and support during the passing of our loved one. A special thank you to Helping Hands Senior Care Staff for taking care of, loving, and spoiling Mrs. Pauling, also a special thank you to Agape Hospice for assisting us.

## Services Entrusted To:

<b>Taylor Street Chapel</b> 1831 Taylor Street Columbia, SC 29201 (803)771-7799 I. S. Leevy Johnson -Owner & Director-	<b>Leeby's</b> FUNERAL HOME Chris Leevy Johnson -President & Managing Director-	<b>Lower Richland Chapel</b> 9120 Garners Ferry Road Hopkins, SC 29061 (803) 776-6922 Leverette A. Williams, II -General Manager-
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## Celebration of Life In Loving Memory of

# Mrs. Estelle Phillips Pauling



Wednesday, November 29, 2023  
1:00 p.m.

**Brookland Baptist Church**  
1066 Sunset Boulevard  
West Columbia, South Carolina

Reverend Dr. Charles B. Jackson, Sr.  
-Pastor-

# Obituary

Mrs. Estelle Phillips Pauling, a beloved presence who graced this world with her warmth and dedication, was born on August 1, 1932, in Cleveland, Ohio, to the late Mary and Doc Phillips. Departing this world on Thursday, November 23, 2023, she reunited with loved ones, including her younger twin brother, the late Burnell Phillips, and her husband, Leverne James Pauling, with whom she shared over 50 years of marriage.

Her journey through life was marked by unwavering commitment and profound love for her family. Educated in Cleveland's public schools, she graduated from Glenville High School. It was during a family visit to Columbia, SC, that she met Leverne James Pauling, her future husband, igniting a lifelong partnership. They were united in Holy Matrimony on August 25, 1955, and their union was blessed with two children, Ms. Debra Pauling Boston and Mr. Stephan Kent Pauling, both of whom she cherished deeply.

Mrs. Pauling pursued Early Childhood Education at Allen University. She spent her career teaching elementary children, mainly kindergarteners. She took pride in her May Day performances and children at V.V. Reid. While at V.V. Reid, she was blessed to teach all 3 of her grandchildren. Even after retiring, she continued her dedication by tutoring young children at home, instilling in them essential skills, especially in reading.

Her faith was an integral part of her life as she actively served as an usher and dedicated member of her church community. After joining Brookland Baptist Church, she worked diligently on the Senior Usher Board and on the Homeless Ministry. She truly enjoyed working in these ministries. As her health began to decline, she continued to usher, preferring the "short pews" so she wouldn't have to stand long. Her fellow ushers loved her and tried to talk her into continuing to usher by making whatever concessions they could to keep her. She consistently and gracefully declined, feeling that her time to serve had passed.

Mrs. Pauling's talents continued beyond the classroom. She was an excellent seamstress, a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She played a pivotal role in caring for her husband through his illnesses, up until the time he departed this world. She was instrumental in raising her grandchildren as well. They would always find their way to Grandma and Granddad's house, where there was lots of love.

In Mrs. Pauling's later years, you could find her partaking in adventures with her daughter to concerts, outings, voting, and even traveling.

Mrs. Pauling was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brothers, Walter, Charles, Johnny, Willie, Richard, James, and Burnell Phillips; sister, Helen Phillips; and sister-in-law, Edna Johnson Ramseur. Her legacy lives on through her daughter, Debra Boston; son, Stephan Pauling; three grandchildren, Adrian L. Boston (Kalisha), Whitney M. Bluford (Cormick), and Porsche Woodard; seven great-grandchildren, and numerous cherished relatives and friends.

Her impact on the lives she touched resonates through cherished memories, lessons imparted, and the enduring love she shared. She will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

# Memories



# A Service of Remembrance

- Musical Prelude
- Processional
- Musical Selection.....Brookland Baptist Church Choir
- Old Testament.....Reverend Nicky Wilson
- New Testament.....Reverend Ronald Best
- Prayer.....Deacon Donald Turner
- Musical Selection.....Ms. Cheryl Cook  
"Troubles of The World"
- Remarks.....Deacon Nathaniel Stewart, Family Deacon  
Mrs. Karen Lucas Walker, Family Friend  
Mrs. Dawn R. Blair, Niece  
Mr. Adrian L. Boston, Grandson
- Musical Selection.....Brookland Baptist Church Choir
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend Charles B. Jackson, Jr.
- Recessional
- Postlude



## Committal, Benediction, and Interment

**Palmetto Cemetery**  
**5050 Fairfield Road**  
**Columbia, South Carolina**