

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid for
me.

I took his hand when I heard his call,
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, or play,
I found peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, and loved
one's touch,

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and peace to thee
God wanted me now; He set me free.



*A teacher has unique qualities
The gift of wisdom to share
With patience and understanding
To inspire many with special care.*

Pallbearers

Almando Brown, Sr. Jerome Brennan, Jr. Willie Bynum
John Entzinger, Jr. Darrell Eskew Russell Hope
Darnell Samuels Adrian Walker David Bowers

Floral Bearers

Nieces
&
Women of Wisdom Ministry of Zion Baptist Church

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mrs. Kathy Mitchell Hope, would like to thank each of you for your prayers and support shown to us during the passing of our loved. We pray 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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A Celebration of Life In Loving Memory of Mrs. Kathy Mitchell Hope



Saturday, January 20, 2024
1:00 p.m.

Zion Baptist Church
801 Washington Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Reverend Dr. M. Andrew Davis
-Pastor-

Obituary of Mrs. Kathy Teresa Mitchell Hope

Mrs. Kathy Mitchell Hope departed this earthly life on Tuesday, January 9, 2024. She was born in Columbia, South Carolina, on October 5, 1955. She was the daughter of the late Walter and Vilean Moseley Mitchell.

Kathy was educated in the public schools of Richland County School District One. She graduated from C.A. Johnson High School. Kathy received her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of South Carolina.

Kathy was employed as a Social Studies teacher in Richland School District One for thirty-two years. She retired from Richland School District One in May 2011. Kathy taught at the following schools: W. G. Sanders Middle School (August 1980 – May 2011), Logan Alternative School (August 1979 – June 1980), and Eau Claire High School (February 1979 – June 1979). Kathy was also a part-time instructor at Benedict College during the spring semesters of 1991 and 1996.

At an early age, she began attending Zion Baptist Church. Kathy joined Zion at the age of ten. She was actively involved in the church throughout her life. Her current church organizational involvements included: The Arsenal Hill Circle, Historic Ministry, and Women of Wisdom Ministry.

Kathy was a member of the Drew Wellness Senior Fellowship.

She was united in holy matrimony to William Kenneth Hope on June 25, 1983. To this union one child, Letitia Antoinette was born.

Left to cherish her memory are: her husband, William K. Hope; her daughter, Letitia A. Hope of Columbia, South Carolina; stepson, Kevin K. (Beverly) Hope of Columbia, South Carolina; goddaughter, Ebony C. Howell of Smyrna, Georgia; three step-grandchildren, Ashley Furtick of Columbia, South Carolina, Jordan Cunningham of Daegu, South Korea, and Aalysha Hope of Columbia, South Carolina; three step-great grandchildren, Kortney, Aiden, and Makhi Jackson; a brother, Michael S. Ishmael of Columbia, South Carolina; aunt, Alfreda Offutt of Washington, D.C.; three brothers-in-law, Jasper L. (Thelma) Hope, Askin O. (Patricia) Hope of Columbia, South Carolina, and John W. Entzminger, Sr. of Blythewood, South Carolina; two sisters-in-law, Sarah (James) Washington and Diane Quattlebaum of Columbia, South Carolina; sister friends, Patricia Briggs, Maranda S. Evans of Columbia, South Carolina, and Joan McMillan Wickham of Newport News, Virginia; a host of nieces, nephews, other loving relatives, and friends who will miss her dearly.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

Reverend Dr. Cynthia J. Walters, Presiding

- Musical Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Selection.....Deacon Herbert Barnette
"My Soul Has Been Anchored"
- Scripture Reading.....Reverend Ernest Hare
Old Testament – Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 12
New Testament – John 14:1-6
- Prayer.....Reverend Dr. Cynthia J. Walters
- Reflections:
 - Community.....Mrs. Mary Littlejohn
 - Arsenal Hill.....Ms. Joan Mobley
 - W.G. Sanders.....Mrs. Carolyn Tucker
 - Historic Ministry.....Mrs. Calvernetta Williams
Mr. John Dixon
 - Family.....Mr. Joe Jackson
Mr. Robert Johnson
Mr. Gerald Maynard
Ms. Iris Hope, Mr. Kevin Hope, and Mrs. Beverly Hope
- Musical Selection.....Deacon Donnie Mack
"Precious Lord"
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. M. Andrew Davis
- Recessional
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction, and Interment

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

