

**Pallbearers**

Nephews  
&  
Family and Friends

**Floral Bearers**

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**Acknowledgement**

We, the family and friends of "Pudin," would like to express our gratefulness to all who loved, cared for, and shared with us before, during, and after her illness. We thank you for being a Jesus like servant. We also, appreciate the Intercessory Prayer Group, every medical and healthcare professional who made us feel as if "Pudin" was the only patient they had. A special thank you to the young couple at South Carolina Oncology who parked and retrieved our car; and greeted us with assisting hands. Blessings for you all.

-Stephanie and Family

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**A Service of Remembrance  
Celebrating the Life  
of  
Ms. Agnes Debra Hart**



**Beginning  
June 6, 1944**

**New Beginning  
April 14, 2024**

***"Pudin"***

**Friday, April 19, 2024  
11:30 a.m.**

**Bethlehem Baptist Church  
1028 Eastman Street  
Columbia, South Carolina**

**Reverend Dr. Anthony A. McCallum, Chief Servant  
-Pastor-**

# Reflections of the Life of Ms. Agnes Debra Hart

On June 6, 1944, Frank and Eva Myers Hart welcomed their sixth child and fifth baby girl. They named her Agnes Debra but always called her “Pudin.” The Colonial Heights community became home, zoning her to be educated in Richland County schools. She was graduated from C. A. Johnson High School in the class of 1962. This Community also gave her St. John Baptist Church and Pastor Reverend Roscoe C. Wilson, now residing with the Lord.

“Pudin” became an employee of the South Carolina Department of Mental Health (SCDMH). During her tenure as a Mental Health Specialist, she was trained as a Certified Phlebotomist. Agnes, called by co-workers, preferred the nightshift, working from 11:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. She put her training to work at the SCDMH, for more than twenty (20) years before she journeyed into retirement. Idleness got the best of her; she applied and was hired with Mental Illness Recovery Center Incorporated (MIRCI). COVID ended her employment with MIRCI encouraging her second retirement. Serving as a Poll Manager was a fifteen-year experience on her journey.

Bethlehem Baptist Church became “Pudin’s” “church home” based on her Christian experience. They called her Agnes. The added joy of church was sitting with her siblings, Boy and Punk. Her role at church was singing in the choir. She would not miss singing, nodding every now and then after working the night shift. Sisters Mills and Kelly were her nudgers, keeping sleep at bay. “Pudin” loved Pastor McCallun and she loved her fellow choir members.

Pudin owned a small ‘in home’ grocery store, Pudin’s Pantry, and it was open 24-7. The shoppers will remain nameless. She was very giving and loved ‘doing what she could’ to serve others. “Pudin’s” cooking skills always brought smiles and seconds. Turkey dressing, fried chicken and potato salad were always in demand. One of the greatest joys was watching others enjoy her meals. Happiness occurred when she traveled; did her crocheting; played games on her iPad; played Scrabble; and Phase 10. According to “Pudin,” she won more Scrabble games than Punk but acknowledged Roberta really won the most games.

On “Pudin’s” earthly journey, she created and enjoyed laughter. She is now in the best place ever, laughing with her Heavenly Father; her parents; sisters, Joyce and Magnolia; brothers, Frank “Boy” (Bev), Willie James, and Harold; and nephews, Cyrus and Carl.

“Pudin” is survived by: her only daughter, Stephanie Riley (Terry), who was the epitome of her happiness, love, and joy; grandchildren, Shala (Tameeka), Tierra (CoRay), Nicole, Terrell, and LeKeyda (William); siblings, Minnie Lee Hingleton (Frank), Gloria Jane Burton, and Beverly “Punk” Hart Pittman; nieces and nephews who were like children, Vernon, Tracey, and Ralph III; stepdaughter, Erica; goddaughter, Gail Scott; special companion and Stephanie’s father, Warren Grant; a host of great-grandchildren; great-great-grandchildren; nieces; nephews; the Fab Five; other loving relatives, and friends, all who loved her, but will miss her. “Pudin” would not want us to be sad. She would want us spending our time remembering the lessons and what makes us laugh. God’s love and “Pudin’s” love will live on.

## Last Request

**Please don’t say that I gave up, just say that I gave in.  
Don’t say that I lost the battle, for it was God’s war to lose or win.  
Please don’t say how good I was, but that I did my best.  
Just say I tried to do what’s right, to give the most I could, not less.  
Please don’t give me wings or halos, that’s for God to do.  
I want no more than I deserve, no extras, just my due.  
Don’t be concerned about me, now I’m with God, I made it home.  
Don’t just remember all the good times, remember all the bad, too.  
For life is full of many things, some happy and some sad.  
But if you must do something, then I have one request,  
Forgive the wrong that I have done, and with the love that’s left,  
Thank God for my soul resting. Thank God for I’ve been blessed.  
Thank God for all who loved me. Praise God, who loved me best.**

**-Anonymous**



# Memories



# Order of Service

Processional

“Every Praise”  
Bethlehem Baptist Church Musical Choir

Hymn of Praise

“His Eye is on the Sparrow”  
Ms. Dekendra Priester, Friend

Scriptures  
Old Testament

Psalm 118:1-4

Deacon Willie Henderson  
Bethlehem Baptist Church

New Testament

2 Timothy 4:5-8

Deacon Kevin Hart, Nephew  
St. James Baptist Church,  
Hopkins, South Carolina

Prayer

Deacon Michael Glover  
Bethlehem Baptist Church

Musical Selection

“Grateful, Grateful, Grateful”  
Bethlehem Baptist Church Choir

Dedication of Love

“A Poem for Nanis”  
Shala, Tierra, and Nicole, Grandchildren

Remarks  
(3 minutes, Please)

Mrs. Earlean Kelly, Musical Choir Representative  
Reverend Cathy Mitchem, Stylist, Cathy’s Hair Salon  
Mrs. Beverly “Punk” Hart Pittman, Baby Sister

Musical Selection

“Goodness of God”  
Mrs. Glenda Miller, Friend

Words of Encouragement

Rev. Dr. Anthony A. McCallum

The Recessional

“I Shall Wear a Crown”  
Ms. LaShonda Young, Friend



## Committal, Benediction, and Interment

Lincoln Cemetery  
4900 Farrow Road  
Columbia, South Carolina



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