

## Pallbearers and Floral Bearers

### Family and Friends

#### *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.

### **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-

# In Loving Memory

*Mrs. Yvonne Evelyn McIlwain*

*Saturday, May 4, 2024*

*1:00 p.m.*

*Leevy's Funeral Home Chapel*

*1831 Taylor Street  
Columbia, South Carolina*

*Reverend Nicky Wilson*

*-Officiating-*

# Obituary

Mrs. Yvonne Evelyn McIlwain was born on June 20, 1950, in Bronx, New York. She was the first of four children born to the late Ethel Lilly McIlwain. She departed this life on Friday, April 26, 2024.

Yvonne was raised and educated in the public school systems of Bronx, New York. After graduating high school, Yvonne aspired to be a fashion designer. Her aspirations of being a fashion designer led to become employed with Lord & Taylor in New York City as an assistant buyer.

Yvonne was the loving mother of four children whom she adored, Janene Carson (Roy), Robert Owens, Delina Houser (Franklin), and Stacey Joyner (Robert) from her previous husband, Robert Owens.

In 1989, Yvonne relocated to Columbia, South Carolina with her second husband, the late Cecil Roger Chatman. While in Columbia, Yvonne became a Certified Nursing Assistant, working for 20 plus years caring for and nurturing patients in the Columbia area. After working in the public sector for many years, Yvonne began work as a private duty Nursing Assistant. She was always full of life, always smiling, and loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In addition to her mother and husband Cecil Roger Chatman, Yvonne was preceded in death by her brother, Larry Clifford.

Left to cherish her precious memory in addition to her children are: nineteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; her brother, Walter (Deanna) McIlwain; and host of other loving relatives, and caring friends, all of whom will miss her dearly.

# Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Viewing.....Funeral Directors

Musical Selection.....“Take Me To The King”  
*Recording by: Tamela Mann*

Old Testament.....Minister

New Testament.....Minister

Prayer.....Reverend Nicky Wilson

Selection.....“Goodness of God”  
*Recording by: CeCe Winans*

Remarks.....A Family Member  
A Friend  
Mrs. Delina Houser, Daughter

Musical Selection..... “I Shall Wear A Crown”  
*Recording by: Yolanda DeBerry*

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Nicky Wilson

Recessional

Postlude



## Committal, Benediction and Interment

Lincoln Cemetery  
4900 Farrow Road  
Columbia, South Carolina