

Obituary of Mrs. Elnora Starkes Brooks

Our beloved, Elnora Starkes Brooks departed this earthly life after a long illness on Tuesday, May 28, 2024 surrounded by family. She was born October 20, 1940 in Lexington County to the late Clarence Aiken and Inez Holmes Smith.

Elnora graduated from Lakeview High School in West Columbia. She was also graduate of Benedict College in Columbia, SC, and she received certificates from the Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, GA. Elnora retired from Bellsouth, Inc. and from the Richland County Public Library. She loved shopping, cooking and traveling.

She started her spiritual journey at St. Paul Baptist Church, where she was a member before joining Bethlehem Baptist Church of College Place. At Bethlehem, she served faithfully on the Senior Missionary Ministry and the Intercessory Prayer Ministry.

In addition to her parents, Elnora was preceded in death by her son, Dexter Starkes; sisters, Vanessa Dale Smith Thompson and Margaret Aiken English.

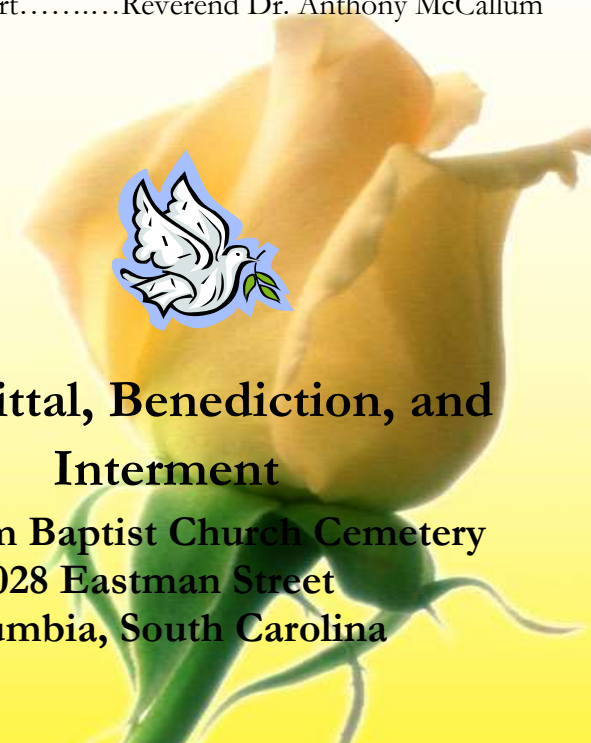
Elnora leaves to cherish her memory: her husband, Benjamin F. Brooks of Columbia, South Carolina; grandson, Lewis Starkes of Maryland; sisters, Helen Aiken of Cayce, South Carolina and Marjorie Cokley of Columbia, South Carolina; three bonus children, Andrew Jeffcoat of Columbia, South Carolina, Eria (Wade) Bridgeman of Gaston, South Carolina, and Sheniece (Gregory) Louree of Poughkeepsie, New York; five brothers-in-law; eight sisters-in-law; a host of nieces, nephews, loving relatives, and dear friends.

Memories



Order of Service

- Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Opening Hymn.....Bethlehem Baptist Church Choir
- Old Testament.....Reverend Joseph Brooks
- New Testament.....Reverend Flavian Coleman
- Prayer.....Reverend Stanley Nash
- Selection.....Bethlehem Baptist Church Choir
- Reflections.....Mr. Lewis Starkes, Grandson
Sister Barbara Gallman, Senior Missionary President
Deacon Michael and Deaconess Gloria Glover
- Acknowledgements.....Ms. Eria Bridgeman
- Selection.....Bethlehem Baptist Church Choir
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Anthony McCallum
- Recessional
- Postlude



**Committal, Benediction, and
Interment**
Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery
1028 Eastman Street
Columbia, South Carolina



Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mrs. Elnora Starkes Brooks, would like to thank each of you for your prayers and support shown to us during the passing of our loved one. It is our prayer 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 Levernie A. Williams, II -General Manager-
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**A Service of
Remembrance
Celebrating the Life
of**

Mrs. Elnora Starkes Brooks



**Tuesday, June 4, 2024
11:00 a.m.**

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

**Reverend Dr. Anthony McCallum
-Pastor-**