



Celebrating The Life And Legacy of  
*Annie Ruth Lloyd Camacho*

February 4, 1933 - June 10, 2024

*"I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."  
2 Timothy 4:7*

**Monday, June 24, 2024 @ 12:00 PM**

**Saint John Baptist Church**

**3404 West Beltline Boulevard**

**Columbia, SC 29203**

**Rev. Dr. Jamey O. Graham, Sr., Pastor**

# Reflections of Mom

## Pamela Lloyd-Ogoke, Daughter

Growing up with you as a mom was the greatest imaginable blessing. Going to college and seeing the life experiences of others hit home the reality that not everyone had a loving hard working, family orientated, Christ centered parents as I. They encouraged me to dream, to see hope out of hardships, experience potential out of pain, and to believe in the power of prayer.

Mom was always there, always cheering me on, and always encouraging us to not be limited by life's circumstances. Being a farmer, she knew that to yield sustainable crops, hard work, consistency, care, and nurturing was all required daily to achieve the goals of a harvest plenty farm. As a parent, she used those same tools. She was nurturing, consistent, loving, and committed. She took pride in her family and exposed us to all that she could. Summers in the south were special and waking us up in the wee hours to attend Radio City Music Hall performance was cold but magical.

She pushed, she motivated, and she pushed some more - all of which I am grateful for. I recall an incident that nearly lost me a leg. During a New York church event, I fell on an open bottled glass and was rushed to a mountain hospital. My mother then discovered on that Sunday afternoon, that no working Doctors were on duty. She prayed hard and then finally and unexpectedly a Dr. dropped by the hospital to pick up his paycheck. Mom pleaded and convinced him to stitch me up. Upon arrival back to a Bronx hospital, the doctors were amazed and thought that the leg should have been amputated. Today I am literally walking on two legs because of her persistence and determination!

And this would not be the last time. A few years later life blessed me with the challenge of becoming deaf. Of course, we did not know at that time it would be a blessing. As we went through the initial stages of grief, she insisted that prayer would be our guide. Walking by faith were not just mere words but rather engrained into her core belief. And so, we prayed and as clarity came and blessings manifested, she was there sharing in the joys and watching me thrive. The National Black Deaf Advocates organization was dear to our hearts and often "Mama Lloyd", as she was affectionately called, was in attendance. Mama Lloyd, she was to many others as well. Growing up, I witnessed our friends and many family members seeking her for guidance and advice. Her aura and essence drew people into her warmth and genuineness, and she was their "Mom" as well.

I thank God that we had her as long as we have. While its loss stings, it's peaceful to know the impact she left and that we got to love her and swell in her essence. She loved her family, her friends, and life.

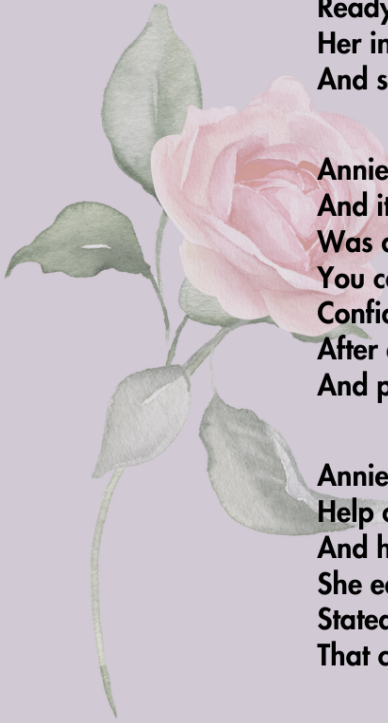
Thank you for being the best Mom and Grandmother!

Ari, Pam, Brianna & Robert



## Annie's Spirit Lives On

Annie was a very special person  
Whose strong character was enhanced  
By her successful career in nursing.  
She was compassionate, and she was always  
Ready to lend an ear.  
Her interest in you was always genuine  
And sincere.



Annie never spoke degradingly of anyone,  
And it stayed that way until the conversation  
Was done.  
You could speak freely with her and with  
Confidence and ease;  
After each conversation, you felt contented  
And pleased.

Annie was generous and was always ready to  
Help out,  
And her intentions were never in doubt.  
She earned and deserved even more of the  
Stated accolades  
That came her way over decades.

She was strong, supportive and caring and  
Had many other attributes  
That came from her familial roots.  
Annie spoke lovingly of her children and never  
Voiced a disappointing word;  
The love she showed was true and unblurred.

Remember her with love in your hearts  
And her spirit will live on, even though,  
She had to depart.  
Family and friends might cry and shudder in grief,  
But Annie has found relief.

*Written by Cousin Kathern*

# Reflections Of Life

## Annie Ruth Williams Lloyd-Camacho

Our beloved mother, Mrs. Annie Ruth Williams Lloyd-Camacho, entered eternal rest on Monday, June 10, 2024, in Columbia, South Carolina. She was 91 years old.

Her journey began on the family farm in Pelion, SC on February 4, 1933. She was born to Henry Boyce Williams and Rosa Bell Gray Williams on a cold Saturday during the Great Depression. She was joined by brothers James and Bennie who all lived in the family home with paternal grandparents John and Annie Williams. It was as a child growing up on the farm that she played, studied and learned the importance of hard work. Annie Ruth attended the Darian school, a one room schoolhouse that educated students from grades one to seven before the Brown vs Board of Education decision desegregating schools in 1954. The school year ran from October through May to accommodate the harvesting needs of farming families.

Annie Ruth was a smart little girl, inquisitive, always thirsting for knowledge, and wanting to learn more. Getting a good education was always important. At the age of twelve she left Pelion to continue her education at the Schofield school in Aiken because there was no junior high in Pelion she could attend. After graduating from high school, she attended Allen University in Columbia, SC.

From these early years Annie's passion for education exploded. She went on to earn four degrees and a certification including an associate's degree in nursing, bachelor's degree in nursing, master's degree in nursing, and a master's degree in Teaching Supervision. She was a role model and mentor to her younger brothers and family members on education excellence.

Annie met Luther Lloyd Jr. in Aiken in 1950, he not believing the story of a friend who told him about the pretty young coed rooming at his mother's house. After a two-year courtship they married on July 12, 1952 in Aiken, SC. They migrated north in search of better employment and education opportunities, assisted by other Lloyd siblings who had previously gone north. Their marriage was a true partnership and love story. They were blessed with four children: Maxine, Zachary, Allan, and Pamela. From their offspring, twenty-one new seeds have been planted including four children, nine grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. Luther and Annie were married thirty-six years before Luke succumbed to cancer in 1989.

Annie began her professional career working for the New York City Health and Hospital Corporation. (Jacobi Hospital) She attended LPN school at Montefiore Hospital Nursing School, and Bronx Community College, earning an associate's degree in nursing. She had a loving and supportive husband, and four young children to care for while working full time and studying part time. Being raised on a farm had taught her how to manage multiple responsibilities. She continued her studies at Lehman College, earning a BS in nursing. Still eager to advance, she attended Herbert Lehman Graduate school, earning a master's in nursing. Finally, she completed a master's degree in administration and supervision from Fordham University in 1988. She passed along her passion for learning down to her brothers, children, nieces, nephews and colleagues.

Annie retired as an educator for the New York City Board of Education. While at NYCBE she received several city, state, and national awards in special areas and concentrations, including her work with the students of HOSA. (Health Occupations Students of America).



Annie and her family attended Trinity Baptist Church in the Bronx, New York for over forty years. She served in several leadership capacities including the Spring Birthday Circle, Nurses Unit, Women's Day choir and Scholarship committee.

In 1995 God opened her heart to love once again when she married Cecelio Camacho. Her journey would bring her back to Columbia, where she rejoined her parents, two brothers, and cousins. For twelve years Annie and Cecelio travelled, entertained, purchased a home and gardened. She joined Saint John Baptist church in 1998, the church of her mother Rosa Bell Williams, Aunts Corrie Jones and Sallie Johnson, and cousins Juanita, Corrie and Odette. Spouse Cecelio was baptized at Saint John in 2002.

Her return to South Carolina and later years were filled with much joy. She continued her public service work as a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. Columbia (SC) chapter. At her beloved church Saint John, she attended the "Understanding the bible" Sunday school class, sang in the Gospel Jubilee choir, was former President of Emily Dial Davenport Circle Missionary group, member of the Nannie Burroughs Missionary Circle, and volunteered at the Saint John food pantry and garden club. For several years she helped immigrant families from Africa settle in Columbia. She was kind, loving, and extraordinarily generous.

She will be missed and deeply mourned by her children Maxine Lloyd Blanks of Atlanta, GA, Luther Allen Lloyd of Columbia, Pamela Lloyd Ogoke (Ari) of Garner NC, and joins son Zachary Boyce Lloyd (deceased 2005) in the heavenly kingdom. Grandchildren Alana Flowers, (Tanner) Kansas City MO, Summer, Autumn, Steven, and Zach Jr Lloyd of the Bronx, NY, Christopher and Martin Lloyd and Makeda Winfield of Bronx, NY, and Brianna and Robert Ogoke of Garner, NC, five great grandchildren, sisters-in-law Celestine Lloyd and Andrea Williams, and a host of nieces and nephews, cousins, Sorors and friends.

A public viewing will take place Sunday, June 23, 4-6pm at Leevy's chapel in Columbia. The Celebration of Life will take place Monday, June 24, 12:00pm, at Saint John Baptist Church, 3404 West Beltline, Columbia. Interment Kensico Cemetery, Valhalla, New York July 3.

Mom described her Christian life as a journey; baptized at Hall Hill Baptist Church in Pelion, a member tarrying in the vineyard at Trinity Baptist Church in NYC, and a devoted member at Saint John Baptist Church for the past twenty-six years. "As I revisit my life, I never could have imagined the blessings God would bestow upon me." Faith, family and education were her biggest accomplishments



*"And when great souls die, after a period peace blooms, slowly and always irregularly. Spaces fill with a kind of soothing, electric vibration. Our senses, restored, never to be the same, whisper to us. They existed, They existed, We can be. Be and be better. For they existed."*

*From "When Great Trees Fall" by Maya Angelou*

# Order of Worship

**Processional Hymn**

**"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

**Scripture**

**Old Testament  
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8**

**Minister**

**New Testament  
Romans 6:3-9**

**Minister**

**Prayer**

**Minister**

**An excerpt reading from Maya Angelou**

**Vic, Eric, and Paxton Williams**

**Hymn**

**"Blessed Assurance"**

**Scripture Reading**

**John 14:1-6**

**Christopher and Martin Lloyd**

**A reading from the poem "A Grandmothers Love"**

**Brianna and Robert Ogoke**

**Remarks**

**Ms. Juanita Benson  
Saint John Baptist Church  
Gospel Jubilee Choir**

**Emily Dial Davenport Circle  
Missionary Group**

**Granddaughter Alana Flowers**

**Musical Selection**

**"Amazing Grace"**

**Words of Comfort**

**Rev. Dr. Jamey O. Graham, Sr.  
Pastor**

**Recessional**

**"It Is Well with My Soul"**

**Benediction**

**Repast immediately following the Service in the Roscoe C. Wilson Fellowship Hall**



*Rest in Peace, dear Annie.  
You will always be in our  
hearts and memories.*





## **Pallbearers**

Christopher Lloyd  
Martin Lloyd  
Steven Lloyd  
Zachary Lloyd Jr.  
Robert Ogoke  
Vic Williams  
Eric Williams  
Paxton Williams

## **Floral Bearers**

Emily Dial Davenport Circle Missionary Unit  
Nanny Burroughs Circle Missionary Unit

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of love have lifted our spirits, warmed our hearts, and given  
us the strength to press on.  
To God be the glory for all He has done.

## **Interment**

Kensico Cemetery, Towers Garden, Valhalla, New York  
July 3, 2024, 10 AM

Funeral Services Entrusted to Leevy's Funeral Home

Please join the family for a Repast immediately following the  
ceremony downstairs in the Roscoe C. Wilson Fellowship Hall