

## Poem

Always pray to have eyes that see the best in people,  
A heart that forgives the worst,  
A mind that forgets the bad,  
And a soul that never loses faith in God.

Written by  
Marilyn Dawkins Pinkney

## The Name Marilyn Means:

Thy Hands have made  
Me and fashioned me  
Give me understanding  
That I may learn thy  
Commandments.

Psalm 119: 73

## Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul;  
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil;  
For thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me  
in the presence of mine enemies;  
Thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life;  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

## Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

## Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mrs. Marilyn N. Dawkins Pinkney, wish to thank the Three Oaks Hospice, for all the wonderful care, support, and outpouring of love that was shown, which was a great comfort to us; Sedgewood Manor Nursing Home for all the excellent acts of service given by your staff. Words can't express our gratitude for all the love and support that we have received. We would also like to thank each and everyone of you for your many loving and wonderful acts of love and kindness rendered during the passing of our loved one.

# IN LOVING Memory

of

Mrs. Marilyn N. Dawkins Pinkney

Monday, June 24, 2024  
1:00 p.m.


Leevy's Funeral Home Chapel  
1831 Taylor Street  
Columbia, South Carolina

Elder Ivashava Nix  
- Officiating -

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# Obituary

On April 3, 1955, Mrs. Marilyn Nadine Dawkins Pinkney was born to William Dawkins and Ellemae Coleman Dawkins. She departed this life on Thursday, June 20, 2024.

Marilyn grew up in the Gaston Street area of Columbia, where she was a member of the First Zion Baptist Church. She attended schools in the Richland County Public School System and Booker T. Washington. After graduating, she married Timothy Garrett and they had one daughter, Dana Garrett. Years later they divorced, Marilyn went on to become a Laundry Manager at Manor Care Nursing Home, she worked there for over 20 years. Marilyn also worked at Allen University as a dorm counselor, where she was most renowned for her loud and infectious demeanor, always ensuring to speak her mind, and never held her tongue. She was also known for giving everybody a nickname.

She loved spending time with family and friends. She was the neighborhood chef in her community. Cooking soul food for anyone who was hungry.

Marilyn had a thing for sucking her thumb and rubbing her ears. This became a tradition she passed down to her nieces and their children. Sadly, yet peacefully, Marilyn left this earth while living in the care of Sedgewood Manor, where her health began to deteriorate just a couple of weeks after being housed there.

Marilyn will be missed but remembered as a wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, and auntie.

Marilyn was preceded in death by: her parents; three brothers, Rubin Dawkins, Barny Dawkins and Michael Dawkins; and sister, Shirley Ann Dawkins.

Mrs. Marilyn Nadine Dawkins Pinkney is survived by: her daughter, Dana Garrett; brother, Henry Colmen; sisters, Juanita Dawkins and Casandra Richerson; seven grandchildren; six great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other loving relatives and caring friends, all of whom will miss her dearly.

# Memories



# A Service of Remembrance

- Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Musical Selection..... “Amazing Grace”
- Old Testament..... Deuteronomy 5: 16; Psalm 23: 1, 6
- New Testament ..... Revelation 22: 1, 7
- Prayer
- Musical Selection ..... “Troubles of The World”
- Remarks..... A Friend  
A Family Member
- Musical Selection
- Words of Comfort.....Elder Ivasheva Nix
- Committal and Benediction
- Recessional
- Postlude

