Acknowledgement

We, the family of Reverend Dr. Mary Ann Ardis Glisson, would like to thank each of for the many acts of kindness shown to us during our time of bereavement. May God continue to bless each of you with His love, grace, and mercy.

Repast

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Reflections of the Life of Reverend Dr. Mary Ann Ardis Glisson

The Late Reverend Dr. Mary Ann Ardis Glisson, daughter of the late Willie and Mary Ardis was born October 1, 1950, in Dalzell, South Carolina. She departed this life surrounded by her loved ones at her home in Hopkins, South Carolina on Friday, July 5, 2024.

Mary Ann received Jesus Christ as her Savior at an early age, at Wayman Chapel AME Church, in Statesburg, South Carolina. She attended Ebeneezer School, where she graduated in 1969. She held a Master of Divinity from Columbia International University (CIU), a Master of Christian Education, and a Doctor of Theology.

On June 22, 1969, she married her best friend and love of her life Leroy Glisson, in Sumter, South Carolina. They shared their marriage for many years in Brooklyn, New York and to this union they were blessed with three beautiful daughters. Later, they returned to South Carolina, where their marriage lasted a wonderful 55 years with God's blessing.

Reverend Glisson served the Lord with dedication and fervor. She lived a life devoted to faith, family, and community. From a young age, Mary Ann felt a calling to serve others and pursued a path in ministry. Her ministerial career began when she received her calling in 1991 and became an ordained minister. She served several years as Associate Pastor at Zion Mill Creek Baptist Church, Columbia, South Carolina, where she worked with the missionaries and the youth. She organized the Volunteer Willing Workers and Youth for Christ.

She served in the Baptist Church for many years, but eventually returned to the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church, the denomination of her childhood. Throughout the years, she was assigned to serve as pastor at various AME churches to included Benjamin Chapel of Bishopville, Reeder Point of Columbia, and Mount Sinai AME of Elgin. She most recently served 13 years at St. Mark AME of Pomeria. Her final assignment as pastor was St. James AME of Columbia, until she retired on May 5, 2024, due to her declining health. She not only led her congregation with wisdom and compassion, but also dedicated her professional life to the service of the Lord. Throughout her career she severed as a chaplain for Palmetto Health Baptist and Richland Hospital. She retired as a Chaplain for the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice. Her unwavering faith, active dedication and fervent service to the Lord were evident in every aspect of her life. Reverend Glisson's kindness, generosity, and spirit touched countless lives and left a tremendous mark on the hearts of many.

In addition to her parents, Mary Ann was preceded in death by her brothers, Willie, Jerry and Thomas Ardis; sisters, Ruth Sargent and Azalee Geiger; mother-in-law, Lula Mae Glisson Levette; father-in-law, William Levette; sisters-in-law, Cassandra Glisson Ravenell, Beatrice Spigner, and Virginia Ardis; brothers-in law, David Geiger and Maurice Williams.

She leaves behind her blessings: a devoted husband, Leroy Glisson of Hopkins, South Carolina; three daughters, Michele (Dolphus) West, Valeria (Antonio) Bates, and LaTosha (Rodney) Greathree; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a sister, Barbara Williams; sisters-in-law, Annie Ardis and Mary Toure; a host of nieces, nephews, and other family members, who will forever cherish her memory. She is also remembered fondly by her congregation, the many friends, and ministerial colleagues, who were blessed to know her.

The Broken Chain

We little knew that morning, that God was going to call your name. In life we loved you, dearly, in death, we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone; For part of us went with you the day God called you home. You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide. And though we cannot see you, you are always at our side. Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same. But as God calls us one by one, the Chain will link again. We love and miss you ever so much.

Memories





























Elder A. R. Kollock, Sr., 7th Episcopal District South Carolina, Presiding

The Call to Worship

Old Testament - Psalm 23 New Testament - II Timothy 4:6-8

Musical Selection

Committal

Closing Prayer

Benediction



Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

Jude 1:24-25, KJV













































