

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not here to see,
If the sun should rise and find your eyes, filled with tears for
me.

I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today,
while thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me, as much as I love you,
and each time you think of me, I know you'll miss me too.

When tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand
That an angel came and called my name and took me by the
hand

The angel said my place was ready in heaven far above
And that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.

But when I walked through Heaven's gate, I felt so much at
home
When God looked down and smiled at me from His great
golden throne.

He said, "This is eternity and all I've promised you."
Today my life on earth is past, but here it starts anew

I promise no tomorrow but today will always last
And since each day's the same day, there's no longing for the
past.

So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far
apart,
For every time, you think of me, I'm right there in your heart.

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Floral Bearers

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Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mrs. Merritt Marie Chestnut Reid, 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.

"When I think of the goodness of
Jesus, and all He has done for me....My heart cries out....
HALLELUJAH! – THANK YOU, GOD, FOR BLESSING ME!"

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Celebration of Life In Loving Memory of Mrs. Merritt Marie Chestnut Reid



*Friday, August 23, 2024
1:00 p.m.*

*Saint John Baptist Church
3404 West Beltline Boulevard
Columbia, South Carolina*

*Reverend Dr. Jamey O. Graham, Sr.
-Pastor-*

*Obituary
of
Mrs. Merritt Marie Chestnut Reid*

Born on February 16, 1929, in Goldsboro, North Carolina, Mrs. Merritt Chestnut Reid did a lot of living, and giving, in her 95 years. She made Columbia, South Carolina her home, near family and friends whom she touched with her grace and charm for decades.

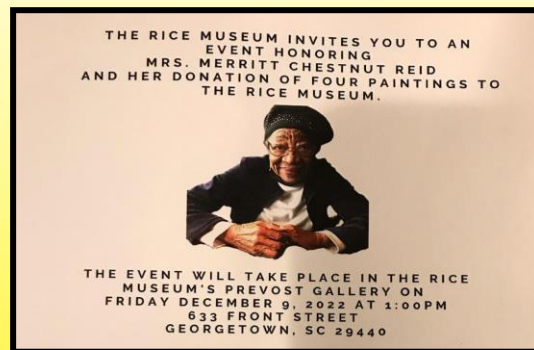
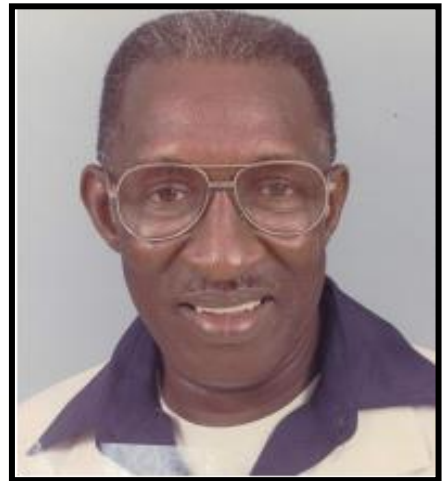
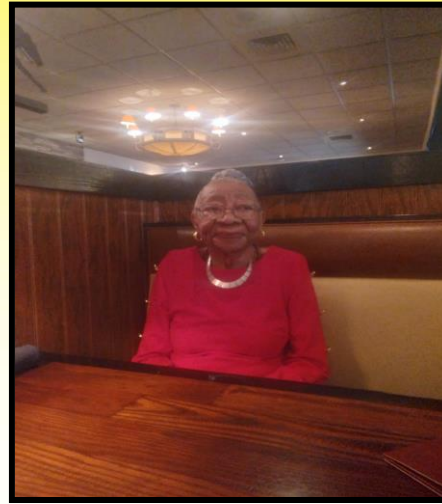
This Golden Bronco was a Class of 1952 graduate of Fayetteville State Teachers College, who dedicated her life's work to improving the lives of children and families in underserved communities where she taught reading, writing, and arithmetic – and maybe just a little bit more. Mrs. Reid often spoke fondly of her days at Fayetteville State Teachers College, which held a special place in her heart because it's where she grew and thrived as a young Black Woman.

After graduation Mrs. Reid accepted a teaching job in the Richland County School System. It was in Columbia, South Carolina that she met her husband, Willie K. Reid, a Georgetown, South Carolina native who was in the military stationed at Fort Jackson and they married in 1956. While stationed abroad with her husband, Mrs. Reid taught in Germany and spent more than three decades in the classroom inspiring young minds and moving generations forward, one step at a time. Along with standard lessons in her classroom, Mrs. Reid shared her gift of love and her passion for art. Mrs. Reid never formally taught art but enrolled in art classes at the University of South Carolina after retiring from Richland County School District One.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Reid was preceded in death by her husband, Willie K. Reid; her sister, Dorothy Bryant; and brothers, Jessie, James, and Swindell Chestnut, Sr.

Mrs. Merritt Marie Chestnut Reid leaves to mourn her passing and to cherish her precious memory, a special niece, Linda Faye; a host of other loving nieces and nephews.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

- Musical Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Opening Hymn.....Saint John Choir
- Scripture Readings.....Reverend Paul Robeson Ford
Old Testament - Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
New Testament – Romans 6:3-9
- Prayer.....Minister
- Musical Selection.....Saint John Choir
- Resolution.....Sister Yvette Thompson
Saint John Baptist Church Trustee Chairwoman
- Remarks.....(Three Minutes, Please).....Reverend Preston Wilson
Family Ministry Unit Deacon
Family and Friends
- Musical Selection.....Saint John Choir
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Jamey O. Graham, Sr.
- Recessional
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction, and Interment

**Greenlawn Memorial Park
7100 Garners Ferry Road
Columbia, South Carolina**