

# Pallbearers and Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

## A Poem for Mama

You were my strength and my light,  
You taught me how to work hard towards my goals,  
Your perseverance through difficult times gave me hope,  
Your words of wisdom will live in my heart forever.

I will never forget your laugh,  
I will smile thinking about our jokes and talks,  
I will never regret one day that I spent with you,  
You will forever be my Queen and my plus one.

## Acknowledgement

A special thank you for the dedicated care and service provided by the Prisma Senior Care PACE staff, Prisma Hospice team, Palmetto Care Bears Home Health, ProCare Home Care, Comfort Keepers, Right at Home, Ms. Debra Days, and Ms. Tamara Thompson. The family would like to extend our warmest appreciation to you for the level of care you provided for our Mother. May the grace of God be with you always.

\*\*A private repast will be held following the burial for immediate family and close friends only. \*\*

# In Loving Memory of Mrs. Clarette Percy Branch



Thursday, January 2, 2025

12:00 Noon

Transfiguration Catholic Church

9720 Wilson Boulevard  
Blythewood, South Carolina

Father James LeBlanc

-Priest-

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# Obituary

Mrs. Clarette Percy Branch was born on January 18, 1941, in Edgard, Louisiana. She was the oldest daughter of the late Wallace Percy and Florence Harris. She departed this life on Thursday, December 26, 2024.

She was educated by the state of Louisiana school system. She graduated from Second Ward High School in 1962. She worked as a factory worker for several years, before focusing on the childcare field for multiple families. She traveled as a caregiver and nanny from Louisiana to Texas, Florida, and South Carolina.

Mrs. Branch met the love of her life, Preston, while in Edgard in 1977. They were engaged, married, and moved to Columbia, South Carolina, where they would spend 24 years in marriage before his passing in 2001. She became a homemaker, babysitter, seamstress, quiltmaker, and completed many volunteer activities in her community. She made candy and frozen sweet treats for the kids in her neighborhood throughout the years and was affectionately known as “the lick up lady” by many. In her later years, she enjoyed baking bread and cookies, spending time with her grandchildren, singing, listening to music, and sitting on the porch enjoying the outside fresh air.

She was baptized at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Edgard, Louisiana, and was a devout Catholic her entire life from childhood. She became an active parishioner at St. Peter’s Catholic Church when she moved to Columbia, South Carolina. After relocating to Blythewood, South Carolina in 2013, she became an active parishioner at Transfiguration Catholic Church, where she regularly attended Mass until her health declined in recent years.

Mrs. Branch leaves fond memories to be cherished by: her daughter, Nadia Branch Stradford (Ronnie), of Blythewood, South Carolina; daughters by heart, Lashanda Waller, of Kenesaw, Georgia, and Sharri Adams Edwards (Chris), of Blythewood, South Carolina; grandchildren, Darion Stradford and Madison Stradford, both of Blythewood, South Carolina; brother, Willis Percy (Audrey), of Vacherie, Louisiana; sisters, Doris Mae Alexander Green, of New Orleans, Louisiana and Debra Gordon, of Edgard, Louisiana; brother-in-law, Jesse Branch (Sabrina), of Fairfield, California; a host of nephews, nieces, many other loving relatives, and caring friends, all of whom will miss her dearly.

# Funeral Mass Order of Service

## Introductory Rites

*Greeting*

*Gathering Hymn*

*Invitation to Prayer*

*Opening Prayer*

## Liturgy of the Word

*First Reading (Old Testament)*

*Responsorial Psalm (Song of Praise)*

*Second Reading (New Testament)*

*Gospel*

*Homily*

*General Intercessions/Prayers of the Faithful*

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

*Presentation of the Gifts*

*Lord’s Prayer*

*Communion*

*Eulogy*

*Song of Farewell (Incensing)*

*Prayer of Commendation*

*Recessional Hymn*



## Committal, Benediction and Interment

2:00 p.m.

Fort Jackson National Cemetery

4170 Percival Road

Columbia, South Carolina