

# Obituary

Mrs. Mary A. Owens Smith, also known as Mary Ann Owens Lloyd in earlier years, was born on July 27, 1950, in Blythewood, South Carolina, to the late Robert Owens, Sr. and Earline Owens. She was a devoted mother, cherished grandmother, and a beacon of light to all who knew her.

Mary's life was defined by her unwavering faith and spirit of giving. She was a strong, supportive presence to her family and everyone who had the privilege of knowing her. One of her most cherished activities was spending time walking in the park, eating lunch, and enjoying the sights of the water and people at Lake Murray with her girls and grandson.

Her love, loyalty and very honest opinions, combined with her funny mannerisms and resilience, made her a treasure. Her selflessness and ability to support her family in countless ways were unmatched, making her a pillar of strength and a stable presence always. She was a beautiful spirit who will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by her family and friends for years to come.

Professionally, Mary excelled in nursing at the Dorn VA Medical Hospital, where her dedication and compassion touched countless lives for almost 20 years. She was known for her ability to provide comfort and reassurance to her patients, often going above and beyond by holding their hands during difficult moments and listening with a genuine heart. Her colleagues admired her for her hard work and willingness to help whenever needed.

Beyond her career, she was a proud and devoted member of Refuge Temple Church under the tutelage of Bishop William Lee Bonner. Her home church was Bible Church of our Lord Jesus Christ under the tutelage of Bishop Jeffery Gilmore.

Mary leaves behind a legacy of love and cherished memories. She is survived by her beloved children, Margaret E. Ford of Irmo, SC, Tamika Lloyd of Irmo, SC and James M. Lloyd of Columbia, SC; her grandchildren, Imani Lloyd, Jaden Bynum, and Destiny Lloyd, all who will miss her dearly. She is also survived by her brother, Thomas Owens, Jr., a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and dear friends. Her longtime friend, Sara Coleman, brought her comfort and joy through their steadfast friendship.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sisters, Irene Williams, Barbara J. Owens, Margaret Kelly, Juanita Owens Furtick, Shirley Furtick, and Rosetta Brunson; and her brother, Robert Owens, Jr.

# Memories



# Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Viewing.....Funeral Directors

Opening Selection.....“Open The Eyes of My Heart”  
Radio Version by: Jordan G. Welch

Old Testament.....Elder Wayne Palmer

New Testament.....Elder Wayne Palmer

Prayer.....Bishop Izell Anderson

Selection.....The Bible Church Choir  
“The Blood Will Never Lose It’s Power”

Poem.....Ms. Tamika Lloyd  
*A Heart That Held Us Close*

Selection.....“You Are The Lifter of My Head”  
Recording by: Ricky Dillard

Words of Comfort.....Bishop Izell Anderson

Recessional..... “Let The Church Say Amen”  
Recording by: Andre Crouch

Postlude



## Committal, Benediction, and Interment

Lincoln Cemetery  
4900 Farrow Road  
Columbia, South Carolina

## 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

Family and Friends

## Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mrs. Mary A. Owens Smith, 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.

# Homegoing Celebration In Loving Memory of Mrs. Mary A. Owens Smith



Wednesday, December 18, 2024  
1:00 p.m.

The Bible Church  
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Columbia, South Carolina  
Bishop Izell Anderson  
-Pastor-

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