

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

God's Garden

God looked around his garden
And found an empty place.
He then looked down upon the earth,
And saw your tired face.

He put His arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering,
He knew that you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb.
So He closed your weary eyelids
And whispered "Peace be thine."

It broke our hearts to lose you
But you did not go alone...
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.

Floral Bearers

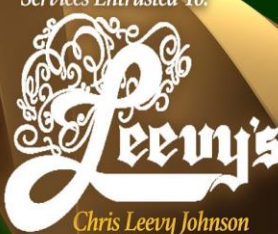
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Saint John Baptist Church

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mrs. Mary Frances McMillan Hughes, would like to thank each of you for your prayers and support shown to us during the illness and passing of our loved one. We pray that the Lord blesses each of you in a very special way. We extend heartfelt appreciation to her dedicated caregivers, Mrs. LaShonda Hart and Ta'Shel's Loving Care (Ms. Prudence Harris), who took exceptional care of Frances during her extended illness.


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Celebration of Life In Loving Memory of Mrs. Mary Frances McMillan Hughes



Friday, January 17, 2025
1:00 p.m.

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

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



Obituary

Mrs. Mary Frances McMillan Hughes, affectionately known by many as “Nana”, was born on September 6, 1935, in Eastover, South Carolina. She was the fourth of seven children born to the late Willie and Beatrice Craft McMillan. Frances departed this earthly life on Saturday, January 11, 2025, at Prisma Richland Hospital in Columbia, South Carolina.

Frances accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior and was baptized at an early age. She was educated in the public schools of Richland County, South Carolina and graduated Valedictorian from Webber High School. Upon graduating, she married her high school sweetheart, Franklin D. Washington. From this union was born a son, Franklin Ronald Washington. Both preceded her in death.

In 1964, while working on Fort Jackson Army Base, Frances met the love of her life, David Hughes, Jr. They were married later that year and raised two daughters, Myra and Fern, along with Ronald. Their marriage sustained overseas military deployments and periods of time when David was stationed away from Fort Jackson. Frances worked tirelessly to raise her children and care for her family while working full-time as a Military Personnel Clerk for the U.S. Department of Defense. In April 1993, she retired from the Trainee/Student Processing Center after 32 years of exceptional and compassionate service.

Frances was a dedicated member of Saint John Baptist Church for over sixty years. She served on the Deaconess Board where she was the Infant Dedication Coordinator and supported communion preparation for many years. She was also a member of the Nannie Burroughs Missionary Circle, where she served dutifully as the Treasurer. For 20 years, she served as Treasurer for the Burton Heights - Standish Acres Community Association. She was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Stars. In her spare time, she and David enjoyed bowling, fishing, and playing BINGO, Pokeno, and Pinochle. Frances was a great cook and loved to bake delicious pound cakes! When people visited her home, she would often say “you may not find a lot of money here, but you’ll certainly get a stomach full”.

Frances was preceded in death by her parents, Willie and Beatrice McMillan; sisters, Annie Bungy, Lena Brown and Willie Beatrice Adams; and brother Thomas McMillan.

Mrs. Mary Frances McMillan Hughes leaves to cherish her life and mourn her passing: her loving husband of 60 years, Deacon David Hughes, Jr.; daughters, Myra (Steve) Foster of Lake Wylie, South Carolina and Fern (Melron) Kelly of Columbia, South Carolina; grandchildren, Jaida and Joi Foster, Myles and Morgan Kelly; bonus grandchildren, Brittney and Stevie (Nicky) Foster; great-grandson, Maverick; brother, Willie “Sonny” (Ann) McMillan of Irmo, South Carolina; sister, Loretta Kennedy of Columbia, South Carolina; a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, other loving relatives, and caring friends, all of whom will miss her dearly.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

Musical Prelude
Processional
Opening Hymn.....“Blessed Assurance”
Old Testament.....Reverend Warren Lykes
Saint John Baptist Church
New Testament.....Reverend Kim Bryant
Associate Pastor, Grace United Methodist Church, Charleston, SC
Prayer.....Minister Sandra Norman
Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Spartanburg, SC
Musical Selection.....“No, Not One”Minister Sandra Norman
Remarks.....Deacon Leon Corley,
Corley, Hughes, Clinton, Caldwell Family Ministry Unit
Mrs. Stephanie Duncan,
Leader, Deaconess Board
Nannie Burroughs Missionary Circle
Grandchildren
Musical Selection.....“Oh, I Want to See Him”
Words of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Jamey O. Graham, Sr.
Recessional.....“I’ll Fly Away”
Postlude



Committal, Benediction, and Interment

12:00 Noon
Tuesday, January 21, 2025
Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road
Columbia, South Carolina