

# Obituary

Ms. Yvette Natasha Ward, known by her family as "Mouse" or "Mousey" was born on February 19, 1959, in Baltimore, Maryland. She was the child of Hattie Mae Watties and Henry Gerald Higgins. She transitioned from this life on Thursday, January 9, 2025, in Columbia, South Carolina after a long hard battle with lung cancer.

Yvette "Mouse" or "Mousey" received her education in the Baltimore city public schools and graduated from Eastern High School. Shortly after, she met Larry Ravenell from South Carolina (who preceded her in death on April 3, 2024). The two fell in love and rented a house on 25th street in Baltimore, where they had their son, her only son Mario Ravenell Sr. After exploring a career in postal services, she followed her passion of caring for children and opened an in-home daycare called Tender Loving Care Daycare Center. Yvette later relocated to Columbia, South Carolina following her son and grandchildren. She was a loving mother, amazing grandmother, daughter and sister. "Mouse" would give you the shirt off her back because, she was just that kind of selfless person, caring more for others than for herself. "Mousey" was very outspoken and someone who would keep you laughing, she was the real life of the party. Yvette enjoyed having a good time and was all about family. She was loved by many people, family and friends. Everyone who knew Yvette, a.k.a. "Mousey" knew that she was a fighter and was never the type to back down from a fight. Her son says, she gave it her all against cancer fighting until the very end she was warrior she was the bravest woman he's ever known. She taught him to stand for something or fall for anything, she is, was and will forever be his Hero. "MOUSEY" had a smile that would light up the room, and that smile will be missed by all who knew her.

Yvette affectionately known as "Mouse" or "Mousey" was preceded in death by her father, Henry Gerald Higgins and her brother, Michael Watson, aka Tony. Yvette "'Mouse" leaves to mourn her passing; her mother Hattie Mae Watties; her son Mario Ravenell Sr., his wife Shalice, and 7 grandchildren. Mario Jr., Mariya, Mauricio, Markiem, Marquis, Marvel, and Marlia; her sisters Leresha Matthews, Deborah Rouser (Efrem Rouser), and Constance Cowan (Linwood Cowan); her brother Rasheed Abdullah; a host of nieces; nephews; many other loving relatives and caring friends, all of whom will miss her dearly.

# Memories



# Order of Service

- Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Scripture Reading.....Mr. Mario Ravenell, Son  
Jeremiah 30:1-17
- Selection.....Exodus 23:27.....Mario & Sons  
(Thy enemies turn their backs to thee)
- Selection.....Proverbs 24:17-18.....Mario & Sons  
(Do not rejoice when your enemy falls)
- Selection.....Proverbs 3:34.....Mario & Sons  
(Surely he scorneth the scorner)
- Reading.....Jeremiah 30:18-19.....Mr. Mario Ravenell  
(Jacob's tent restored/thanksgiving and the voice of them that make merry)
- Selection.....Psalm 4:1.....Mario & Sons  
(Have mercy upon me and hear my prayer)
- Selection.....Psalm 112:3.....Mario & Sons  
(Wealth and riches shall be in his house)
- Reading.....Jeremiah 30:20-22.....Mr. Mario Ravenell
- Selection.....Psalm 118:22.....Mario & Sons  
(The Stone which the builders refused)
- Selection.....Deuteronomy 18:15.....Mario & Sons  
(The Lord thy God will raise up a Prophet)
- Selection.....Psalm 63:6.....Mario & Sons  
(Thus will I bless thee while I live)
- Family Reflections.....Ms. Michelle Middleton  
Ms. Deborah Rouser
- Final Thoughts.....Mr. Mario Ravenell



# 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



## Committal, Benediction and Interment

Lincoln Cemetery  
4900 Farrow Road  
Columbia, South Carolina

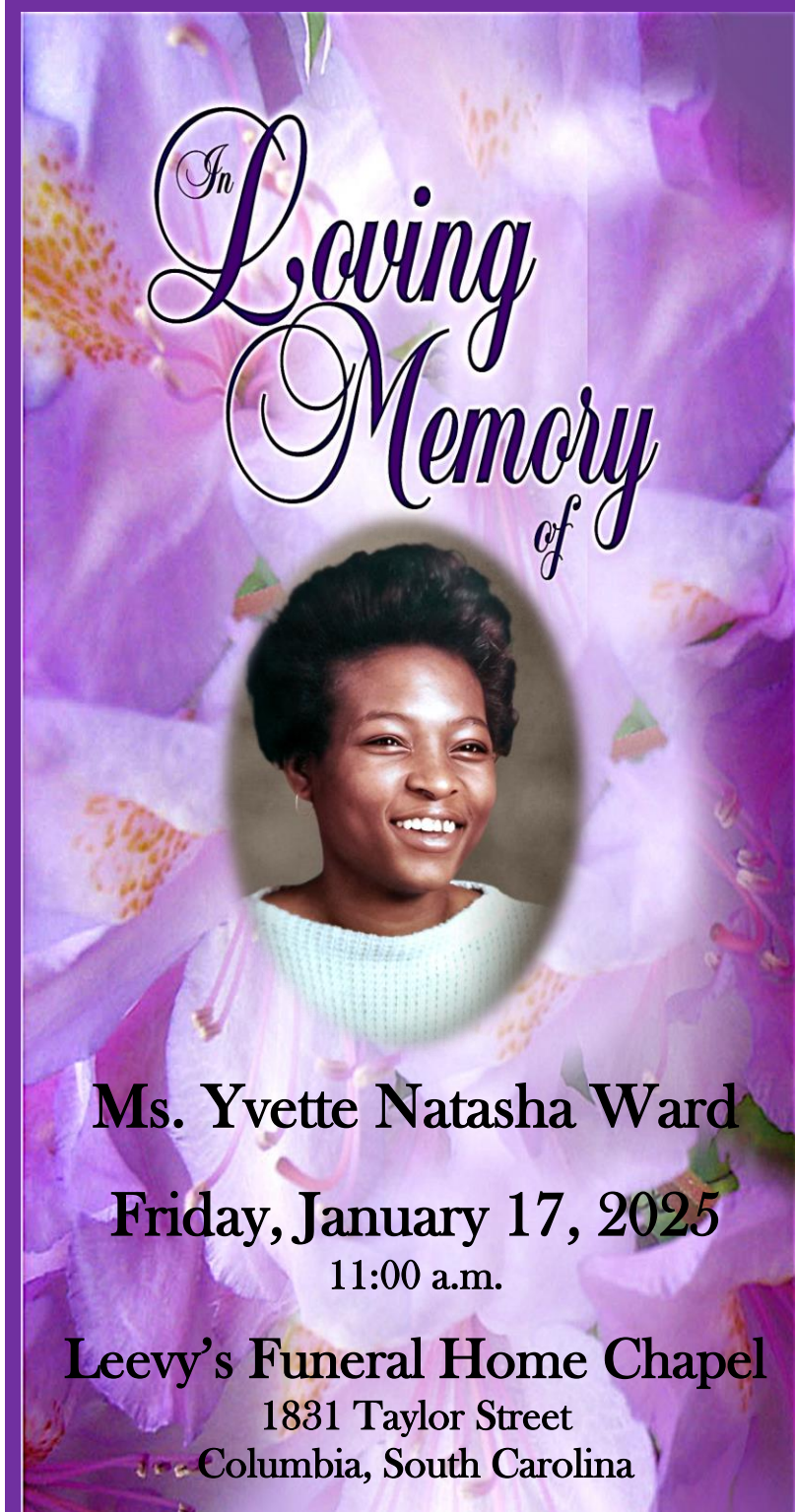
## Acknowledgements

We, the family of Ms. Yvette Natasha Ward, would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to all who have shown comforting expressions of love, sympathy, and prayers, during the passing of our loved one. Our hearts will always be grateful for your kindness, as we pray for a special blessing to be bestowed upon each one of you.

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*In*  
**Loving  
Memory**  
*of*

**Ms. Yvette Natasha Ward**  
**Friday, January 17, 2025**  
11:00 a.m.

**Leevy's Funeral Home Chapel**  
1831 Taylor Street  
Columbia, South Carolina