

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.

Pallbearers

Deacons of Greenview First Baptist Church

Floral Bearers

Missionary Circle #1

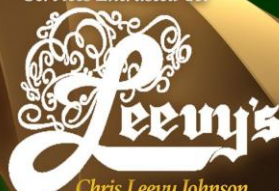
Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mrs. Mary Robinson Bentley, 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.

Lord, may I make a difference in all I do, the words I say, and the actions I take. Lord, may I glorify you, that you might be pleased with me. Amen, Mary.
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Celebration of Life In Loving Memory of Mrs. Mary Robinson Bentley



Saturday, April 5, 2025
11:00 a.m.

Greenview First Baptist Church
101 Isaac Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Reverend Dr. Johnny C. Owens
-Pastor-

Obituary

Mrs. Mary Robinson Bentley was born on March 10, 1941, to the late Herbert and Maggie Robinson in Columbia, SC. She departed this earthly life on Thursday, March 27, 2025, at MUSC Hospital.

Mary was educated in the public schools of Richland County, South Carolina. She graduated from C.A. Johnson High School in 1959 and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from Allen University in 1963. Mary’s distinguished teaching career includes teaching at Scofield High School in Aiken, SC; Lakeview High School in West Columbia, SC; and Fairwold Middle School, Columbia, SC. After desegregating public schools in Columbia, she taught at Heyward Gibbes Middle School. Throughout her teaching career, she received numerous certificates and awards, including Teacher of the Year in 1984. Though Mary retired from the teaching profession in 1995, she continued teaching and sharing the remainder of her life.

At an early age, Mary was baptized at Greenview First Baptist church. After her marriage to Willis Earl Bentley, they became members of Friendship Baptist Church. They later moved their membership and family to Greenview First Baptist Church, which for Mary was a full circle back to her church of baptism. Mary was an active member at Greenview, serving faithfully with Missionary Circle #1, a member of Ward 10, and serving as a Sunday School teacher. She found great joy in serving on the Senior Usher Board, which held the office of treasurer.

Mary loved singing and had a beautiful alto voice. When doing her chores around the house or engaging in any of her hobbies, she would sing her favorite hymns and gospel songs. She also enjoyed traveling and was blessed to visit many places. Some include traveling to Japan, Alaska, the Bahamas, and Mexico. She also loved plants and had a green thumb. Although African violets were her favorite, she could not pass up roses by any means and loved roses of all colors. Mary’s other hobbies included sewing, quilting, and embroidery.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Willis Earl; her sister, Josephine McCants; and her brothers, James Myers and Wayne Cannon.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her sons Willis IV (Victor), and Herbert Earl (Danielle), and daughter Yvette B. Stocker (Warren); five grandchildren, Warren Lamar, Lauren Monique, William C.J. Stocker, Stefan, and Armand Bentley; one brother, Donald Cannon; brother-in-law, Leroy McCants; nephews Eric McCants and David Cannon; nieces, Nikkii and Katrina Courtland; a host of relatives and friends.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

Musical Prelude.....Mr. William Sweeper
Processional
Viewing.....Funeral Directors
Opening Selection.....Greenview First Baptist Church Choir
Scripture Readings.....Reverend Archie Wooten
Old Testament – Proverbs 31:10-31(KJV)
New Testament – I Corinthians 15:50-57 (NIV)
Prayer.....Pastor Patrick A. Harvin
Musical Selection.....Minister Tabitha Jeffcoat
Remarks.....Deacon Wayman Stover, Ward 10
Mrs. Mary L. Johnson, Greenview Senior Usher Board
Ms. Elizabeth Pelzer
Musical Selection.....Deacon Archie Suber
Words of Comfort.....Reverend Michael Addison
Musical SelectionGreenview First Baptist Church Choir
Recessional
Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

Memorial Gardens of Columbia
9301 Wilson Boulevard
Columbia, South Carolina

