

Obituary

Mrs. Essie Agnes Richardson White was born on September 25, 1933, in Irmo, South Carolina. She was the daughter of the late Leroy Richardson and Pauline Bowman. She was the wife and First Lady of the late Reverend David R. White. A beloved member of her community and church, she was known for her gentle nature and unwavering kindness passed peacefully on Monday, April 14, 2025, at the age of 91. She leaves a legacy of love and compassion that touched the lives of all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Essie was known to her family as “Big Essie” for her gentle spirit, her nurturing heart, and her ability to make anyone feel at home. Whether through her home-cooked meals, words of encouragement, or acts of service, she made a lasting impact on those around her. She served as a faithful member of the Eva P, Davis/Bettie L. Reid Woman’s Missionary Society of Bethel A.M.E. Church, Columbia, South Carolina.

She was a seamstress for 35 years with Stone Manufacturing, Columbia, and a cleaning professional at the Edgar Brown Building, where she retired twice, was known for her tender heart and warm smile, and made everyone feel valued. Everyone who knew her called her “Ms. Essie”.

Beyond her acts of kindness, Essie had a passion for simple pleasures of life. She loved traveling to Fort Worth, Texas. She found pleasure in her family and friends. Her appreciation for life served as a reminder to cherish the little moments and find joy in everyday experiences.

Although Essie, Big Essie, Ms. Essie, may no longer be with us, her spirit will live on the hearts of those she touched, ensuring that her memory remains cherished and celebrated.

She was preceded in death by her son, Lorenzo, her siblings, Wilber, Etheline, Ruby, Shelia, and Paul Anthony.

Essie is survived by her son, Elder Anthony White of Euless, Texas; her daughter, Patricia Hanes of Columbia, South Carolina; her sister, Priscilla Mayes of Columbia, South Carolina; grandchildren, Chimiko Torrell White, Keita Nobles (Raynt), Meosha Smith (DJ), Tyshon Thompson, Chris Branham, Thomas McDaniel (Shonda), Ashli White, Brianna King, Anthony White II, Kaelon White, Destanee Mitchner, and Schuyler Hill; 22 great-grandchildren; two great- great-grandchildren; her caring and loved daughter-in-law, Debra White, Euless, Texas; her caring and honorable friends, Minnie Harris of Avon Park, Florida, Thelma Vance, Annie Cyrus, Mary Sumpter, and Terri Hurley, of Columbia; a host of nieces, nephews and many other relatives. She will be deeply missed by all who had the honor of knowing her.

Memories



Order of Service

Reverend Bobby Cox, Jr., Pastor, Presiding

- Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Opening Hymn.....Musician
- Prayer.....Reverend Cole Weathers
- Old Testament.....Reverend Lorenzo Dinkins
- New Testament.....Reverend Betty Wannamaker
- Solo.....Ms. Patricia Holliday
- Reflections....(Three Minutes, Please).....Family and Friends
- Resolution.....Sister Patricia Jenkins
- Selection.....Bethel A.M.E. Church Choir
- Words of Comfort.....Elder Anthony White
- Recessional
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction, and Interment

Elmwood Cemetery
501 Elmwood Avenue
Columbia, South Carolina

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



Family and Friends

Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mrs. Essie Agnes Richardson White, 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.

CONTACT US: Taylor Street Chapel 803-771-7799 Lower Richland Chapel 803-776-6922 WWW.LEEVY.COM	Services Entrusted To:  Chris Leevy Johnson -Managing Director-	SIGN THE ONLINE REGISTRY:  Leverette A. Williams, II -General Manager-
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Homegoing Celebration for

**Mrs. Essie Agnes
Richardson White**



Tuesday, April 22, 2025
11:00 a.m.

Bethel A.M.E. Church
819 Woodrow Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Reverend Bobby Cox, Jr.
-Pastor-