

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Floral Bearers

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Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mrs. Inez Smith Speaks, would like to thank each of you for your love, 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. We would like to extend a special thank you to the staff of Prisma Health Richland, the Hospice Staff and Chaplain, and the Senior Pace Program.

Last, but certainly not least we would like to thank our brother, her son, James Kevin Speaks. For the last two years, he's been instrumental in providing not only excellent care to our mother but also ensuring that all of her needs were taken care of to the very end.

In Loving Memory
Mrs. Inez Smith Speaks



Sunrise
May 12, 1935

Sunset
September 7, 2025

Friday, September 12, 2025
11:00 a.m.

Leevy's Funeral Home Chapel
1831 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina
Pastor Eric V. Briggs
-Officiating-

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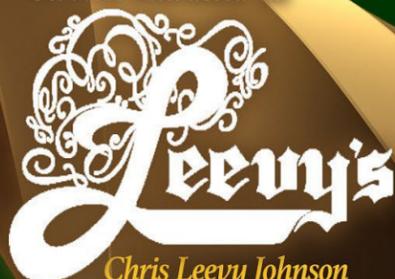
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Reflections of Life of Mrs. Inez Smith Speaks

Mrs. Inez Smith Speaks was born to Liller S. Jordan and James Young, in Abbeville, South Carolina, on May 12, 1935. She departed this earthly life on Sunday, September 7, 2025, at Prisma Health Richland Hospital.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Daniel Speaks, Sr.; sisters, Roberta Burton and Johnnie Mae Jordan; brother, James Jordan, Jr; daughter, Danita Speaks-Scott; and great-granddaughter, Mechelle Guider.

Mrs. Speaks was employed at Columbia College for many years as a baker. She was later employed with Midlands Center, where she remained until she retired in 1996. While working and raising her family, she earned her G.E.D. from Columbia High School. Shortly after retirement, she became a volunteer with the Foster Grandparent Program. In 2020, she retired from the Foster Grandparent Program. Mrs. Speaks had a special love of baking, walking in the mall, and taking trips with her family.

Mrs. Inez Smith Speaks is survived by her daughter, Vivian Speaks; sons, Daniel Speaks, Jr. (Dalemeeta), James K. Speaks, and Vincent A. Speaks (Monaco); granddaughters, Kimberly Steele, Diedre Pompey (Reginald), Shonta Guider, Casey Guider, Tameika Speaks (April), and Clarissa Shade (William); grandsons, Vincent Anthony (Toya), Daniel Speaks III, Isaiah Speaks, and Darius Speaks; twenty-one great-grandchildren; three great-grandchildren (with one due in December 2025); one son-in-law, Russell Scott; Joann Johnson, Sherry Ladson, Jaquanda Lee, and Willie Lee III, all who were like children; a host of nieces, nephews, other loving relatives, and caring friends, all of whom will miss her dearly.

Grandmothers

Grandmothers are such a precious gift.

Soft, wrinkled hands which have know greatest joy
And deepest sorrow.

Expert mothers.

Kissers of boo-boos,
Secret keepers, and picnic basket packers.

You'll always be her baby.

Hold your grandmothers tight
And tell them you love them.

Because one day you'll wake up to the first day of your
Life without them.

But you know if she could,
she would have stayed to walk through life with you.

Because you'll always be her baby.

- L.E. Clark

Submitted by:
Loving Grandchildren

Memories



Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Viewing.....Funeral Directors

Musical Selection.....“Heaven Waits For Me”
Recording by: Chandra Currelley Young

Old Testament.....Pastor Joseph Aiken

New Testament.....Elder Selma Aiken

Prayer.....Reverend Ed McDowell

Musical Selection.....Mr. Joseph Taylor

Remarks.....Dr. Sherry Rivers
Ms. Dora Cooper
Mr. James K. Speaks

Musical Selection.....Ms. Lorraine Harmon

Words of ComfortPastor Eric V. Briggs

Recessional

Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

Lincoln Cemetery
4900 Farrow Road
Columbia, South Carolina

Memories

