

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.

Memorial Celebration *for* *Mrs. Mary Ann Ford*



Saturday, December 27, 2025

12:30 p.m.

Saint John Baptist Church

3404 West Beltline Boulevard

Columbia, South Carolina

Reverend Dr. Jamey O. Graham, Sr.

-Pastor-

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Obituary

Mrs. Mary Ann Ford was born on June 17, 1950, in Blythewood, Carolina. She was the adopted daughter of the late Deacon Isom Harrison Smith and the late Deaconess Isabel Peay Smith, and the biological daughter of the late Clarence, Sr. and the late Mary Lee Davis Lawhorn. Following an extended illness, Mary departed this life on Saturday, December 13, 2025.

At the age of two, Mary along with her family moved to the Booker Washington Heights Community of Columbia. After taking root in this community, Mary and her family attended church, became involved in community activities, and attended school. Educated in the public schools of Richland County, South Carolina, Mary attended Sarah Nance Elementary School and was a 1968 graduate of C.A. Johnson High School.

At an early age, Mary joined Saint John Baptist Church, where she was baptized by the late Reverend Dr. Roscoe C. Wilson, Sr. While at Saint John, Mary was involved with the Sunday School, Missionary Society, attending worship services regularly and all programs conducted by the Youth Department. Her parents were very industrious and provided custodial services for the church. These services to the church were taught and passed on to Mary Ann and her sister, Christine.

In addition to her adopted parents and biological parents, Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence Lee Ford.

Mrs. Mary Ann Ford will be sorely missed by a host of family and friends to include: her daughter, Erica Ford; son, Kenrick Ford; granddaughter, Shanna Grooms; grandsons, Shane Grooms, Jr., Kenrick Ford, Jr. and Kedrick Ford; sisters, brothers, nieces, and nephews.

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn.....“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

Old Testament.....Reverend Warren Lykes

New Testament.....Reverend Daniel Canty

Prayer.....Reverend Preston Wilson

Selection.....“Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross”

RemarksReverend Dr. John W. Brown III
Deacon Wallace Brown, Sr.

Selection.....Saint John Baptist Church Praise Team

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Jamey O. Graham, Sr.

Committal

Closing Prayer/Benediction

Recessional

Postlude



Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mrs. Mary Ann Ford, would like to thank each of you for your love, prayers, and support during the passing of our loved one. It is our prayer that the Lord blesses each of you in a very special way.