

Obituary of

Mrs. Olethia Bowman

Mrs. Olethia Bowman was born on March 5, 1939, in the Arthurtown section of Columbia, South Carolina, to Susie Childs Milligan and Willie Simmons. She departed this life on Friday, January 30, 2026.

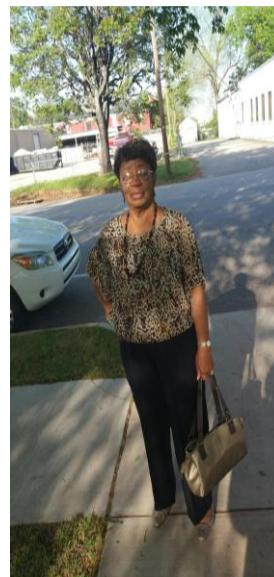
Olethia's early secondary education was received in Baltimore, Maryland, while living with her uncle Randolph and aunt Mattie Childs. She graduated high school on August 1, 1956, from Booker T. Washington High School, Columbia, SC. Mrs. Bowman received certificates as a CNA and as a Nurse Aide.

She was a faithful member of Brown Chapel AME Church and served in the following capacities over the years: Stewardess, Trustee, Missionary, Building Committee, Choir member and Stewardess Board member.

Olethia was preceded in death by her parents; husbands Freddie Leon Slater who passed in 1972 and Clinton Bowman who passed in 2019; and her sister, Magnolia Francis.

Mrs. Olethia Bowman leaves to mourn her passing and to cherish her memory: her sister, Rose Williams of Columbia, SC; brother, Harry Milligan of Camden, SC; her daughter, Frozine (Craig) Morrow of Virginia Beach, VA; son, Charlton Slater; stepsons, Clinton (Laury) Bowman, Jr. and Henry Bowman; grandchildren, Telesia Joy Brown, Raphael Slater, Angel Morrow, Charles L. Slater, Bria Bowman, and Donovan Bowman; multiple great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; a host of nieces, nephews, many other relatives and friends.

Memories



Order of Service

- Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Opening Hymn
- Invocation.....Reverend Kenneth McFadden
- Old Testament.....Reverend Roland McFadden
Psalm 91
- New Testament.....Reverend John Lewis
II Timothy 4:7-8
- Selection
- Reflections.....Ms. Audrey Lumpkin, Class Leader
Mr. Albert Green, Community
- Poem.....Ms. Telesia Joy Brown
- Acknowledgements/Resolution.....Dr. Barbara McCoy
- Selection
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Dennis W. Broughton, Jr.
- Recessional
- Postlude



**Committal, Benediction and
Interment
Crescent Hill Memorial Gardens
2603 Two Notch Road
Columbia, South Carolina**

Finally Made It Home

Arthurtown, Arthurtown, Arthurtown
What is it about Arthurtown, South Carolina
That keeps coming back and remaining in her memory?
Is it the memory of growing up on Childs Street?
Is it the memory of happier times?
Does it bring thoughts of her mother, brothers and sisters,
Other family and friends, of when things seemed just fine?

Well, I came back to Arthurtown, the place that I knew well,
the place where I grew up, the place where memories dwelled.
I came back to Arthurtown to Brown Chapel AME.
Many of the people I know are gone, but today it's about me.
The last time I was here, I didn't remember too well.
But now where my soul is going, I will be able to tell.

The place where my soul is going, I will be healed,
and my mind will be brand new. My spirit will be with Jesus;
there will be so many things I'll sing song of victory because of
victory because of the battle I have won. I will need no help to
walk, and I'll be able to talk, I'll be able to shout unto the Lord,
"I finally made it home."

Daughter, don't worry because now I'm doing fine.
You took great care of me, so take that worry off your mind.
Son, please know I prayed continually for you; In my heart,
I believe you know God is real, and if you call on Him, He will
see you through.

I hope my life touched someone special
while I was here on earth.
Now that my name is in the Book and my soul is with Jesus,
He's given me a new birth.
Yes, I came back to Arthurtown for one final ride,
now I can go in peace with God by my side.

By: Deborah F. Hayes

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

Acknowledgement

The Family of Mrs. Olethia Bowman would like to thank family and friends for their support shown to us during this difficult time. The nurses at Norfolk General Hospital were so awesome, Delta Airlines flew Ms. Bowman's remains home at no cost, Metropolitan Funeral Home in Virginia were special and effective in getting mom home. The Holy Spirit led the way. Thank you, Lord!

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Homegoing Celebration In Loving Memory of Mrs. Olethia Bowman



Tuesday, February 10, 2026
11:00 a.m.

Brown Chapel AME Church
808 Barnes Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Reverend Dr. Dennis W. Broughton, Jr.
-Pastor-