

# Obituary

Janice L. Nelson was born in the Shaw Quarters neighborhood of Quincy, Florida. She was a proud graduate of James A. Shanks High School, Class of 1977, and furthered her education at Mansfield Business College, where she earned a diploma in Accounting Technology.

For nearly 50 years, she was the beloved wife and faithful military spouse of Reverend Alex Nelson; she was the bride of his youth and his steadfast partner in life and ministry. Their Army odyssey carried them across the world to Greece and Germany and throughout several southeastern states. Through every assignment, relocation, and season of service, Janice stood anchored in faith and family.

Janice loved her daughters, Jennifer and Rena' fiercely. She was protective and proud. And when it came to her grandchildren [Nia, Noble, Alexa, Nyla, and Bellamy] she was completely smitten. Being their Nana was one of her greatest joys!

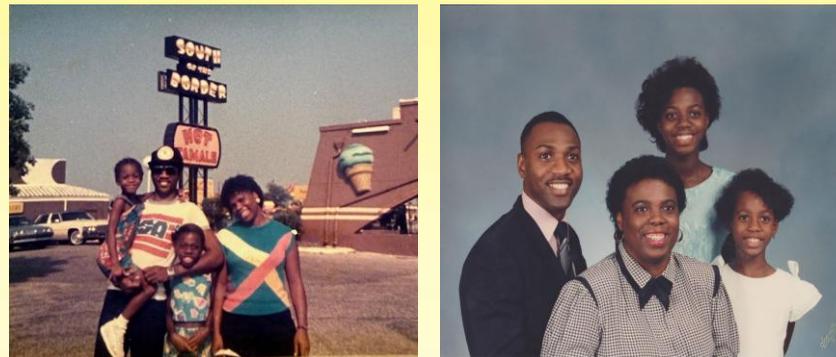
She loved the Lord and her church family, serving as a Deaconess at Second Calvary Baptist Church for many years. Professionally, she worked for many years with the SC Department of Transportation, where she built not only a career but a wide and lasting network of friends.

Those who knew Janice will remember her as a true force of nature. She was always "dressed to the nines": fashionable, polished, and unforgettable. She loved a hearty laugh and brought her humor into every room. She had a giving heart, ensuring that you always left her presence with something in hand.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Annie Louise Alford; her father, Israel Bradwell; and her sisters, Bernice Alford and Lorene Alford Griffin.

She leaves to cherish her memory her devoted husband, Reverend Alex Nelson; her daughters, Dr. Jennifer (Derek) Brown and Rena' Hart; her cherished grandchildren; her sisters, Patricia Collins of Tallahassee, Florida, and Dorothy Jean Smoak of Quincy, Florida; her brothers, Lonnie (Stephanie) of Columbus, Georgia, and Nathaniel (Barbara) of Tallahassee, Florida; a host of nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends. Though her passing was unexpected, her legacy is enduring. She leaves behind a family forever shaped by her love and a better community because she was here.

# Memories



# Order of Service

- Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Opening Hymn.....“By and By”....Congregation and Choir
- Old Testament.....Reverend Joseph Hood  
Psalm 23
- New Testament..... Reverend Dr. Yvonne Dudley  
John 14:1-27
- Prayer.....Pastor Steven Cook
- Selection.....Second Calvary Baptist Church Choir  
“After While”
- Remarks....(Three Minutes, Please)....Deacon Benjamin Byrd  
Mr. Robert Webb  
Ms. Danese “Necce” Kenon
- Selection.....Second Calvary Baptist Church Choir  
“God’s Grace”
- Acknowledgements
- Solo.....Mrs. Jennifer Brown
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend Alex Nelson  
Second Calvary Baptist Church
- Recessional
- Postlude

## Committal, Benediction and Interment

2:00 p.m.  
**Fort Jackson National Cemetery**  
 4170 Percival Road  
 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

Second Calvary Baptist Church  
Deacons & Trustees

## Floral Bearers

Second Calvary Baptist Church Deaconesses

## Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mrs. Janice L. Nelson, would like to thank each of you for your prayers, love and support shown to us during the passing of our loved one. Just as you have prayed for us, it is our prayer that the Lord blesses each of you in a very special way.

## Homegoing Service In Loving Memory

of

MRS. JANICE L. NELSON



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2026  
11:00 A.M.

SECOND CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
1110 MASON ROAD  
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

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-INTERIM PASTOR-

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