

## Obituary

Mrs. Ruthie M. Coxs departed this life on Sunday, April 26, 2026. Born on December 22, 1940, in the charming community of White Rock, South Carolina. Ruthie was the cherished eldest daughter of the late Jesse and Helen Tucker Burton.

Ruthie's formative years were spent diligently pursuing her education within the public school system of Lexington/Richland Counties, culminating in her proud graduation RichLex. As a devoted housekeeper for over six decades, Ruthie formed lasting bonds with the people she cared for, touching their lives with her compassion and kindness.

On December 9, 1969, Ruthie's heart found its lifelong companion in Billy J. Coxs. Their marriage, a beautiful testament to enduring love and commitment, spanned an extraordinary 58 years, marked by shared joys, and deep affection and love.

A woman of vibrant spirit and boundless creativity, Ruthie's hands were rarely idle. She found immense pleasure and expression in the intricate arts of knitting, fishing, sewing, and crocheting, often crafting beautiful treasures that became cherished gifts for her loved ones. Beyond her artistic pursuits, Ruthie treasured human connection above all else. Countless hours were spent sharing laughter, offering wisdom, and providing comfort during her beloved phone conversations with family and dear friends, always ready to lend an ear or share a heartfelt story.

Ruthie's journey through life saw her preceded in death by those who profoundly shaped her path. She was reunited with her beloved parents, Helen and Jesse Burton; her dear brothers, Eugene Burton, Joseph Burton (and his wife Rosetta), Paul Burton, John Ray Burton, Skipper Boyd and James Boyd; and her loving sisters, Velcena Williams and Josephine Wise. Though their physical presence was missed, their memories undoubtedly remained a guiding light in her life.

Ruthie's enduring legacy of love, kindness, and devotion lives on through her devoted husband of 58 years, Billy Coxs. She is also lovingly remembered by her brothers, Jesse Burton (Louise) of Columbia, South Carolina, and David Burton (Pamela) of Irmo, South Carolina; her sisters, Hazel Cannon (Sherman) of Columbia, South Carolina, and Hattie Hinnant (Eddie) of Columbia, South Carolina. Additionally, leaves behind her brother-in-law, Andrew Williams of Chapin, South Carolina, and sisters-in-law, Shirley Burton of Irmo, SC, and Mary Burton of Columbia, SC, all of whom held a special place in her heart. Her memory will be profoundly cherished by a wide and loving circle of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, a multitude of other relatives, and friends, all of whom were touched by her warmth, generosity, and unwavering spirit. Ruthie's remarkable presence will be deeply missed, but the indelible mark of her love will forever resonate in the hearts of those blessed to have known

## Memories



**A Bell's not a Bell  
'til you ring it;**

**A Song's not a Song  
'til you sing it;**

**Love wasn't put  
In your heart  
To stay;**

**Love isn't love  
'til you  
Give it away.**

## Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Viewing.....Funeral Directors

Opening Hymn.....Mrs. Tara Williams

Old Testament.....Mr. Lamont Williams

**Psalm 23**

New Testament.....Ms. Angela Hardy

Prayer.....Mrs. Felicia Lybrand

Musical Selection.....Mrs. Tara Williams

Remarks.....Mr. Sammy Wicker  
Mr. Tillman Burton  
Mrs. Lee Coggiola

Musical Selection.....Mrs. Tara Williams

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Krystle McHoney

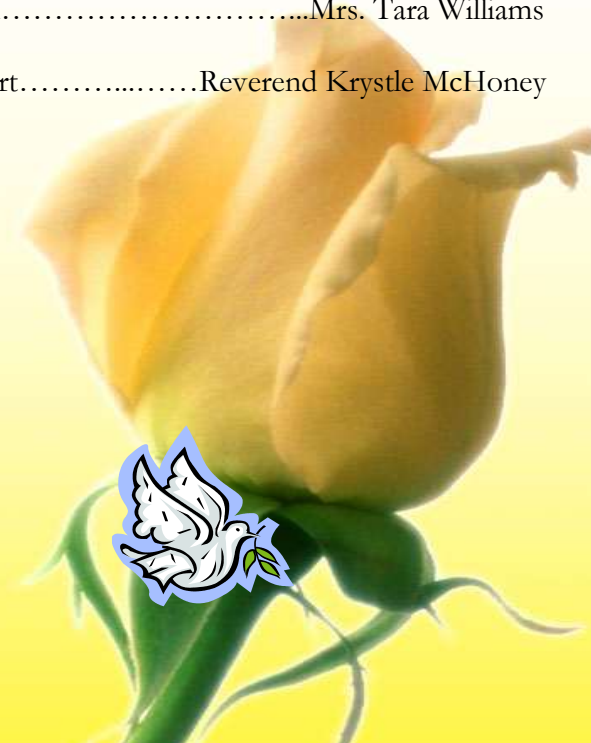
Committal

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Recessional

Postlude



# When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

*When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not here to see,  
If the sun should rise and find your eyes, filled with tears for  
me.*

*I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today,  
while thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.*

*I know how much you love me, as much as I love you,  
and each time you think of me, I know you'll miss me too.*

*When tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand  
That an angel came and called my name and took me by the  
hand*

*The angel said my place was ready in heaven far above  
And that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.*

*But when I walked through Heaven's gate, I felt so much at  
home*

*When God looked down and smiled at me from His great  
golden throne.*

*He said, "This is eternity and all I've promised you."  
Today my life on earth is past, but here it starts anew*

*I promise no tomorrow but today will always last  
And since each day's the same day, there's no longing for the  
past.*

*So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far  
apart,  
For every time, you think of me, I'm right there in your heart*

## Pallbearers

Alonzo Burton                      Tillman Burton  
Stanley Brannon                Sammy Wicker  
Lamont Williams

## Floral Bearers

Samaria Gleaton                Angela Hardy  
Mioyoshi Brennan              Ajia Savage

## Acknowledgement

Thank you for kind expressions of sympathy. The love you have shown has given us great comfort during this difficult time. It is deeply appreciated and will forever be remembered. Thank you to the Glory of God for the flower arrangements. In Loving Memory of Ruthie M. Coxs.

# Homegoing Service In Loving Memory of

MRS. RUTHIE MAE BURTON COXS



FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026  
1:00 P.M.

GREATER HOPEWELL A.M.E CHURCH  
1016 HOPEWELL CHURCH ROAD  
IRMO, SOUTH CAROLINA

REVEREND KRISTLE MCHONEY  
-PASTOR-

CONTACT US:  
Taylor Street Chapel  
803-771-7799  
Lower Richland Chapel  
803-776-6922  
WWW.LEEVY.COM  
I. S. Leevy Johnson  
-Owner-

Services Entrusted To:  
**Leevy's**  
Chris Leevy Johnson  
-Managing Director-

SIGN THE ONLINE REGISTRY:  
  
Levrette A. Williams, II  
-General Manager-