

## *A Virtuous Woman*

Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.

The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her,  
so that he shall have no need of spoil.

She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

Her husband is known in the gates,  
when he sitteth among the elders of the land.

Strength and honour are her clothing  
and she shall rejoice in time to come.

She openeth her mouth with wisdom;  
and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

She looketh well to the ways of her household,  
and eateth not the bread of idleness.

Her children arise up, and call her blessed;  
her husband also, and he praiseth her.

Many daughters have done virtuously,  
but thou excellest them all.

Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain:  
but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.

Give her of the fruit of her hands;  
and let her own works praise her in the gates.

### PALLBEARERS

Family & Friends

### FLOWER BEARERS

Family & Friends

### ALL NBBC MINISTRIES

To our beloved church family and dedicated ministries, we acknowledge and thank you for surrounding us with love, prayer, and support during this season of bereavement and in the celebration of our loved one and your First Lady, Julia Riley Tucker. Your service, prayers, compassion, presence, and unity have been a major source of comfort. We are truly grateful and pray God's continued blessings upon each of you.

### ALL VISITING MINISTRIES

The family extends heartfelt thanks to the visiting ministries who poured out love, prayer, and support during our time of bereavement and throughout this home-going celebration. Your kindness, encouragement, and willingness to serve has truly lifted our hearts. We pray God's continued blessings, favor, and grace upon each of your ministries.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of First Lady Mrs. Julia Riley Tucker extends our heartfelt gratitude to all extended family and friends for the love, kindness, and support shown during our time of bereavement and now the celebration of her life. We pray that God will continue to bless each of you with His grace and tender mercies.

# *A Service of Victory Celebrating the Life*

*of*



*First Lady*  
**JULIA RILEY TUCKER**  
**Thursday, April 23, 2026 ~ 12:00 Noon**

**New Beginning Baptist Church**  
9601 Caughman Road  
Columbia, South Carolina

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-Pastor-

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# Obituary

Mrs. Julia Riley Tucker was born in Columbia, South Carolina on April 17, 1961. The beloved daughter of the late Shockon Riley, Sr. and Pearl Shealy Riley. She departed this earthly life at Prisma Health Richland in Columbia, South Carolina on Wednesday, April 15, 2026.

She was educated in the public schools of Richland County, South Carolina where she graduated from Eau Claire High School Class of 1978. She also attended Midlands Technical College for Secretarial Science. She worked for South Carolina Federal Bank for more than 20 years. She later retired from the South Carolina Department of Mental Health after 15 years of service.

She accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age at The Greater St. Luke Baptist Church. After entering holy matrimony with her husband, Rev. Gerald A. Tucker, she transferred her membership to Ridgewood Missionary Baptist Church, where she faithfully served alongside him until following his appointment as Pastor of Zion Benevolent Baptist Church. Later, when Pastor Tucker founded and established New Beginning Baptist Church of Columbia, she fulfilled her calling as First Lady of the Church.

She served in various capacities in ministry such as an YWA member, Girl Scout Leader, Missionary, Deaconess, Youth Ministry Leader, a faithful Choir member and worked with all ministries to expand the work of the Lord and the edification of the people. She was an avid decorator of both her home and her church and was known for her keen eye for detail. She was also a highly organized individual, carrying herself with structure, grace, and intention in all that she did.

Julia was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. She was full of life, laughter, and she never met a stranger. She had a wonderful sense of humor and the glue that held the family together.

“A woman of elegance, beauty, and virtue, First Lady Julia Tucker lived a life marked by purpose, faith, and profound influence. In her role as a pastor’s wife, she was not only a partner in ministry but a guiding light, offering wisdom, compassion, and steadfast support to all who knew her. With a deep dedication to the music in her soul, she uplifted hearts and enriched worship, using her gift to inspire, comfort, and bring joy to those around her. Her life stands as a beautiful testament to the power of grace, service, and enduring love.” Written by Johnnie T Major

She was preceded in death by: her parents, the late Shockon Riley, Sr. and the late Pearl Shealy Riley; three brothers, Shockon Riley, Jr., Reginald Riley, and Guy Levan; her mother-in-law, Cathrene Tucker-Gholson; two sisters-in-law, Barbara Riley of Columbia, SC and Gail Holland of Delaware; one brother-in-law, Darryl Jones; one niece, Schrita Riley; and one nephew, Anthony Riley, Jr. all of Columbia, SC.

Mrs. Julia Riley Tucker leaves to cherish and honor her memory: her husband, Pastor Gerald A. Tucker; two daughters, Ashley Tucker Lloyd (Syrone) of Irmo, SC and Betina Nicole Tucker Broxton (Shaun) of Beaufort, SC; two brothers, Anthony Tyrone Riley (Dolores) of Manning, SC and Charles Riley (Sandra) of Columbia, SC; three sisters-in-law, Anja Riley of Jacksonville, Florida, Sybil Pratt and Josie Robinson both of New Jersey; six grandchildren, My’siyah Tucker and Sy’miyah Tucker of Beaufort, SC; Syleea’ Lloyd, Alissiea Lloyd, Syrone Jr. (SJ), Kedric Lloyd all of Irmo, SC; and a host of nieces, nephews, and many other loving relatives and caring friends, all of whom will truly miss her.

# Memories



# A Service of Remembrance

*Bishop Dwayne A. Jeffcoat, Presiding,  
Tabernacle of Praise Church of Columbia*

- Musical Prelude.....New Beginning Baptist Church Musicians
- Processional.....Clergy and Family
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Crowning Ceremony.....Family
- Musical Selection.....Minister Erica Lorick  
*New Beginnings Christian Outreach Ministry*
- Hymn of Praise.....Deacon James Dixon, Grandchildren,  
and NBBC Musical Choir
- Old Testament.....Reverend Michael Fullard  
*Pastor, Unity Missionary Baptist Church*
- New Testament.....Reverend Curtis Belton
- Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Michael H. Baker  
*Pastor, The Greater St. Luke Baptist Church*
- Song of Praise.....Ms. Alexis Riley & NBBC Musical Choir
- Reflections (Two - Three Minutes, Please):  
Reverend Chris Leevy Johnson...Brookland Baptist Church Northeast  
Mrs. Beverly Belton.....Friend  
Deacon Joe Davis.....Spiritual Father/New Beginning Baptist Church
- Song of Praise.....Ms. Syleea’ Lloyd & NBBC Musical Choir
- Acknowledgements/Resolutions.....Reverend Sandra Riley  
*New Beginning Baptist Church*
- Song of Praise.....Mrs. Ashley T. Lloyd & NBBC Musical Choir
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend Gerald A. Tucker
- Song of Praise.....Mr. Charles Riley & NBBC Musical Choir
- Recessional
- Postlude



# Committal, Benediction and Interment

**Lincoln Cemetery  
4900 Farrow Road  
Columbia, South Carolina**