

# Obituary of

## Mrs. Debrah Ann Cruel Hodge

Mrs. Debrah Ann Hodge was born November 3, 1951, in Lone Star, South Carolina. She was the second child of the late William and Josephine Cruel. She departed this earthly life on Monday, May 25, 2026.

“Debbie” or “Auntie Debbie,” as she was affectionally called by family and friends, was educated in the public schools of Richland County, South Carolina. She graduated from Booker T. Washington High School, Class of 1970. She was a faithful employee of Delmont Florist and the Marwin Company, where she later retired.

Mrs. Hodge joined Life Living Ministries Church, where she served as a devoted Usher, and participated in the Garden Ministry. Her favorite hobbies were planting flowers, making beautiful floral arrangements, and general decorating.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Wilbur Cruel, and her grandparents.

Mrs. Debrah Ann Hodge leaves to mourn her passing: her husband of 36 years, Robert James Hodge; son, Randall (Sarah) Hodge; two sisters, Ella Brown and Beverly (Albert) Cleveland; seven brothers, Andrew Cruel, James (Marian) Cruel, Jennis (Vicki) Cruel, Albert (Aaronda) Cruel, Brian Cruel, Darryl (Diane) Cruel, and William (Barbara) Lloyd; three sisters in law, Brenda (Donald) Wider, Corrine Pringle, and Dora Amaker; a host of nieces, nephews, other loving relatives, and caring friends, all of whom will miss her dearly.

Though our hearts may be heavy, we find comfort in the love, memories, and legacy she leaves behind. Her life was a testament to devotion and dedication. Her legacy will continue to live on in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing her.

# Memories



# Order of Service

- Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Opening Hymn..... Ms. Elanda Cumbee
- Old Testament.....Pastor Karlton Dixon
- New Testament..... Pastor Billy Shiver
- Prayer.....Associate Pastor Lisa Dixon
- Musical Selection.....Mr. Billy Jefferson
- Remarks.....Mother Jettie Bowers  
Ms. Christina Cruel  
Mrs. Sarah Hodge
- Musical Selection..... Ms. Elanda Cumbee
- Words of Comfort.....Pastor Perry Williams
- Recessional
- Postlude



## Committal, Benediction and Interment

Lincoln Cemetery  
4900 Farrow Road  
Columbia, South Carolina

## More Than a Sister

We shared our secrets, we shared our youth,  
You were our comfort, our mirror, our truth.  
A piece of our childhood, our very best friend,  
A bond that we know has no physical end.

Though heaven has called you away from our sight,  
We will still see you glow in the quiet starlight.  
You are in the soft breeze, the warmth of the sun,  
In every sweet memory in all that we've done.

We carry your laughter, we carry your grace,  
No distance or time can erase your sweet face.  
You're more than a sister, our guide and our spark,  
A love that will light up the deepest, dark.

So, sleep now in peace, though we'll miss you each  
day,

The love that we built will never go away.  
We'll hold you right here in the depths of our soul,  
Until we're together again and made whole.

## Pallbearers

Family and Friends

## Floral Bearers

Ushers of Life Living Ministries

## Repast

Life Living Ministries

## Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mrs. Debrah Ann Cruel Hodge, wish to thank each of you for your prayers, cards, flowers, cards, and anything else you've done and continue to do to help ease the sorrow caused by the passing of our loved one. Special thanks to Ms. Barbara Miller and Mrs. Mary Benson, who have kept in touch and given Debbie encouragement for so many years.



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# Homegoing Services for Mrs. Debrah Ann Cruel Hodge



Tuesday, June 2, 2026  
12:00 Noon

Life Living Ministries  
6708 Two Notch Road  
Columbia, South Carolina

Pastor Karlton Dixon  
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