

## 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

Family and Friends

## Floral Bearers

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## Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mrs. Janie Louise Stewart Noble, would like to sincerely thank you for the kindness you have shown us. Your support, manifested in so many powerful words and actions, has buoyed us during this time. Our hearts will forever be filled with gratitude. We never walked alone as we prepared for our loved one's homegoing. May God bless each of you.

*A Service of Victory  
Celebrating the Life  
of*  
**MRS. JANIE LOUISE STEWART NOBLE**



**SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026  
11:00 A.M.**

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# Obituary of

## Mrs. Janie Louise Stewart Noble

Mrs. Janie Louise Stewart Noble, beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin and friend, passed away in Houston, Texas.

The first of nine children born to Archibald "Archie" and Nancy Jackson Stewart, she entered the world on March 23, 1935. Born and raised in Columbia, South Carolina, Janie joined Second Calvary Baptist church as a child. The summer after she graduated from Booker T. Washington High School, she married John Phillip Noble. The couple lived in Wyoming for a brief term while John was stationed there with the Air Force. Like many Black southerners from the Carolinas, she participated in The Great Migration and lived in New York City. She was in The Big Apple for a short duration before deciding that New York City was too cold and too far away from her large family. She returned to Columbia, and in 1956 Janie and John welcomed their daughter Joni Phillippa.

Through Good Samaritan Waverly Hospital, Janie became a Licensed Practical Nurse. She spent most of her career providing dedicated, compassionate care at Columbia Hospital, which was a racially segregated hospital at the time. She then transitioned to work for the South Carolina Department of Corrections. For most of her career, Janie worked the night shift. Long after retiring, friends and family knew you could always catch her for a midnight conversation.

Family members also knew if you wanted to spend time with Janie that meant you were porch-sitting. Janie loved being on her front porch with a cup of Pepsi in her hand (in later years Pepsi became Canada Dry). Her drink would need to be refreshed with ice cubes from time to time, and in return she would regale listeners with stories from her life.

Janie enjoyed crocheting beautiful, intricate blankets, watching true crime shows, and gardening. Gardening reminded Janie of her father's gardens, and she took special pride in growing tomatoes. Of all her hobbies, Janie's passion was cooking. She adored nourishing everyone. When she relocated in 2021 to Houston, Texas to live with her daughter, she immediately began referring to the kitchen as "her kitchen." Days before her passing, she even talked about cooking for her family.

Janie's daughter nicknamed her "Ladybug." Ladybugs are commonly known as bearers of good luck. Her devoted daughter, Joni Akhiemokhali of Columbia, South Carolina; grandchildren, Stephen Akhiemokhali Jr. and Kelley Akhiemokhali of Houston, Texas; great-grandchildren, Anaya and Aliyah Akhiemokhali of Dallas, Texas and Laya Zinn of Houston, Texas; sister Cheryl Shelton of Columbia, South Carolina; in-laws, Stephen Akhiemokhali Sr., Chiquasta Akhiemokhali, Jason Zinn, and Ronald Shelton; as well as nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends will remember her forever. They consider themselves lucky to have experienced Ladybug's steadfast love.

Janie was preceded in death by her husband, John Noble, and seven siblings, Agnes Lenora Stewart, Archie Stewart Jr., Bernice Robertson, Carolyn Wyatt, Claude Stewart, Gwendolyn Reese, and Zenobia Daniel.

After 91 years of mirth and sharp wit, Janie left this world but leaves behind a legacy of love and laughter.

# Memories



## A Service of Remembrance

Musical Prelude.....Dr. Ramelle Brooks, Minister of Music  
 Processional.....Clergy and Family  
 Musical Selection..... "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"  
 Old Testament.....Psalm 23.....Dr. Yvonne Dudley  
 New Testament.....John 14:1-6.....Reverend Alex Nelson  
 Prayer.....Deacon Daniel Davis  
 Musical Selection..... "When We All Get to Heaven"  
 Remarks.....Mr. John Jackson  
 Deacon Charles Ashe, Family Deacon  
 Musical Selection..... "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand"  
 Words of Comfort.....Dr. Bobby Cunningham, Interim Pastor  
 Recessional.....Dr. Ramelle Brooks, Minister of Music  
 Postlude



## Committal, Benediction and Interment

Crescent Hill Memorial Gardens  
 2603 Two Notch Road  
 Columbia, South Carolina

