

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. Delores Jean Seabrooks Furgess, would like to thank each of you for your prayers, love and support during our time of bereavement. It is our prayer that the Lord blesses each of you in a very special way.

Homegoing Service Celebrating the Life of

MRS. DELORES JEAN SEABROOKS FURGESS



FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2026
1:00 P.M.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
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COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

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-PASTOR-

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Obituary

Mrs. Delores Jean Seabrooks Furgess was born on June 8, 1935, in Columbia, South Carolina, to the loving parents of the late Barney Ray Nelson and Beulah Johnson Kennerly. On Thursday, August 6, 2026, Mrs. Furgess peacefully transitioned from this earthly life to her eternal home, surrounded by her loving family.

Mrs. Furgess was educated in the public schools of Richland County and was a proud graduate of C. A. Johnson High School. She dedicated twenty-seven years of faithful service to Arden Elementary School, where she worked as a cafeteria worker. Her love for the students, faculty, and Arden Elementary family did not end with retirement. She continued to serve her beloved school as a Foster Grandparent, staying active until the age of ninety. Her commitment to the children and the school community was a true reflection of her caring and nurturing spirit.

At an early age, Mrs. Furgess accepted Christ and was baptized. She was an active member of Antioch Baptist Church, in Columbia, South Carolina, before becoming a devoted member of Bethlehem Baptist Church - College Place.

At Bethlehem Baptist Church, she faithfully shared her love for Christ through her service in the Senior Musical Mass Choir, Women’s Day Choirs, and the Senior Missionary Ministry, until her health began to decline. She also faithfully supported the Education Ministry and Teen Spirit Ministry. Her love for the young people of the church was especially evident through her involvement with Teen Spirit. Mrs. Furgess traveled with the youth on numerous trips as a chaperone and truly enjoyed spending time with them. Her presence, encouragement, and loving spirit left a lasting impression on generations of young people.

Mrs. Furgess was a woman of faith, service, love, and devotion. She touched countless lives through her kindness, generosity, encouragement, and willingness to serve others. She will also be fondly remembered for her thoughtful and beautiful cards that she lovingly shared with family and friends for every holiday and special occasion.

Mrs. Furgess was preceded in death by her parents; her beloved husband of fifty years, Trustee Frank Furgess, Sr.; her son, Andre Seabrooks; and two sisters, Mary Goodwin and Ernestine Sims.

She leaves to cherish her precious memory and celebrate a life well lived: her daughters, Gloria Ann Cornish and Ethel (James) Hayes; her son, Augustus Covington, Jr., all of Columbia, South Carolina; ten grandchildren; twenty-eight great-grandchildren; sixteen great-great-grandchildren; seven stepchildren; daughter-in-law, Kathy Covington, of Columbia, South Carolina; a host of nieces, nephews, other loving relatives, and dear friends. She will also be deeply missed by her extended Arden Elementary School family and the Bethlehem Baptist Church family; who will miss her legacy of faith, love, service, family, and compassion.

Her gentle spirit, beautiful smile, encouraging words, thoughtful cards, and unwavering love will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

Memories



Order of Service

Prelude	
Processional	
Final Farewell.....	Funeral Directors
Opening Hymn.....	Choir “Oh, I Want To See Him”
Scripture Readings.....	Reverend Darrius Graves Old Testament – Psalm 23 New Testament – Revelation 21:1-6
Prayer of Comfort.....	Reverend Kenneth Spry, Sr.
Solo.....	Mrs. Carolyn Burgess
Remarks.....	Mr. Timothy Blackwell & Ms. Shemakea Stephney BBC Missionary Ministry Deacon John Campbell
Poem.....	Mr. Terrance Hayes
Selection.....	Mr. Gregory Blanks
Words of Comfort.....	Reverend Dr. Anthony A. McCallum
Recessional	
Postlude	

Committal, Benediction, and Interment



Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery
1028 Eastman Street
Columbia, South Carolina