

*A Celebration of Life
In Loving Memory
of*

MRS. LORRAINE BERTHA DIMERY-BARR



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026
2:00 P.M.**

**MT ZION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
701 ST. JOHN STREET
KINGSTREE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**REVEREND WALTER STRAWTHER
-PASTOR-**

Honorary Pallbearers

Mt. Zion United Methodist Men
Kingstree Senior High Class of 1975

Active Pallbearers

Dimery and Rogers Funeral Home, Inc.

Honorary Floral Bearers

Mt. Zion United Methodist Women in Faith

Active Floral Bearers

Kingstree Senior High Class of 1975
Lake City-Kingstree Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta

Her Journey

Don't think of her as gone away,
Her journey's just begun,
Life holds so many facets
This earth is only one.

Just think of her as resting
From the sorrow and the tears,
In a place of warmth and comfort
Where there are no days and years.

Think how she must be wishing
That we could know today,
How nothing but our sadness
Can really pass away.

And think of her as living
In the hearts of those she touched,
For nothing loved is ever lost,
And she was loved so much.

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Celebrating the Life of Mrs. Lorraine Bertha Dimery-Barr

“Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies.” Proverbs 31:10

It is with profound love, cherished memories, and heartfelt gratitude for a beautifully lived life, that we celebrate the life and legacy of Mrs. Lorraine Bertha Dimery-Barr. Lorraine was born on August 9, 1957 to the late Johnie C. Dimery and Inez Dorothy Parson Dimery. She departed this life, gained her angel wings, and went home to be with the Lord on Friday, September 11, 2026, at Prisma Hospital, in Columbia, South Carolina. She became a member of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church at an early age, where she previously and faithfully served in numerous capacities, including the Administrative Board, Board of Trustees, Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, and United Methodist Women.

A Life of Promise and Achievement

Lorraine was a graduate of Kingstree High School, Class of 1975. During her high school years, she distinguished herself as a member of the National Beta Club Society and Beta Club. She also made history as the first Black cheerleader after integration, and her grace and style were recognized when she was voted “Best Dressed.” Following high school, Lorraine continued her education at Spelman College, in Atlanta, Georgia, graduating with the Class of 1979. During her years at Spelman, she became a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, in 1977, beginning a lifelong bond of sisterhood and service. She later became a member of the Kingstree-Lake City Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. After graduating from Spelman, Lorraine returned to Kingstree and began her career in education, teaching at C.E. Murray High School. Lorraine later moved to Columbia, South Carolina, where she worked at First National Bank of South Carolina. Yet, the calling that had been placed upon her life from childhood continued to draw her home. Lorraine’s journey was one of distinction, service, leadership, and answering the call placed upon her life.

Answering Her Calling

At just 12 years old, Lorraine began working as a Lady Attendant at her family’s business, Dimery and Rogers Funeral Home, Inc. Those early years introduced her to the sacred responsibility of caring for families during their times of loss. What began as a childhood experience would ultimately become a lifelong calling. Lorraine returned to Kingstree and continued her journey alongside her father at Dimery and Rogers Funeral Home, Inc. With compassion, dignity and devotion, she served families in some of the most difficult times of their lives. Recognizing and answering the calling upon her life, Lorraine furthered her education by enrolling in Gupton Jones Collee of Funeral Service, in Atlanta, Georgia, graduating as Class President with the Class of 1993. For Lorraine, funeral service was never simply a profession; it was a ministry of compassion and an opportunity to offer comfort, dignity and care to families when they needed it most. Her gentle presence, thoughtful manner and commitment to serving others became hallmarks of her professional life.

A Life of Leadership and Community Service

Lorraine’s commitment to service extended far beyond the funeral home; she believed in giving back, participating, and helping to strengthen the communities to which she belonged. Throughout her life, she served as a member of the NAACP, the Williamsburg Technical College Board of Commision, the National Morticians Association, the SC Mortician Association, and the Sixth Congrssional District Morticians Association. Her service demonstrated her belief that one person’s willingness to step forward can make a meaningful difference in the lives of many. Lorraine sponsored Christmas Breakfasts for Seniors and Christmas giveaways, which included a live Santa Claus and puppet show for children in various communities of Williamsburg County. She also sponsored D&R Tucks Softball Team and organized the Dimery and Rogers Funeral Home Memorial Choir, or as people would call it, Lorraine Dimery’s Choir.

In 2004, Lorraine married Verdell Barr, Esq., who preceded her in death. Although this union was not blessed with children, they were married for 13 years.

Mrs. Lorraine Bertha Dimery-Barr leaves to cherish her precious memory: two sisters, Jacqueline Cooper, of Landover, Maryland and Kimberly Kennedy (Reggie), of Columbia, South Carolina; two brothers, Joe Green (Paula) and Paul Green, both of Sumter, South Carolina; one step-daughter, Akilah King (Kelcey); a devoted family care provider, Bina Brockington; a host of nieces, nephews, grand nieces, grand nephews, brothers-in-law, cousins, other relatives, and dear friends.

Her earthly journey has come to an end, but the love she gave, the lessons she taught, the families she served, and the memories she created will continue to live on because, they will remember her heart.

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Viewing.....Funeral Directors

Hymn of Praise.....“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Chris Leevy Johnson

Old Testament Reverend Richard Addison
Ecclesiastes 3:1-9

New Testament Reverend Glannie Tisdale
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Selection.....Choir
“Total Praise”

Reflections.....Mrs. Willie Ann Bartell, *Church*
Mrs. Veronica Cooper, *Community*
Dr. Samuetta Marshall, *SC Morticians Association/Friend*
Mr. Jesse Parker, *D & R Greeleyville Tucks Softball*
Mr. Marvin Shaw, Former Employee, *Dimery and Rogers Funeral Home, Inc.*

Acknowledgements.....Mrs. Linda Tisdale Fulton

Selection.....Choir
“Trust Me”

Gospel Reading

Eulogy Reverend Hayes T. Gainey

Solo Mr. Leon Thomas
“His Eye Is On the Sparrow”

Commendation

Prayer of Intercession

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer.....Mr. Kendrick Huggins

Recessional

Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

Greenlawn Cemetery
US 52 & Randolph Road
Kingstree, South Carolina

Acknowledgement

Your presence, prayers, thoughtful expressions of sympathy, and every gesture of kindness have provided comfort beyond words. Your love and consideration have spoken volumes and reminded us of the beautiful community of family and friends that loved Lorraine.