

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard his call,
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My Life's been full, I savoured much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now,
He set me free*

Pallbearers

Terrill Cannon, Sr.	Glendon Butler
Terrill Cannon, Jr.	Jason Butler
Richard Sims, Jr.	Brian Butler

Floral Bearers

Shannon Geiger	Ebony Henley
Maria Kennedy	Tahjah Provo-Campbell
Jaleah Hordge	Stewardess of Emmanuel A.M.E

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Ms. Affie A. Story, would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your prayers, love, calls, visits, flowers, cards, and every act of kindness shown during this difficult time. Your presence and support have brought us comfort and strength as we celebrate her life and cherish the many memories we shared.



Homegoing Service *Celebrating the Life* *of* **MS. AFFIE A. STORY**



**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2026
11:00 A.M.**

**EMMANUEL A.M.E. CHURCH
2130 BARHAMVILLE ROAD
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**REVEREND ERTHA BOWMAN
-PASTOR-**

Obituary

Ms. Affie A. Story was born on April 27, 1949, in Richland County, South Carolina, to the late Eddie Story and Julia Phillips Story. On September 1, 2026, she peacefully transitioned from this earthly life and went home to be with the Lord.

Affie received her education through the public schools of Richland County. She dedicated many years of her life to caring for and serving others. She worked for approximately 30 years at the South Carolina State Hospital, including Byrnes Medical Center and worked with Palmetto Health Home. Her years of dedicated service reflected her strong work ethic and commitment to helping others.

Affie was a faithful member of Emmanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church, where she served as an usher. Her faith was an important part of her life, and she faithfully served her church and community.

Affie was a devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. She leaves to cherish her loving memory: her daughters, Barbara Story-Brown and Renee Story Butler; her grandchildren, Lamont Dominique Butler, Lamar Deshawn Butler, and Glendon Tyshawn Butler; great-granddaughter, Maryla Rose Butler; and her bonus daughter, Maria Kennedy.

She also leaves to cherish her memory: her siblings, Jannie (Harry) Brown, Mae Story, Henry (Teresa) Story, and Willie Story; her nieces, Kimberly Story, Niyoka Story, and Francesca Story; her nephews, Marquis (Africana) Story and Michael Story-Swindler; along with other relatives, loved ones, church family, and friends whose lives were touched by her presence.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her beloved daughter, Connie Rochelle Story; and her siblings, Rebecca Story, Alexander (Irene) Phillips, and Eddie (Ethel) Story, Jr.

Affie’s earthly journey has come to an end, but the love she gave, the family she cherished, and the memories she created will remain forever in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

Memories



Order of Service

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- Prelude
 - Processional
 - Viewing.....Funeral Directors
 - Opening Hymn.....Choir
“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”
 - Scripture Readings.....Minister
Old Testament – Psalm 46: 1-3
New Testament – Ephesians 2:4-10
 - Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Ertha Bowman
 - Solo.....Ms. Tahjaih Provo-Campbell
 - Poem.....Pastor Patricia Thompson
 - Words of Comfort.....Reverend Florence Butler
 - Recessional.....“I Shall Wear A Crown”
Recording By: Yolanda Deberry
 - Postlude



Committal, Benediction, and
Interment
Lincoln Cemetery
4900 Farrow Road
Columbia, South Carolina