



Your Mother

*Your Mother is always with you.
She's the whisper of the leaves as you walk down the street.
She's the smell of certain foods you remember,
Flowers you pick, and perfume that she wore.
She's the cool hand on your brow when you're not feeling well.
She's your breath in the air on a cold winter's day.
She's the sound of the rain that lulls you to sleep,
The colors of a rainbow. She is Christmas morning.
Your Mother lives inside your laughter.
She's crystallized in every teardrop.
A mother shows every emotion... happiness, sadness, fear,
jealousy, love, hate, anger, helplessness, excitement, joy,
sorrow... and all the while, hoping and praying
you will only know the good feelings in life.
She's the place you came from, your first home, and she's
the map you follow with every step you take.
She's your first love, your first friend, even your first enemy, but
nothing on earth can separate you.
Not time, not space... not even death*

Acknowledgement

*The family of Bessie Nelson Khaalid would like to thank everyone for their
kind expressions. Your phone calls, visits, flowers, thoughts, and prayers have
all helped greatly during our time of bereavement.
May God continue to bless each of you, is our prayer.*

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A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR



Bessie Yvonne "Cukye"
NELSON KHAALID

Sunrise
June 8, 1954

Sunset
February 26, 2021

Tuesday, March 9, 2021
1:00 p.m.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
130 Walnut Street
Chester, South Carolina

Pastor Jake Sanders III
Pastor Delcia Harper-Baxter, Officiating

All About Cukye

Bessie Yvonne “Cukye” Nelson-Khaalid was born in York, South Carolina, on June 8, 1954, and entered into eternal life on February 26, 2021.

The oldest child of the late Napoleon Nelson and Virginia Price Nelson, she was known to all as “Cukye.” Her early years of education were spent in Chester, South Carolina. Although she began her high school years at Finley High School in Chester, in 1972 she graduated from Evander Childs High School in Bronx, New York. Cukye graduated from Kings College in 1974. Continuing her education, she attended Sacred Heart College in Belmont, North Carolina and Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte, North Carolina.

A lover of the arts, Cukye found every chance to engage in selected opportunities where she could use her creative talents. She enjoyed playing several instruments such as the piano, flute, clarinet, and the trombone. These musical talents were used as she was part of the marching band and orchestra. Her performance in the musical Pippin was an experience she treasured. Cukye played basketball and enjoyed softball in the summer. Her favorite hobbies were traveling, music, dance (modern, tap, and jazz), and sports. However, her greatest joy was seeing others HAPPY!

Cukye worked in various businesses over the years. She was employed by the Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools as a secretary for Title I and other federal programs. For more than 20 years, she was the administrative assistant and bookkeeper for Lemira Elementary School. Her pleasant personality and professionalism set the tone for a family-friendly school. She wore many hats at Lemira as she made sure all office affairs were decent and in order, reminded the faculty and staff of district policies, and made sure everything that represented the school was first class! Cukye was co-manager for the Lemira Elementary Percussion Ensemble. Her work ethic was phenomenal!

Cukye was a very active member of the Association of Educational School Office Professionals, Inc; South Carolina Educational Office Professionals, Inc; former president of SCEOP; District 3 director which includes Williamsburg, Clarendon, Sumter, and Lee Counties; and Certified Educational Office Employer. She was our “Super Cukye!”

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her uncle, Mr. Louis Melvin Nelson aunt, Alma Merchant, and William “Pete” Worthy (reared as her brother). She is survived by her husband, Shawqu Khaalid of Sumter, SC; daughter, Wanda A. Nelson of Charlotte, NC; three grandchildren, Demetre’ N. Nelson (Madi), Nyasia M. Nelson, and Nigel N. Fogle, all of Charlotte, NC; one great-grandson, Kayden Green of Charlotte, NC; one brother, Louis M. Nelson, Sr., (Michelle); one nephew, Louis M. Nelson, Jr.; those reared as her siblings, Dorothy Means of Charlotte, NC and Eugene Worthy of Chester, SC; mother-in-law, Ann. M. Bowman of Clements, MD; three sisters-in-law, Mildred Douglas of Waldorf, MD, Debra Frederick of Clements, MD, and Carla White of Laurel, MD; four brothers-in-law, Brad Bowman and Kenny Bowman of Clements, MD, Terry Bowman of Laurel, MD, and Mark Bowman of Callaway, MD; three stepsons, Walter Bowman of Jacksonville, FL, Jamaal Khaalid of Laurel MD, and Rashaad Khaalid of Brandywine, MD; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and very close extended family and friends.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the family will not have visitations in the home.



Order of Service

Prelude

Processional..... *Laughter Like a Medicine*
Winans

Call To Worship**Pastor Delcia Harper-Baxter**
New Harvest Presbyterian Church, Florence, SC

Song..... *How Great Thou Art*
Hine
Soloist: Stasha Caldwell

Prayer of Comfort.....**Pastor Antonio Wilder**
God’s Glory Deliverance Ministry, Charlotte, NC

Scripture Reading.....**1 Corinthians 13:1-8**
Pastor Lesonya Wilder
God’s Glory Deliverance Ministry, Charlotte, NC

Song..... *Going Up Yonder*
Hawkins
Soloist: Stasha Caldwell

Eulogy**Pastor Delcia Harper-Baxter**

Closing Remarks**Representative John Richard King**

Recessional *How I Got Over*
LaBelle
Soloist: Stasha Caldwell

