

PALLBEARERS

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I'M FREE

*I am free Don't grieve for me,
for now I'm free, I'm following paths
God made for me I took his hand I
heard him call Then turned, and bid
farewell to all I could not stay another
day To laugh, to love, to sing, to play
Tasks left undone must stay that way I
found my peace... at close of play And if
my parting 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... deep with
sorrow I wish you sunshine of
tomorrow My life's been full I've
savoured much. Good friends, good
times A loved one's touch Perhaps my
time seemed all too brief Don't
lengthen it now with grief Lift up your
hearts and share with me, God wants
me now... He set me free.*

The Magic of a Mother's Touch

*There's magic in a Mother's touch
And sunshine in her smile
There's love in everything she does
To make our lives worthwhile.
We can find both hope and courage
Just by looking in her eyes.
Her laughter is a source of joy;
Her works are warm and wise.
There is a kindness and compassion
To be found in her embrace,
And we see the light of heaven
Shining from a Mother's face*



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

*The family of **Geneva Finney** would like to express our sincere appreciation for all acts of kindness shown during our time of bereavement. We would also like to personally acknowledge Norine Brown for the loving and compassionate care that she provided her over the last two and a half years. Please know that your thoughts and prayers did not go unnoticed.
May God bless each of you.*



Arrangements Entrusted To:
GLOVER'S FUNERAL HOME
Olivia Glover, Directress
April Dickson, Licensed Embalmer
"Committed to Excellence in Quality Care and Service"
2562 Charleston Highway
Programs by Lavish Creations & Consulting LLC

*Home Going Celebration
for*

Geneva B. Finney



*11:00 A.M.
June 24, 2022*

*Glover's Funeral Home Chapel
Orangeburg, South Carolina*

REFLECTIONS OF LIFE

Geneva Brown Mays Finney was born on May 22nd, 1927 in Summerton, South Carolina. She was the second of twelve children, born to the late Henry and Thelma Brown.

Upon completion of the Clarendon County Public School system, she attended Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina. She received her Bachelor of Science degree from Benedict in 1949, with a double major in English and French, achieving her lifelong goal of becoming a professional educator. Furthermore, she received her Master of Science degree in Education from South Carolina State College in 1968.

Her professional educational career began as an English/French teacher at Scott’s Branch High School in Summerton, South Carolina from 1949 to 1954. She also taught at Whittemore High School in Conway, South Carolina from 1955 to 1964. Additionally, she held teaching positions in Kingstree, Denmark, and Saint Matthews, South Carolina. Her final teaching position brought her to Felton Laboratory School in Orangeburg, South Carolina, where she taught from 1968 until her retirement in 1990.

A beloved member of the Felton faculty and staff, Mrs. Finney held membership and leadership roles in groups such as the Student Council, the Modern Language Club, and the Social Welfare Committee. In addition, she was the founder of the Social Decorum Club, and served as its initial advisor. Other professional affiliations included the National Education Association, South Carolina Education Association, and the Organization of Middle School Teachers. One of her proudest professional achievements was her induction into Phi Delta Kappa, where she served in various capacities.

Her social and community commitments included membership in the Alpha Wives, the NAACP, the Helen Sheffield Girl’s Club, and the Bonneville Community Association. She also proudly joined Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., where she remained an active member.

She married her college sweetheart James Burnis Mays of Andrews, South Carolina on October 29th, 1952 in Summerton, South Carolina. From that union two children were born, Yolanda Elena Mays and Myra Leticia Mays. Both James and Geneva taught at Whittemore High School from 1955 to 1961. Their union was tragically cut short due to James’ untimely death in 1961. Her younger daughter Myra preceded her in death in 1966.

In 1965, she married Ernest Adolphus Finney, Sr. of Orangeburg, South Carolina. They shared many common interests and activities, both professionally and personally. Both became members of Trinity United Methodist Church, with Mrs. Finney joining the United Methodist Women organization. She worked tirelessly to share the teachings of the Lord, and was a reliable member of the congregation. This could be seen in her involvement in many church programs, particularly in her summer instruction of Vacation Bible School. Highly regarded participants in the Orangeburg, South Carolina community, their twenty-seven-year union

REFLECTIONS OF LIFE (continued)

created numerous memories with family and friends. Their union lasted until 1992, when Finney, Sr. passed away as a result of natural causes.

Preceding her in death are siblings Vera Brown (sister), Howard Brown (brother), Henry “Bubba” Brown, Jr. (brother), Marian Duren (sister), Eva Quarles (sister), and Nathaniel Brown (brother).

She leaves to mourn her passing one daughter, Yolanda M. Brown (Moses) of Columbia, SC, two grandsons Jordan Brown of Minneapolis, MN and Justin Brown of Columbia, SC; Sisters Beatrice Rivers of Summerton, SC, Ethel Marshall of Summerton, SC, Maxine Reynolds (Alfred) of Oakland, CA; Brothers Harrison Brown (Nipa) of Sumter, SC, and Thomas Brown of Summerton, SC.

Also left to mourn her passing are daughter-in-law Frances Davenport Finney of Columbia, SC, grandchildren Ernest “Chip” Finney III (Tammy), Lynn “Nikky” Finney (Tonia), Jerry Finney (Elaine), Bruce Finney, Kimanthi Thompson, Husan Thompson, Nehandah Finney, Garvey Finney, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Finney maintained a reputation of class, style, and poise among all who knew her. Always striving for the betterment of mankind, Mrs. Finney was a devoted wife, loving mother, and a nurturing teacher. The motto of her life could be found in the hymn “if I can help somebody as I pass this way, then my living will not have been in vain.”



ORDER OF SERVICE

Reverend Doctor Eddie Williams, Presiding

Musical PreludeMedley of SongsMr. Jaquane Malinder,
Pianist

The ProcessionalClergy and Family

Scripture Readings
Old Testament Psalm 23
Justin Thomas Brown, Grandson

New Testament1 Corinthians 13
Jordan Weldon Brown, Grandson

Prayer of ComfortRev. Dr. Eddie Williams

Musical Selection“It Is Well With My Sou
The Flame Within
Karyn A. J. Moss, Yvette McDaniel, and Janice McCollom

Reflections
Family FriendMrs. Joyce Battiste
Former Felton StudentMr. Kenneth Middleton
Family Mr. Moses Brown, Son-in-law
GranddaughterMs. Lynn Nikky Finney

Musical Selection “If I Can Help Somebody”
The Flame Within

EulogyLarry McCutcheon,
Former Pastor Trinity United Methodist Church

Recessional

Committal~Benediction~Interment
Belleville Memorial Gardens
Orangeburg, South Carolina