

## 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 Him call,  
I turned my back and left it all.*

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



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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Glover's Funeral Home for their acts of kindness, love and  
assistance during this trying time.



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## *Celebration of Life*

*for*

## *Ruth Elizabeth Johnson*



*11:00 A.M. | April 24, 2021*

*St. Stephens United Methodist  
Church Cemetery  
Orangeburg, South Carolina*

## ORDER OF SERVICE

*Ruth enjoyed being a part of the Deaf community and was always full of spirit. She loved telling stories and cracking jokes as well as sharing experiences. She was a loved and cherished person in the community. Her family meant the world to her and she would often share proud moments over the years of being with them.*

***Jennifer Villar and the Deaf Community***

Prelude

Processional Viewing

Opening Hymn

Prayer of Comfort

Scriptures

Old Testament.....Minister Fred Turner

New Testament.....Elder Melvin Gates

Solo

Reflections **(Please limit to 3mintues)**

Minister Fred Turner  
South Carolina Deaf Community  
Laurise Johnson

Acknowledgements.....Linda Shuler

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Joseph Abram, Jr.

### **Committal-Benediction-Interment**

St. Stephens United Methodist Church Cemetery

Recessional

## CELEBRATION OF LIFE

*During your journey on your final flight home, white wings will carry you and you will be flown to the pearly gates of Heaven, where they will usher you in to the feet of your Lord, your Savior, and your friend. He will hold you in His arms and the angels will sing as another one of His children is delivered by white wings.*

***Author Julie Johnson***

Ms. Ruth Elizabeth Johnson was born on September 21,1967 in Calhoun County. She entered into eternal rest on April 19,2021 at Piedmont Medical Center in Rock Hill, SC.

She was the youngest daughter of the late Laurie Johnson and Elouise Green Johnson.

She received her education at the South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind in Spartanburg, SC. She graduated Salutatorian of her class at the South Carolina for the Deaf and Blind May Class of 1986. She furthered her education at Gallaudet University in Washington, DC; Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College studying Early Childhood Education and Midlands Technical College where she studied Mathematics. She was employed at Ryan's as a baker for Orangeburg and Cayce. She then worked for Dollar General.

She was a loving and caring mother who enjoyed watching and playing sports. She held many awards for track and field, volleyball, and basketball at the South Carolina School of the Deaf and Blind. She never missed a game when her sons played sports.

She was a devoted attendee of Ames Road Church of Christ in Columbia, SC; where she taught American Sign Language. She was known for her work ethic and pleasant personality.

She was a loving mother, daughter, sister, aunt and friend. She was also an amazing cook.

Ruth preceded in death by her parents: Laurie Johnson and Elouise Green Johnson, four brothers: Joseph Louis Green, Larry Johnson, Clyde Johnson and James Anthony Johnson.

Ruth leaves to cherish her fond memories three sons: Laurise Johnson, Decory Johnson and Demonte Johnson all of Rock Hill, SC; one grandson: Omari Malaikai Johnson of Rock Hill, SC; one granddaughter: Tanaya Yvonne Johnson of Salisbury, NC; three sisters: Louise Johnson of Lexington, SC and Theresa Johnson-Baylor and Josephine Johnson-Mitchell both of Orangeburg, SC; one uncle: Clinton Green of New York and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends that will miss her dearly.