

With Heartfelt Thanks

The family wishes to express our thanks and sincere appreciation for any act of kindness that was extended during Earline's illness and this time of bereavement. What we will remember are times when love and kindness made a difference from her special caregivers, neighbors, pastor and church family.

May God continue to bless each one of you.
Thank you for caring.

~The Family~

I've changed my address to Heaven

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I've crossed the Great Divide.

I know there's no sorrow or crying,
Because I've reached the other side.

I am so happy to be here,
for the Lord Himself I see.

I've changed my address to Heaven,

I bid this world goodbye.

I now live forever with Jesus in
my new home in the sky.

I have no burdens or heartaches
And from tears I am now free.

I've changed my address to Heaven,

I'm safe forevermore.

For the Lord built a mansion
And my name is on the door.

You can find us walking together,
For where He is, I'll always be.

I've changed my address to Heaven,
That's the place you'll find me.

Earline Frances Thomas Wilhite

12 Gates to the City Avenue
New Jerusalem, Heaven 77777



A CELEBRATION OF *Life*



Sunrise: October 17, 1926 • Sunset: July 21, 2021

MRS. EARLINE FRANCES THOMAS WILHITE

Tuesday, July 27, 2021 • 12:00 noon

Graveside Services
Belleville Memorial Gardens
2900 Belleville Road • Orangeburg, South Carolina

Pastor Stanley Rivers, Officiating

Order of Service

Pastor Stanley Rivers, Presiding

The Gathering

Processional “There’s A Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

Hymn of Praise “It Is Well With My Soul”

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Readings Reverend Herman Jenkins, Pastor
Lockhart Baptist Church
Saluda, South Carolina

Old Testament – *Psalm 23:1-7*

New Testament – *John 7:14*

Reflection of Life Mrs. Betty Jenkins
Neighbor and Friend

Sister Bessie Dowling
Class Leader
Williams Chapel AME Church

Solo Mr. JuaQuen Perry

Words of Comfort Pastor Stanley Rivers
Williams Chapel AME Church

~COMMITTAL/INTERMENT/BENEDICTION~

Life's Reflections

“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith”

~II Timothy 4:7

Mrs. Earline Frances Thomas Wilhite, daughter of the late Reverend Milligan Thomas, Sr. and Mrs. Jessie Capers Thomas, was born October 17, 1926 in Orangeburg County. She quietly transitioned from this earthly life on Wednesday, July 21, 2021, at 6:18pm at The OAKS, Orangeburg, South Carolina.

Earline joined Williams Chapel A.M.E. Church at an early age where she served as a member of the Youth Choir and other youth organizations.

Earline was educated in the public schools of Orangeburg, South Carolina. Upon moving to New York in the late 40’s she joined Salem AME Church in Manhattan, New York. There she affiliated with the Ushers Ministry. Earline was a Domestic Engineer for several families in New York. While working in New York she met and married the love of her life, the late Richard Wilhite.

After retirement, Earline and Richard relocated to Orangeburg, South Carolina, where Earline rejoined her beloved Williams Chapel A.M.E. Church. She was named Mother of the Church May 2021. TO GOD BE THE GLORY! She continued working as a Domestic Engineer for families and she enjoyed working as a Senior Companion for OCAB Community Action Agency. Earline enjoyed sewing and entertaining her family for holidays and cooking her special dishes. She loved her family, especially her nieces and nephews; none of them could do no wrong!

Earline was blessed to be the last Thomas sibling to be called home to be with her sisters and brothers. She was also preceded in death by her only daughter Judith Elaine Thomas.

Earline was loved and admired by many. Her rich and blessed legacy will be cherished by her family and friends. Fond memories shall always be lovingly remembered by her dedicated and devoted nieces, nephews, neighbors, other relatives, and friends.