

Pallbearers
Nephews & Friends

Floral Bearers
Nieces and Friends

God Is Near

Let not your heart be troubled,
For God is by your side,
Let not your thoughts be weary now
With such a worthy guide.
The night must bring the dawning soon
And then the time will come
When all you've dreamed of will come true,
And heartaches will be done.

Let not your heart be troubled,
Let not your soul be sad,
But keep a memory sweet and dear
Of all the joys you've had.
Walk hand in hand along the road
To reach the rainbow's end.
Let not your heart be troubled now. . .
For God will be your friend.

Acknowledgment

We wish to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of support, prayers, love, and kindness shown to us. Words are inadequate to express the gratefulness we feel towards all of you who have consoled us during our bereavement. May God bless you and keep you.

—The Family

Services Entrusted To:

FB. PRATT & SON FUNERAL HOME
601 South Street • Newberry, South Carolina
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*A
Celebration
of
Life
for*

Mrs. Addie Thomas Perry

Sunrise
December 17, 1924

Sunset
July 23, 2019

Saturday, July 27, 2019
11:00 A.M.

Bethlehem Baptist Church
Newberry, South Carolina

Rev. Fredrick L. Smith, Pastor
Rev. James Williams, Presiding

When I Must Leave You

When I must leave you for a while
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears
And hug your sorrow to you through the years
But start out bravely, with a gallant smile,
And for my sake, and in my name
Live on, and do all things the same.
Feed not your loneliness on empty days
But fill each waking hour in useful ways,
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer
And I, in turn, will comfort you, and hold you near;
And never, never be afraid to die
For I am waiting for you in the sky.



Order of Service
Reverend James Williams, Presiding

Musical Prelude

Processional

Scripture Reading
Old Testament Rev. Harry Werts, Nephew
Proverbs 31:10-31
New Testament Danielle L. Winborne, Nephew
1 Corinthians 15:51-58

Prayer of Comfort

Selection James Johnson, Nephew
“Gathering Of Flowers”

Remarks Please Limit to 2 to 3 Minutes
Community Ms. Stephanie Shells-Little
Sorority Member, Pi Beta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Church Mrs. Willie Mae Williams
Student Mr. Oscar J. Walker, Gallman High School (Class of 1966)
Student Mrs Fannie Shelton, Gallman High School (Class of 1963)
Godddaughter Mrs. Shirley Suber
Family Mr. Claude Thomas, Nephew

Poem Mrs. Mary Weaver, Friend
“A Psalm of Life” by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Reading of the Obituary Please Read Silently

Selection James Johnson, Nephew
“If I Would Walk”

Eulogy Rev. James Williams

Recessional “Blessed Assurance”

Committal and Benediction Graveside

Interment Newberry Memorial Gardens

Repast Bethlehem Baptist Church Fellowship Hall



A Grandmother Is Love

A grandmother has a lovely way
Of bringing joy to every day
By finding thoughtful things to do
To show the love she has for you...
She always seems to understand.
She always lends a helping hand.
She's someone special, someone dear,
Who's loved more with each passing year...
A grandmother is so many things,
It's hard to describe the joy she brings,
She's a wonderful blessing from above...
For, most of all, a grandmother is love.



Obituary

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

II Timothy 4:7

Mrs. Addie Thomas Perry, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John and Sadie Black Thomas, was born December 17, 1924, in Abbeville, South Carolina. She entered the arms of Jesus, Tuesday, July 23, 2019. She was blessed with 94 years of life in which she touched so many lives. She provided a great foundation by teaching life's valuable lessons such as to live life with integrity, learn something new each day, be respectful and kind to each other and to always pray!

Mrs. Perry attended public school in Abbeville, South Carolina, and was a 1950 graduate of Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina, where she received a Bachelor's Degree in English and French. She continued her education at Rutgers University and North Carolina Agriculture and Technology by obtaining a Master's Degree in Education in 1970.

Mrs. Perry was an educator with a passion of ensuring her students excelled. She was a strong advocate for the students; therefore, she taught valuable life-skills beyond the classroom. She taught not only English but French as well for nearly 35 years in multiple schools such as Carver High School, Gallman High School, and Newberry Junior High School. She was a pioneer during times of segregation and led the way of ensuring all children received equal educational opportunities. She often talked with her former students who gladly joked about her sternness which made them a better student...for which they often thanked her!!

While growing up in Abbeville, SC, she accepted Christ and was baptized at an early age at Campfield Baptist Church. Her love for Christ led her to teaching Sunday School and singing in the choir. For over 20 years at Welch Zion Baptist Church, she served on the Pulpit Aid, Mother and Deaconess Boards, along with singing in the choir. Upon her passing, she was a dedicated member of Bethlehem Baptist Church where she continued to worship the Lord by serving His people. She was a member of the Senior Choir, Deaconess Board, and taught Vacation Bible School.

Throughout her life's journey, she influenced so many people in the church, community, and school system. She was a mentor to everyone and loved by all!! She was a life member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Mrs. Perry was a loving and dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend. She was married to the late Mr. Theodore Perry for nearly 50 years upon his death in February 2007. To this union, they were blessed with two lovely daughters; Ms. Sharon Perry Delaney of Newberry, SC and Mrs. Lisa Perry Smith of Arlington, VA. In addition to her daughters, she leaves to cherish her precious memories, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren who were her pride and joy; Mr. Michael Thomas Delaney (Heidi) of South Mills, NC, Miss Karla Vilisha Delaney of Newberry, SC, who dedicated her time and assisted with her medical care, Miss Brittany Jalis Smith and Johnathan Edward Smith both of Arlington, VA; and two great-granddaughters, Madyson Amberly Delaney of Moyock, NC, and Madelynn Benton. She leaves behind a loving sister, Mrs. Doris Thomas Warden of Jamaica, New York, who she enjoyed their late night chats and singing hymns and songs, as well as a brother-in-law; two sister-in-law; and host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

The Promise of Tomorrow

We walked the path of this life,
Hand in hand, heart to heart,
Joined as one, Husband and Wife,
Until we had to part.
Death is a curious idea,
My love for you is very real,
It pained me to live without you near,
It's something time never healed.
Now my darling, I close my eyes,
And imagine your smiling face,
As my spirit flies towards the skies,
And I'm reunited with you in grace.
No one could truly be mourning,
If they just knew how grateful I am,
I'm with you and it's like a summer's morning,
Joined forever, woman and man.
I look briefly at the ones who have to live on,
In the world of trials and strife,
But I know they'll be fine as we taught them well.
Don't be down; don't frown
Let go of your sorrow!
Soon there will be a glorious sound
And a promise of tomorrow!



Dear Mom In Heaven

You taught
You praised
You hugged
You encouraged
You laughed
But most of all,
You LOVED
And that's the best thing
Any mother can do!!
So thankful for you
And your Love!!!

