



Casket Bearers
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Acknowledgment

We, the family of the late Mrs. Mary Alice Bookman, would like to express our sincere gratitude for the many expressions of love and sympathy shown towards our family in the very difficult time.

—The Family

Home At Last

There are no words, what can I say.

*At last her sweet soul winged its way to peace and freedom in the sky
Where never again will she suffer or cry it's all a part of God's Great Plan . . .*

Which is a mystery to man.

*We cannot understand His ways nor can we count our Earthly days
But who are we to question and doubt God knoweth well what He's about.*

He knew she longed to "go to sleep" where only angels a vigil keep.

The pain of living grew too great no longer could she stay and wait.

She did not want to leave you dear but she had finished her work down here.

So she closed her eyes and when she awoke these are the words the Master spoke,

"Welcome, dear child, you are Home at last and now the burden of living is past,

There's work for you in My Kingdom, dear and you are needed and wanted here."

So weep not, she's just gone on ahead don't think of her as being dead.

She's out of sight for a little while and you'll miss her touch, and her little smile.

But you know she is safe in the home above where there is nothing but Peace and Love.

And, surely, you would not deny her peace and you're glad she has found release.

Think of her there as a soul that is free and Home at last, where she wanted to be.

Services Entrusted To:

F.B. PRATT & SON FUNERAL HOME

601 South Street • Newberry, South Carolina

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Homegoing Services
Celebrating the Life
of

Mrs. Mary Alice Bookman

Sunrise
August 22, 1941

Sunset
January 19, 2020



Friday, January 24, 2020
2:00 P.M.

Hannah A.M.E. Church
Newberry, South Carolina

Reverend Richard McKnight, Pastor
Officiating

Obituary

Mrs. Mary Alice Bookman was born on August 22, 1941, in Prosperity, South Carolina, to the late Allen Frank Herbert and the late Virginia Hare Herbert. She entered into eternal rest on Sunday, January 19, 2020, at NHC Health Care in Clinton, South Carolina.

She was a member of Hannah A.M.E. Church where she was the President of the Senior Choir, President of the Missionary Society and the Pulpit Aide. She was also a member of the Women’s Home Aide Society #59. She was a laundry attendant at American Suites Hotel.

Mrs. Bookman was predeceased by her brothers, Virnelson Herbert, Allen Adam Herbert, and her sister, Azalee Herbert.

She leaves to cherish her memories, her daughters, Patsy A. Bookman of Portland, OR, and Deborah Ruff (Bobby) of Newberry, SC; her sons, John Bookman of Little Mountain, SC, Corey Bookman (Melissa) of Newberry, SC, and Thomas Dorley of Little Mountain, SC; grandson reared in the home, Christopher Bookman of Newberry, SC; two sisters, Betty Lyles (Kenneth) of Pomaria, SC, and Thelma Herbert of Lexington, SC; six brothers, James Frank Herbert and John Earl Herbert (Debra), both of Prosperity, SC, Mike Ray Herbert, Raymond Kenny Herbert (Linda), Paul Herbert (Beverly) and Calvin Herbert, all of Newberry, SC; nine grandchildren, Tykiria Bookman, D’Angelo Bookman, Ja’Baria Cromer, Kedrick Davis, Alexis Bookman, Ja’Markus Bookman, Tequilla Hare (Frank), Chayla Williams (Andre) and Kerry Workman (Karla); four great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Amazing Grace

How sweet the sound
Twas grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace shall bring me home.

Order of Service

Prelude	
Processional	Clergy and Family
Final Viewing	Family and Friends
Selection	Tomeshia Williams
Prayer	Rev. Jacqueline R. Sims
Scripture Readings	
Old Testament	Rev. Jacqueline R. Sims
	Isaiah 41:27-31
New Testament	Pastor Rosette Gallman
	Thessalonians 4:13-18
Reflections	Please Limit To Two Minutes
Resolutions	WHAS #59
Selection	Rev. Jacqueline R. Sims
Words of Comfort	Rev. Richard McKnight
Selection	Oak Grove Presbyterian Church Choir
Recessional	
Committal and Benediction	Graveside
Interment	Hannah A.M.E. Church
	Newberry, South Carolina
Repast	Helena Community Center
	Newberry, South Carolina