

FLORAL BEARERS

Family and Friends

PALL BEARERS

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OUR VILLAGE

The family of Evelyn U. Henry would like to thank “our village” for the abundant kindness, compassion, love, care and concern you provided her. You were always a phone call away.

Ms. Rosa L. Ashford
Mr. Trevis Boyd
Mr. Thomas Crumblin, Sr.
Mr. Kevin Douglas
Mrs. Tammy Douglas
Mr. Clarence “Danny Boy” Pauling, III.
Mrs. Gloria Robinson

A very special thanks to Ms. Rosa L. Ashford, who was mama’s constant companion, daughter and caretaker since July 2021. You had many adventures, some too scary to mention! You were like the movie “Thelma & Louise.” We never knew what would happen next, including the exploding percolator episode.

EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

We express our sincere gratitude to Dr. Harmon F. Patrick and his team at Fairfield Medical Associates, especially Ms. Delydia “Dee Dee” Durham, Mrs. Leanna Smith and Mrs. Rhonda Gwynn for providing exemplary medical service to our mother.

We are thankful for the exemplary care provided by Kindred at Home in Newberry, SC. Thank you, Mr. Chris Gilbreth, for your outstanding physical therapy.

EXPRESSION OF LOVE

We express our undying love to the Buchanan Family for always keeping our mother uplifted, especially after the death of our father, Taft Henry. Evelyn Buchanan Krask, Ellen Wallace Buchanan & William “Billy” F. Buchanan, you will never know how much your calls, cards, letters, and surprise gifts meant to her.



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Ridgeway, SC 29130
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Mrs. Evelyn Dolores Ulmer Henry

August 14, 1931 – April 17, 2022

Saturday, April 23, 2022

9:00 A.M.

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Ridgeway, SC 29130

The Reverend Dr. Danny C. Murphy, Officiating

Order of Service

The Reverend Dr. Robert M. Scotland, Presiding
Pastor, Shiloh First Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Winnsboro, South Carolina

THE PRELUDE ----- Mr. Larry B. Heath

PROCESSIONAL -----Clergy, Family and Friends

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Our Help is in the name of the Lord

PEOPLE: Who made heaven and earth

LEADER: Praise the Lord

PEOPLE: The Lord's name we praise.

HYMN OF PRAISE -----Lead Me, Guide Me

CALL TO CONFESSION -----The Reverend Dr. Robert M. Scotland, Pastor
Shiloh First Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Let us admit our
brokenness to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION ----- All

Holy God, you see us as we really are, and you know our inner most thoughts. We confess that we
are unworthy of your gracious care. We forget that all life came from you and that to you all life
returns. We have not always sought or done your will. We have not lived as your grateful
children, nor loved as CHRIST loved us. O God in your mercy, forgive us we pray.....A-Men.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT-----Proverbs 31:10-31 ----- The Reverend Yvonne B. Feaster, Pastor
St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church
Winnsboro, South Carolina

Ruth 1:16-17 -----The Reverend Dr. George A. Ashford, Jr.
Pastor, Journey United Methodist Church
Columbia, South Carolina

MY McCROREY-LISTON SCHOOL FAMILY

If I have a legacy to leave my people, like Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, it is my
philosophy of living and serving. As I face tomorrow, I am content, for I think I
have spent my life well. I pray now that my philosophy may be helpful to those
who share my vision of a world of Peace, Progress, Brotherhood, and Love.

These words were penned many years ago by Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune. Evelyn
Ulmer Henry had an unwavering faith in God and a thirst for education. These
attributes are exhibited in excerpts from one of her favorite readings written by Dr.
Mary McLeod Bethune. She loved her McCrorey-Liston School Family, and this is
what she strived to leave her students, parents, faculty and staff.

MY LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

I leave you love. ...
I leave you hope.
I leave you the challenge of developing. ...
I leave you a thirst for education.
I leave you a respect for the uses of power.
I leave you faith.
I leave you racial dignity.
I leave you a desire to live harmoniously with your fellow man.

An Angel

An angel lived among us,
A gift from God above.
She showered us with kindness
And shared with us her love.
She cherished every moment
With the man who was her life;
Walking hand in hand together,
Facing life with all its strife.
She loved her children dearly,
Each one a different way,
Nestled close within her heart.
Though, now, she's far away.
She's gone to live with Jesus.
But, she's here with us today,
Smiling down on every one of us,
And telling us she's okay.

Author Unknown

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accomplishments was collaborating with the school's parent organizations to build a new McCrorey-Liston Elementary School. She and her parents fought hard to get what was needed for a new school. This school was her pride and joy. She was elated when the school had a reunion and a dedication ceremony. Over 1000 alumni and friends attended this event. It brought tears to her eyes to see the many people who came out to witness this momentous occasion. The school who many people had looked down upon had risen to the top. The lasting relationships that she made there were second to none. The McCrorey-Liston Elementary School Family was a blessing to her, and she was a blessing to the school.

In addition to being active in education, Evelyn was active in her church, Calvary Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and in her community. She served as an Elder, Chairman of the Deacon Board, Vice-Moderator of the Women's Organization, Sunday School Teacher, After School Program Teacher, Choir Member, Church Greeter and in whatever capacity she was needed or decided she needed to create. She was also active in her husband's church, St. John A.M.E., where she served as a Vacation Bible School Teacher and she provided financial assistance to the church through their various fund-raising campaigns, church offering or wherever they needed financial assistance. She also contributed to and participated in activities at Shiloh First Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). In education, she was a member of the Phi Delta Kappa (PDK) Professional Association, the South Carolina Education Association and the Fairfield County Education Association. In the community, she served as the Den Mother to Boy Scout Troop #144, and a member of Progressive Chapter #253 Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliated (PHA). She was also a member of the Buffalo Soldiers 24th Infantry Regimental Team Associates, Incorporated Women's Auxiliary.

Evelyn is survived by two daughters, Mevelyn Henry (William F.) Gaither of Irmo, SC and Jannette Henry (Charles W.) Davenport of Batesburg, SC; five grandchildren, Guillaume M. Gaither of Irmo, SC; Tevelyn F. Gaither of Irmo, SC; Teresa D. Conelly of Gaston, SC; Charlene D. (Robert) High of Orangeburg, SC; and Charles Davenport, Jr. of Orangeburg, SC; four great-grandchildren, Jaleah Bethea of Dillon, SC, Brice D. High of Columbia, SC; Chalea' V. High of Orangeburg, SC; Mia C. Conelly of Gaston, SC; one sister, Anna U. (James) Pearson of Phoenix, AZ; neighbor and "Presbyterian Son," Larry B. Heath of Columbia, SC; nieces, nephews, cousins and the entire McCrorey-Liston School Family.

She is also survived by her "Daughters-in-Love," Barbara W. (Dan) Jones of Jenkinsville, SC; Thewanda Cooper of Columbia, SC; Rosa L. Ashford of Winnsboro, SC; Leila T. (George) Clark of Prosperity, SC; and Brenda Coleman (Peter) House of Columbia, SC. Her "Family-in-Love," Evelyn Buchanan Krask of Pawleys Island, SC; Ellen Wallace Buchanan of Chevy Chase, MD; and William Y. (Sister) Buchanan of Charleston, SC.

She was preceded in death by her husband, MSG (Ret.) Taft Henry, and their infant daughter, Evelyn Dolores Henry; sisters, Tarba Jessie Ulmer, Loretta U. Jenkins, Marjorie U. Haigler; and her brother, George T. Ulmer.

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NEW TESTAMENT – I Corinthians 15:15-58 ----- The Reverend Charles W. Davenport, Pastor
Philippi Missionary Baptist Church
Prosperity, South Carolina

HYMN ----- *"My Lord What A Morning"*

TRIBUTES ----- Calvary Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Elder Larry B. Heath

McCrorey-Liston Elementary School Family
Mrs. Marilyn Mitchell Worthy, Former Teacher

William Y. Buchanan, Jr., M.D.
Forever Son

Wanda Gale Breedlove, Ph.D.
Education Mentor and Friend
(Read by the Reverend Dr. Robert M. Scotland)

Mr. Guillaume M. Gaither & Ms. Tevelyn F. Faither
Grandchildren

RESOLUTIONS----- Calvary Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Elder Yvette Howard

The Honorable Annie E. McDaniel
South Carolina House of Representatives, District 41

SOLO-----*"The Center of My Joy"*----- Mr. Eddie J. Nelson, Owner
Nelson's Funeral Home, LLC

WORDS OF COMFORT -----The Reverend Dr. Danny C. Murphy
General Presbyter for Trinity Presbytery
Former Pastor, Calvary Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION -----The Reverend Dr. Danny C. Murphy

RECESSIONAL ----- *"I Am Free"*

COMMITTAL
The Reverend Dr. Danny C. Murphy & The Reverend Dr. Robert M. Scotland

INTERMENT AND BENEDICTION
St. John A.M.E. Church Cemetery
2740 Old Camden Road, Winnsboro, SC

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Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her. "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her the reward she has earned. Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

Proverbs 31: 26-31 (NIV)

The life of Evelyn Dolores Ulmer Henry was one that was worth far more than rubies. She worked hard, married, "The Love of her Life," MSG (Ret.) Taft Henry, traveled with him to his military assignments, had a beautiful family, came back home to live in Winnsboro, South Carolina, worked hard in her church and made an indelible imprint in her church, community and in education.

Evelyn was born August 14, 1931, to a Presbyterian Minister, The Late Reverend George Ulmer and a teacher, The Late Loretta Ayers Ulmer. She was reared in a Christian home where it was instilled in her to have a strong belief in God, work hard and get a good education. She often told stories of attending Presbyterian Churches in various places because of the pastoral assignments of her father. She could tell you about the Sunday meals that were prepared for the pastor and his family, the length of time they would be in church, the lasting friendships she made and the life of being what is now called a "Preacher's Kid" or a "PK." She would tell stories about the piano lessons she was required to endure and the fun that she had with her siblings. Life was not always perfect. She lived during the time of segregation. It was not always easy, but she always had the love and support of her family.

Evelyn was an honor graduate of Fairfield High School. In fact, she graduated a year early. She was serious about her studies and strived to excel in them. She received her B.S. Degree in Social Studies from Barber Scotia College in Concord, North Carolina where she graduated summa cum laude. During this time, she was dating her future husband, Taft Henry, who had enlisted in the United States Army. After graduation, she began her career as a fifth-grade teacher at the Jasper County Training School.

On March 15, 1952, she married "The Love of Her Life," Taft Henry. For over 68 years they were inseparable! They were in sync with everything they did in life. He supported her in all of her endeavors, and she supported him in all of his endeavors. They welcomed people into their home, and they provided meals to many relatives and friends. Evelyn was famous for her spaghetti and garlic bread. You would never leave there empty-handed. Their marriage was an embodiment of Ruth 1:16-17 (KJV).

And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will

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lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God: where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, but if ought but death part thee and me.

After finishing her contract with Jasper County Schools, she began to travel with her husband to his military assignments. During that time, she taught in the Army Education Center and the American Dependent School. She served as President of the Protestant Women of Phillips Chapel and as a Girl Scout Leader.

In 1965 she began her teaching career in Fairfield County as a third-grade teacher at McCrorey-Liston Elementary School in Blair, SC. Because of her attentiveness to detail and her high degree of mental ability, she was the "go to" person when the principal needed things done correctly and the teachers needed answers to complex questions. In 1972, she was selected as the Team Leader at McCrorey-Liston Elementary School in a new program called South Carolina Teacher Corps. The purpose of this program was to train and retain teachers for disadvantaged school districts, who would collaborate with the communities they served. Some of the interns became teachers in the communities they had worked in after the program ended. During this time, she was encouraged by her mentor in the Teacher Corps Program, Dr. Wanda Gale Breedlove, to pursue her Masters' Degree in Education. In 1974, she received her M.Ed. from The University of South Carolina. Dr. Breedlove recognized the skills that she possessed and encouraged her to pursue her doctorate; however, Evelyn felt that it would take too much time away from her number one priority, her family. That was her decision and she stuck by it.

Following her completion of serving as the Team Leader for the Teacher Corps program, she was assigned to another administrative position. The school district was required to adhere to the guidelines of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. (Title IX protects people from discrimination based on sex in education programs or activities that receive federal financial assistance). At that time, the school district did not have an African American Female Principal. Through her exemplary work in education and her educational certification and qualifications for the position, Evelyn was selected as the first African American Female Principal in the Fairfield County School District since the enactment of Title IX. Her assignment was as the principal of McCrorey-Liston Elementary School. A position she loved and held until her retirement.

Under her leadership, the school received numerous awards and recognition. She was afforded the opportunity to be a presenter at national and state conferences. The school had a highly active Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and a highly active School Improvement Council. One of her greatest