

**Order of Service**  
**Apostle Carolyn Harris, Presiding**

Prelude----- Recorded Music

Processional -----Clergy, Family and Friends

Solo -----Ms. Mary Bouknight

Prayer----- Reverend Johnny Byrd

**Scriptures:**

Old Testament-----Apostle Carolyn Harris

New Testament-----Apostle Carolyn Harris

Reflections -----Winnsboro High Class of 1971 Representative  
Mrs. Laura Johnson  
Mr. Eddie Nelson

Solo -----Ms. Marlise Hendrix

Words of Comfort -----Apostle Victoria Owens

Solo -----Ms. Andrena Hemphill

Recessional -----Funeral Directors

**Committal Rites and Presentation**

Fairfield Memorial Cemetery  
Small Town Community  
Winnsboro, SC 29180

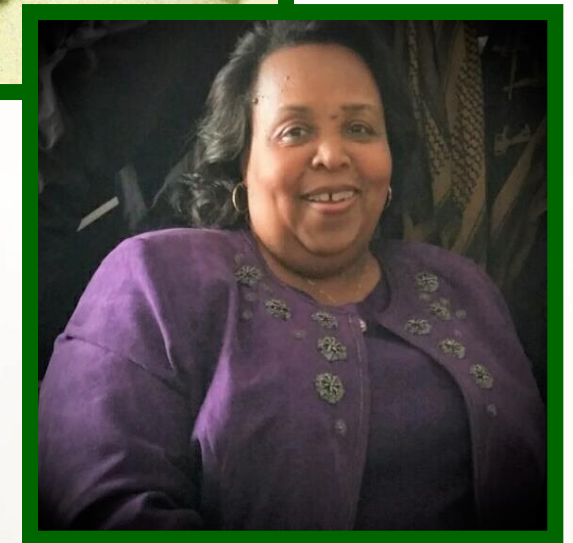
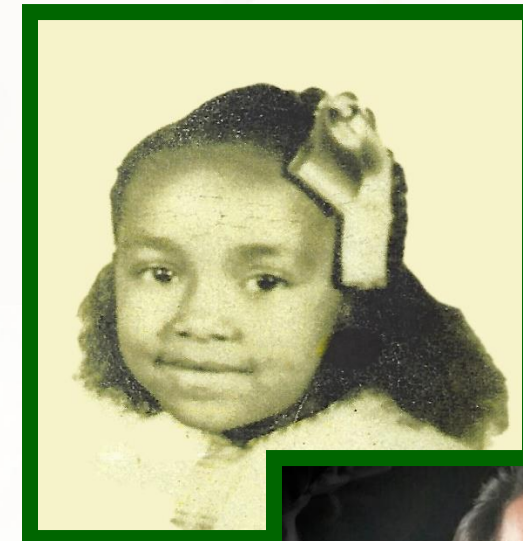
**Floral Bearers**  
Winnsboro High Class of 1971

**Pall Bearers**  
Winnsboro High Class of 1971

**Acknowledgements**

The family of the late Mrs. Maggie R. Holmes expresses their heartfelt appreciation for all tributes, condolences, acts of kindness and for the part you played in helping to lessen our burden of sorrow. May God's richest blessings be upon all of you.

**The Family**



**Mrs. Maggie R. Holmes**

**May 29, 1953 – July 4, 2019**

**Wednesday, July 10, 2019, 11:00 A.M.**  
**Wells of Living Waters Outreach Ministries**  
**140 S. Congress Street**  
**Winnsboro, SC 29180**

**Apostle Victoria Owens, Pastor**



**Nelson's Funeral Home**  
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## Obituary

*“I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.”  
II Timothy 4:7*

Servant of God, well done; rest from thy love employ; the battle is fought, and the victory is won. Enter thy Master’s Joy.

Maggie was born on May 29, 1953 in Winnsboro, SC to the late Eddie Glover and Willie Mae Morgan Robinson. There is an inevitable hour of peace that comes to everyone. That hour came to Mrs. Maggie R. Holmes on Thursday, July 4, 2019 at Prisma Health Richland Hospital in Columbia, SC, where she began her journey home. Maggie’s strength, love, faith, care and commitment to family and friends, teamed with a jolly disposition made her an exceptional person. She was a loyal and loving mother who gave freely to everyone she met.

Maggie was a lifelong resident of Fairfield County. She graduated with honors from Winnsboro High School in 1971. Moreover, Maggie’s desire to further her education led her to the University of South Carolina (“Go Gamecocks”), where she studied business administration and accounting. She was the first in her family to graduate from high school and the first to attend college.

Maggie was a member of New Hope A.M.E. Church for many years where she served as the church secretary. Maggie left New Hope A.M.E. Church to support her niece, Apostle Victoria Owens, in her ministry at Wells of Living Waters Outreach Ministries. In addition, Maggie was a faithful member and a deaconess. She worked diligently in the church, always praised the Lord, and thanked Him for all His blessings.

Maggie was joined in holy matrimony to Samuel Holmes, with whom she enjoyed 47 beautiful years of marriage. They were blessed with two children. Maggie had a sunrise date and sunset date; however, she will be remembered for what the dash represented.

Maggie’s story in the political arena began when she became the first African American to work at the Economy Drug Store on Main Street in Winnsboro, SC in the late 1960’s. Her desire to bring about change resulted in her marching and fighting for the African-American citizens of Fairfield County. She wanted them to have a voice on County Council and the School Board through the initiation of single-member districts.

Additionally, her story and life’s work did not stop there. She was instrumental in getting the citizens of Fairfield County a public transportation system. Maggie became the first African-American woman to become the Director of the Fairfield County Transit System, and she was there until her retirement in 2012 after 28 years of service. After she retired, she became a consultant to the Transit System of Fairfield County.

## Obituary cont’d

After retirement, Maggie was led back to the place where she started as a youth, the old Economy Drug Store. The store had been closed for over 30 years; however, she and her husband, Sam, renovated it and opened ABBA’s Sweet Treats in 2010. ABBA’s Sweet Treats is the “go to” place for old-fashioned ice cream, candy, birthday parties, baby showers and other recreational activities. Maggie was a truly an entrepreneur and was the first to give the town of Winnsboro a store of such magnitude.

Maggie would want to be remembered for her dedication to the Lord, a champion for equality, rearing her family, and her smiling face. She leaves her legacy and beautiful memories to be cherished by the love of her life, her devoted husband, Samuel Holmes; two children, Demetria “Dee” and Samuel “Bubba” Holmes; her one and only grandchild that she adored, Kiaria Nikole Harris; her sister, Barbara Willingham; nieces, Carolyn (Willie) Harris, Victoria (Ernest) Owens, Sandra Hall and Khaila Robertson; nephews, Michael Miller, Randy (Toneal) Robertson and Jalen Robertson; many loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and numerous friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one sister, Frances Willingham and one brother, Willie Randy Robertson.

### Safely Home Author - Unknown

I am home in Heaven, dear ones; Oh, so happy and so bright!  
There is perfect joy and beauty in this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief are over, every restless tossing passed;  
I am now at peace forever, safely home in Heaven at last.

Did you wonder I so calmly trod the valley of the shade?  
Oh! but Jesus’ love illumined every dark and fearful glade.

And He came Himself to meet me in that way so hard to tread;  
And with Jesus’ are to lean on, could I have one doubt of dread?

Then you must not grieve so sorely, for I love you dearly still;  
Try to look beyond earth’s shadows, pray to trust our Father’s Will.

There is work still waiting for you, so you must not idly stand;  
Do it now, while life remaineth – you shall rest in Jesus’ land.

When that work is all completed, he will gently call you home;  
Oh, the rapture of that meeting, oh, the joy to see you come!

*“To be absent from the body, is to be present with the Lord.” 2  
Corinthians 5:8*

*“In the presence there is fullness of joy.” Psalms 16:11*

### Crossing Over Author Unknown

Oh, please don’t feel guilty  
It was just my time to go..  
I see you are still feeling sad,  
And the tears just seem to flow.  
We all come to earth for our lifetime,  
And for some it’s not many years...  
I don’t want you to keep crying  
You are shedding so many tears.  
I haven’t really left you  
Even though it may seem so...  
I have just gone to my heavenly home,  
And I’m closer to you than you know.  
Just believe that when you say my name  
I’m standing next to you...  
I know you long to see me,  
But there’s nothing I can do.  
But I’ll still send you messages  
And hope you understand ..  
That when your time comes to  
“cross over,” I’ll be there  
to take your hand.