

Order of Service
Reverend Dr. Ivory T. Thigpen, Presiding

Musical Prelude-----

Processional -----Clergy, Family and Friends

Opening Hymn----- Jubilee/ #1 Singing Convention Choir

Scriptures:

Old Testament – Psalm 23 ----- Reverend Mattie Branch

New Testament- John 14:1-6 --- Reverend Mary Rosebourgh

Prayer of Comfort ----- Reverend Loretta Able

Solo----- Ms. Zakyia and Ms. Aliya McCants
Great Nieces, Camp Spring, MD

Reflections-----

Deacon Johnny Glymph
Bishop Aaron Raley – Nephew
Deacon Ryan Branch
Bishop Levern McKenny – Spiritual Son

Resolution ----- Church Clerk

Selection ----- Rehoboth Baptist Church Jubilee Choir

Words of Comfort ----- Reverend Dr. Ivory T. Thigpen

Recessional -----Funeral Directors

Committal Rites and Presentation

Memorial Gardens of Columbia
9301 Wilson Boulevard
Columbia, SC 29203

Floral Bearers
Family and Friends

Pall Bearers
Family and Friends

Acknowledgements

We, the family of Mary Ellen Raley humbly thank you all for your fervent prayers. The love and kind words of comfort given to our family during this time have truly been a blessing! We are prayerful that you will continue to surrender words of encouragement and continued prayers for us, not only today; but more importantly in the days ahead. May God bless you all abundantly.

The family would like to extend special thanks to Amedisys Home Health Care Therapists, Susan and Tamara; Prisma Health Richland Cardiologist, Benjamin Jones; and Tracy Voss and Carolyn McLellan from Prisma Health Richland Internal Medicine.

A Mother's Love

You are there to pick me up whenever I'm feeling down

You keep me holding on and know how to ease the pain
at times when I'm bound.

Even the humbleness in your voice knows how to calm

My spirit and lets me know everything will be okay.

I will love you always not just on Mother's Day.

Step by step you guided me through the stages of life.

Dealt with all my foolishness and stuck by my side

Even when I didn't want to do right.

From the birth, through all the hurt,

You are the best definition of a woman's worth.



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In Loving Memory



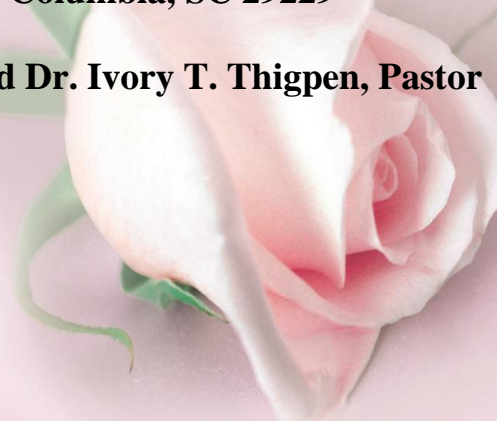
Mrs. Mary Ellen McCants Raley

June 7, 1939 – March 1, 2020

Saturday, March 7, 2020
11:00 A.M.

Rehoboth Baptist Church
4646 Hardscrabble Road
Columbia, SC 29229

Reverend Dr. Ivory T. Thigpen, Pastor



Obituary

Mrs. Mary Ellen McCants Raley was born June 7, 1939 in Columbia, SC. She was the beloved daughter of the late Roosevelt McCants and Eliza Jane Martin McCants and she was the oldest of three children. She was called home to be with the Lord on Sunday, March 1, 2020 at Prisma Health Richland Hospital in Columbia, SC.

Mary was united in holy matrimony to the late Otis Raley on October 10, 1958 and from this union, two children were born, Sharon Oreatha Raley Mitchell and Alonzo Erwin Raley.

Mary graduated from Bethel High School in Blythewood, SC. She was a seamstress and was employed as a Relief Operator at Hobart/Whirlpool Corporation in Blythewood, SC. She was also employed at Elgin Watch Factory in Elgin, SC where she was a loyal and faithful employee and until her retirement after many years of service.

Mary accepted Christ as her personal Savior at the age of 12 and was baptized at Rehoboth Baptist Church on Highway #34 in Ridgeway, SC. At Rehoboth, she served in many capacities such as, a member of the Jubilee Choir, Number One Singing Convention, Usher Board, Musical Choir, Sunday School Teacher, Secretary of Fairfield Association, Flower and Beautification Committee, Pastor's Aide, Kitchen Committee and the Missionary Ministry.

She was a loving and devoted mother, sister, aunt and friend. Though she is no longer with us physically, her loving and kind spirit will forever live in the hearts of her loved ones.

Those left to cherish fond and precious memories are her children, Sharon Oreatha Raley Mitchell and Alonzo Erwin Raley; one grandson, Kamron Aubrey Mitchell; one great-grandson, Cabe Jordan Monteith; one brother, Roosevelt (Yvonne) McCants of Clinton, MD; one sister, Bennie Rachel White of Miami, FL; god-sister, Theresa Keith of White Plains, NY; extended family members, Sandra and Lestroy Richards of McDonough, GA; Brooke Aitchison and Willie Guider of Blythewood, SC, Christopher and Sylvia Campbell of Jacksonville, FL, Eloise Thompson Davis, Reverend Mary Rosebourugh, Thelma Glenn, Cheryl Holmes; Bishop Levern and Pastor Stephanie McKenny; Marlyn Goins-McCants and Dollie Goins of Camp Springs, MD; Pastor Tony and Stacy Ford, Bishop James and Bishop Theresa Randolph, Cecil Hamm, Bishop Aaron and Bishop Mary Raley; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends all of whom join the family in sharing the grief caused by her untimely departure but rejoice that she is resting with the Lord.

