



HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Trustee and Deacon Ministry
of Trinity Baptist Church

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Maurice Holloway
Randy Holloway
Wendell Freeman
Chris Freeman
Nathaniel Freeman
Danel Harrison

HONORARY FLORAL BEARERS

Senior Citizens' Ministry
of Trinity Baptist Church

ACTIVE FLORAL BEARERS

Belinda Robins
Carolyn Rice
Halestine Graham
Dara Mickle
Tammy Mickle
Valerie Tyson

The Lord's Prayer

***⁹Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.***

***¹⁰Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven.***

¹¹Give us this day, our daily bread.

***¹²And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespassed against us.***

***¹³And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever. Amen.***

THE FAMILY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

How truly grateful we are to have wonderful friends like you! Your love and support for our family has been very much appreciated during this time of loss.

We thank you for the many cards, calls, flowers and other generous acts. But most of all, we thank you for your prayers, as they continue to sustain us. Special thanks are extended to the Trinity Church family, White Oak, Maurice, Mary, Verdell and Wendell for your love and support.

May God bless and keep you all.

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A Homegoing Celebration
HONORING THE LIFE OF

Mrs. Willie Mae FREEMAN-MICKIE

Sunrise
May 8, 1936

Sunset
August 11, 2017

Saturday, August 19, 2017
One O'Clock in the Afternoon

Trinity Baptist Church
2521 Richland Street, Columbia, SC

Reverend Thurmond Bowens, Jr.

REFLECTIONS OF HER LIFE

*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."*

John 14: 27

Mrs. Willie Mae Freeman Mickle was born May 8, 1936, in Edgefield, South Carolina. She was the third of 4 children born to the late Willie & Corrie Brunson Freeman, and the step-daughter of the late Lula Bell L. Freeman. After a brief illness, she went home to be with the Lord on Friday, August 11, 2017, in Columbia, South Carolina.

Willie Mae attended the public schools of Edgefield County. After a car accident involving her parents, she left school in the 11th grade to come to Columbia to help support her family. She ended up staying and met the love of her life, the late Celestic Mickle of Winnsboro, SC. The two were united in Holy Matrimony in 1955. To their union two children were born.

Mrs. Mickle retired from the SC Department of Mental Health after more than 35 years of service. During her tenure with the state, she worked as the Lead cook in the Dietary Department and was later chosen to train under the Baker. She ultimately became the Lead Baker. Her cakes and pies were sought after by persons all over the state of South Carolina.

She was called "Nana" due to the loving way she had with children. Many young people passed through her home and were fed and nurtured at her table. Kristen, Marcus, Ross, Anna, Darshana, Tyler, David, Ronda, Jasmine, Monquie & Gerald were a part of Nana's Angels. She loved each of them as if they were her own grandchildren.

A wonderful cook and baker, Willie Mae enjoyed cooking meals for others. Her specialty was baking birthday cakes for all of her nephews and nieces. She especially enjoyed hearing Maurice and Keta fuss over their birthday cakes every August 30th and September 3rd.

Mrs. Mickle, was baptized at an early age at Springfield Baptist Church, in Edgefield, SC. Upon relocating to Columbia, she joined the Jehovah Baptist Church where she served faithfully for many years. After the death of her husband, she joined the Columbia Christian Fellowship Church where she served for more than 30 years. While at CCF, she was a faithful member of the Sunday school, Choir, and was Chairperson of the Kitchen Ministry, where she ran a very tight ship. It was also during this time that she opened her home to young women for a "Lunch Time" Bible Study. She became well known for her gift of hospitality, and through her faithful discipleship, the Lord used her to touch the lives of many people all over Columbia. After many years of service to CCF, she was led to the Baracha Church where she attended faithfully and served as church mother. After serving there, she became a devoted member of the Trinity Baptist where she was a faithful and dedicated member of the Sunday School, Noonday Bible Study, and was a member of the Senior Citizen, Missionary and the Women's Ministries.

She was a faithful prayer warrior, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend who will be missed by all who loved and knew her.

She was also preceded in death by her son, Amaker; her brother, Nathaniel; and sister, Mary.

Mrs. Mickle is survived by her devoted and loving daughter, **Carketa M. (Dec. Stacey, Sr.) Hampton** of Columbia, SC; granddaughters, **Leah Celeste McCullers** of Mooresville, NC; and **Michelle Lanier** of Raleigh, NC; great-granddaughters, **Royah & Eden**; her beloved sister, **Corrie F. (Jake) Holloway** of Greenwood, SC; loving god-daughter, **Shaneka R. Howell** of Cayce, SC; loving and devoted nephews, **Maurice (Dr. Mary) Holloway** of Lexington, SC, **Nathaniel (Joyce) Freeman** of West Columbia, SC; **Rev. Randy (Bridgette) Holloway** of Greenwood, SC; **Apostle Wendell Freeman** of Irmo, SC; and **Robert Holloway** of Federal, MD; loving and devoted nieces, **Rev. Verdell (Rev. Jimmy) Duggan**, **Annette Johnson**, both of Columbia, SC; **Sharon (James) Saxon**, **Deborah (Donald) Parks**, of Greenwood, SC; **Joretta (Johnny) Anderson** of New Port News, VA; and **Rachel (Anthony) Jones** of Atlanta, GA; her two double first cousins whom she loved dearly, **Truman Freeman** and **Claudine Freeman**, both of Columbia, SC; loving sisters-in-law, **Belinda G. Mickle** of Philadelphia, PA; and **Delphine M. Nelson** of Glenarden, MD; and a host of other nephews, nieces, loving relatives and friends.



*How is it that I never saw your wings
when you were here with me?
When you closed your eyes and soared
to the Heavens, I could hear the
faint flutter of your wings as you left.
Your body no longer on this side,
your spirit here eternally,
I see your halo shine.

I close my eyes and see the multi-colored wings
surrounding me in my saddest moments
and my happiest times.
Mother, my sweet angel,
God has given you your assignment:
always my mother, forever my angel.
You fly into my dreams; and when I am asleep,
I feel your wings brush against my face,
wiping away the tears I shed
because I can no longer hold
you in my arms, only in my heart.
You earned those wings, dear mother;
and you will always be my angel eternal.*

ORDER OF CELEBRATION

REVEREND GAIL COKER, PRESIDING

Prelude

Processional..... "Total Praise..... Clergy and Family
Trinity Baptist Church Choir

Final Farewell to Our Beloved Willie Mae..... Bostick-Tompkins Staff

Hymn of Praise..... "Glory to His Name"
Trinity Baptist Church Choir

Scripture Readings

Old Testament..... Psalm 91:1-16
Reverend Randy Holloway, Nephew

New Testament..... John 14:1-6
Reverend Russell Moore

Prayer of Comfort..... Reverend Dr. Malcom Taylor
Pastor, New Light Beulah Baptist Church, Hopkins, SC

Selection "When I Get Home"
Trinity Baptist Church Choir

Reflections (three minutes please) Deacon and Mrs. Rodney Cumberbatch
Mrs. Belinda G. Mickle (Sister-in-Law)
Maurice (Nephew) and Mary Holloway, Rev. Verdell Dugans (Niece)

Her Favorite Scripture..... The 23rd Psalm
Apostle Wendell Freeman, Nephew

Tribute..... Michelle Lanier and Leah Celeste
Granddaughters

Selection

Words of Comfort..... Reverend Thurmond Bowens, Jr.

Recessional

SERVICES OF COMMENDATION

Committal, Closing Prayer, Benediction & Interment

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