

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional Clergy and Family

Final Farewell to Our Beloved.....BTFH Staff

Selection..... "This Little Light of Mine"

Scripture ReadingsElder Donna Joyner
Bible Way Church of Atlas Road

Old Testament Psalm 103:1-13 NLT

New Testament II Timothy 4:5-8 NLT

Prayer of Comfort Gladys Hazel
Grace Ministries of Columbia

SelectionChevalle Barboza, BWCAR
"One Sweet Day"

Remarks (3 Minutes)Family & Friends

Selection.....Chevalle Barboza, BWCAR
"Amazing Grace"

Words of Comfort Elder Jennifer Abney
Bible Way Church of Atlas Road

COMMITTAL SERVICES CLOSING & BENEDICTION

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Recessional.....

When Great Trees Fall
Maya Angelou

*When great trees fall,
rocks on distant hills shudder,
lions hunker down
in tall grasses,
and even elephants
lumber after safety.
When great trees fall
in forests,
small things recoil into silence,
their senses
eroded beyond fear.
When great souls die,
the air around us becomes
light, rare, sterile.
We breathe, briefly.
Our eyes, briefly,
see with
a hurtful clarity.
Our memory, suddenly sharpened,
examines,
gnaws on kind words
unsaid,
promised walks
never taken.
Great souls die and
our reality, bound to
them, takes leave of us.
Our souls,
dependent upon their
nurture,
now shrink, wizened.
Our minds, formed
and informed by their
radiance, fall away.
We are not so much maddened
as reduced to the unutterable ignorance of
dark, cold caves.
And when great souls die,
after a period, peace blooms,
slowly and always
irregularly. Space's fill
with a kind of
soothing electric vibration.
Our senses, restored, never
to be the same, whisper to us.
They existed. They existed.
We can be. Be and be
better. For they existed.*

THE FAMILY'S EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE
The family of the late Mrs. Ethel Mae Brown McCleary would like to express their sincere gratitude to everyone who showered them with sympathy, comforting words, genuine prayers, acts of kindness, and concerns all throughout this journey and time of bereavement. A very special thanks to Prisma Home Health Hospice and South Carolina Oncology for loving and specialized services. May God bless each of you.

Services Entrusted to:

BOSTICK-TOMPKINS FUNERAL HOME

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2930 Colonial Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29203
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A CELEBRATION OF Her Life

Sunday, May 23, 2021
Three O'clock in the Afternoon

Bostick-Tompkins Funeral Home
2930 Colonial Drive, Columbia, SC

Mrs. Ethel Mae
Brown McCleary



"MAE"

NOVEMBER 7, 1957 ~ MAY 16, 2021

Reflections of Her Life

Mrs. Ethel McCleary, born as Ethel Mae Brown to the late Lindo and Dorothy Milligan Brown was born on November 7th, 1957 in North, South Carolina, Orangeburg County. It is saddened she departed her life on earth on Sunday, May 16th, 2021 in the peacefulness of her home in Columbia, SC to live eternally with our Lord and Savior.

Mrs. Ethel is an alumni of Brooklyn Cayce High School class of 1975 in Cayce, SC. She received her Pharmacy Technician associates degree from Remington College Columbia Campus in 2014. She recently served as a compliance administration assistant at South Carolina Department of Mental Health and a direct support professional at Babcock Center part-time. Through her career, she held several positions within the state government and local agencies, serving vulnerable communities while still dedicating devoted time to her loving family. She was a member of Grace Ministries located in Columbia, SC. But most importantly, her faith and life resemble the life of our Lord Jesus Christ. There are not enough words to share her accomplishments and the multitude of milestones she endured during her 63 years of life. Mrs. Ethel was known as a true and loving friend, honest and noble woman, caring and nurturing, strong and resilient, committed, and loyal, and most importantly, to the people that hold her close to their hearts, the air that they breathe. She was also known as the life of the party, whether the "party" was a wedding, little league football or basketball game, graduations, her work office, or even other loved ones' end of life celebration. You would often catch her upbeat spirit walking into a room with a huge smile on her face along with a two-step or a cha-cha-slide. Her family and friends are forever grateful to have known and love a woman whose character was sweeter than honey.

Mrs. Ethel, who is predeceased by her parents Lindo and Dorothy Brown and brother Legrand Brown,

She leaves treasured memories to her older sister, Rebecca (aka Becky) Anderson; husband, George McCleary; step-son; Christopher Hughey; three sons, LaTerron McCleary, Sergeant First Class LaVander (B'Neika) McCleary, and Kendall McCleary of Columbia, South Carolina; one daughter; LinTiya (aka Tiya) McCleary of Gastonia, North Carolina; step-grand-children, Kierra Johnson, Chris Johnson, Chrishay Hughey, Chris Hughey, and DeShawn Hughey; grandsons, LaTerron McCleary Jr. (Kia), Shaiheim McCleary, Zyon McCord, Tristen McCleary, Eric Jivers, and Ommeri McCleary; grand-daughters, Jacida McCleary, Zoriyah McCleary, and Kendraya McCleary; great-grand-daughter, Monet McCleary; great-grand-son, Silas Milice; best friend and number one buddy, Juanita Anderson; dozens of cousins of Fort, Lauderdale Florida and Cayce, South Carolina, and plenty of other relatives and dear friends that shared the memorable moments with Mrs. Ethel.

As each of us grieve the physical present of this sweet soul, let us celebrate and honor the wonderful life of Mrs. Ethel Mae Brown McCleary.

