



Crossing Over

*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.*

Honorary Floral & Pall Bearers

Trustees and Trusettes of GBC

Flower Bearers

(nieces)

Stephanie Howard
Derby Gilliard
Jeanette Scotland
Sonya Galloway
Jeanette Gilliard
Carolyn Patterson
Gwen Gilliard

Pall Bearers

(nephews)

Braxton Howard
Dujan Patterson
Steve Patterson
Zack Howard
Anizo Hall
Darnell Gilliard
Scotty Richardson

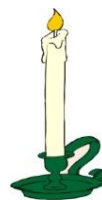


If Roses Grow in Heaven

*If roses grow in heaven,
Lord please pick a bunch for me,
Place them my Mother's arms
And tell her they're from me.
Tell her I love her and miss her,
And when she turns to smile,
Place a kiss upon her cheek,
And hold her for a while.
Because remembering her is easy,
I do it every day,
But there's an ache within my heart
That will never go away.*



Humbly submitted by the family



Professional Services Entrusted to:
Marcus D. Brown Funeral Home, Inc.
1212 South Main Street
Anderson, South Carolina 29624
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"An Eternal Flame of Remembrance"

Homegoing Celebration

for

Mrs. Earlene Cheatum Gilliard

Alpha:
May 3, 1937

Omega:
January 30, 2017



Monday, February 6, 2017
1:00 p.m.

Generostee Baptist Church
Starr, SC

Dr. Ronnie Williams, Pastor
Rev. Leopold Butler, Presiding

Order of Service

Rev. Leopold Butler, Presiding

- Prelude.....Soft Music.....Musicians*
- Processional.....Ministers & Family*
- Selection.....GBC Senior Choir*
“I Want My Lord to Welcome Me”
- Scripture Reading.....Rev. John Edwards*
- Prayer.....Rev. Leopold Butler*
- Solo.....Mr. Bernard Smith*
- Remarks (3 Mins.).....Mrs. Jennie Leverette*
Mrs. Addie Austin
- Selection.....”I’ll Fly Away”.....GBC Senior Choir*
- Words of Comfort.....Dr. Ronnie Williams*
- Recessional.....Soft Music*
- Interment.....Generostee Baptist Church Cemetery*
- Committal Service.....Ministers*



Acknowledgements

The family would like to express their sincere thanks for all the outpouring of love and kindness in their time of bereavement. Your compassion and expressions of sympathy has truly been a blessing.



Obituary

***Mrs. Earlene Cheatum Gilliard** was the daughter of the late Alexander and Alice Womack Cheatum. She was born on May 3, 1937 in Bassett, Virginia and departed this life on January 30, 2017 in Anderson, SC.*

***Earlene** attended the public schools of Bassett and she aspired to be a teacher for a short time. In 1959 she moved to Bridgeport, CT. **Earlene** was employed by Summagraphics of Fairfield, CT as an electronic assembler for over 25 years. She retired from that position in 1994. While attending a birthday celebration for one of her beloved aunties in New York, she met her current husband, James Gilliard. **Earlene** and James were married in 1996 and resided in Trenton, New Jersey for a short while after their marriage. In 1998, James and **Earlene** decided to “move down south” to his hometown of Anderson, South Carolina where they resided at the time of her death.*

***Earlene** was a former disciple of the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Bridgeport, CT where she served as a missionary and as a member of two choirs, The Dudley Singers and The Voices of Bridgeport as the lead vocalist in the gospel song “Surely, God is Able”. After moving to Anderson, she became a member of Generostee Baptist Church. At GBC, **Earlene** was a member of the Trusette Board and the Senior Choir, where she served as President. She also enjoyed working with the Culinary Ministry.*

***Earlene** was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, auntie and friend. She loved all who was around her and one of her many sayings was “smile, God loves you”. Her infectious spirit and beautiful smile shall live in the memory of her loved ones forever.*

She leaves beloved memories to her loving husband, James Gilliard of the home, her loving and devoted children, Myra C. (Mark) Beavers, Veronica L. Harris and Allison F. Harris from CT; and one son, Rodney A. Harris of Ft. Wayne, IN; two stepchildren, Frances Paul and Andrew Gilliard both of Trenton, NJ; ten grandchildren, and thirteen great grandchildren; two nieces, Alice D. Woods and Erinn M. Woods of New York; three nephews, Major Cheatum of NY, Morgan Cheatum of VA and Alexander D Cain of CA; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

***Earlene** was preceded in death by her two brothers, Arlene & Frank Cheatum; and a sister Dorothy George.*