A portrait of Mary Elizabeth Payton, an African American woman with short, dark hair, smiling gently. She is wearing a dark blue, long-sleeved dress with gold buttons and gold hoop earrings. Her hands are clasped in front of her. The background is a soft-focus image of green foliage and pink flowers.

A Celebration of her Life

Sunrise ~ December 3, 1939

Mary Elizabeth
PAYTON

Sunset ~ March 4, 2017

**Saturday ~ March 11, 2017
Two O'Clock in the Afternoon**

**Mt. Moriah Baptist Church
Starr, South Carolina**

Reverend Ron Moss, Officiating

Order of Service

Reverend Ron Moss, Presiding

Prelude.....Musicians, Soft Music

Processional.....Ministers and Family

Solo.....Reverend Kim Johnson

Scripture Reading

Old Testament.....Minister Brijette Norris

New Testament.....Minister Louise Vandiver

Prayer.....Apostle Tiffany Watkins

Solo.....Elder Felica Brownlee

Words of Reflection.....Mr. David Payton

Mrs. Mae Francis Wardlaw

Ms. Sharon Harris

Selection.....Combined Choir

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Ron Moss

Recessional Selection....."I Will Rejoice"

Committal / Benediction / Interment

Mt. Moriah Baptist Church Cemetery

Starr, South Carolina

Acknowledgements.....Mr. Marcus D. Brown

Repass.....Mt. Moriah Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

Obituary



The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

(Psalm 23, KJV)



Mary Elizabeth Payton was born to the late David Payton and Corrie Blackwell Payton in Anderson, South Carolina. She departed this life on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at her home.

She was a member of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church. She attended Old Reed Street High School. She was employed at Riverside Mill until her retirement.

Mary leaves to cherish her loving memory her eight children, Diane (Sonny) Watkins, Corrie (Willie) Hunter, Teresa Payton, Delores Cook, David Payton, Angela Cook, and Maria Cook (Donnie) and all of Anderson, South Carolina; two sisters, Cleo Ferguson of Cleveland, Ohio and Freddie Hudson of Anderson, South Carolina; two brothers, George (Judy) Blackwell of Cleveland, Ohio and Marrell Crosby of Miami, Florida; fifteen grandchildren (four grandchildren reared in the home, Shedricka Payton, Kendall Payton, Shela Payton, and Kendra Payton) Latausha Hunter Wilkerson (Jabari), Demetrius Payton, Rodricus Payton, Andre Payton, Sherry Hunter, Pelthas Cook, Kayla Lindsey, Kiara Cook, Endy Payton, Brianna Cook, Cedric Cook; seventeen great grandchildren (three great grandchildren reared in the home, Nequawn Davis, Khylie Payton, and Kendall Payton); a close friend of the family, Charlie Henderson; and a host of relatives.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Melvin Cook; parents, David and Corrie Blackwell Payton; stepmother, Vera Payton; grandparents, Wilton Payton, Sylvester Gillard, Ollie Blackwell; one great granddaughter, Brinasha Payton Vessels; special niece, Nell Sullivan; and two uncles, Lonnie Blackwell and Lawrence Blackwell.







Remember Me

Don't remember me with sadness
Don't remember me with tears
Remember all the laughter
We've shared throughout the years.

Now I am content
That my life it was worth while
Knowing that I passed along way
I made somebody smile.
When you are walking down the street
And you've got me on your mind
I'm walking in your footsteps
Only half a step behind.

So please don't be unhappy
Just because I'm out of sight
Remember that I'm with you
Each morning, noon and night.

Don't Cry For Me



Don't cry for me, I'm not gone.
My soul is at rest, my heart lives on.
Light a candle for me to see
And hold on to my memory.
Save your tears, for I'm still here
By your side through the years.

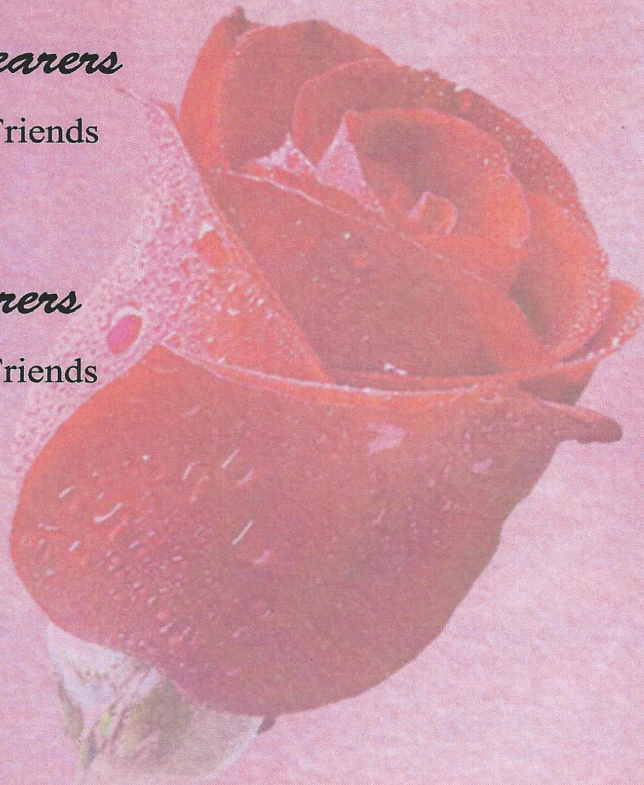


Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

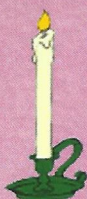


Acknowledgement

The family of the late Mary Elizabeth Payton would like to express their sincere gratitude to the many friends who shared thier grief and bereavement during the transition of Mary.

We are eternally grateful. May God forever bless and keep each of you.

~ The Family ~



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