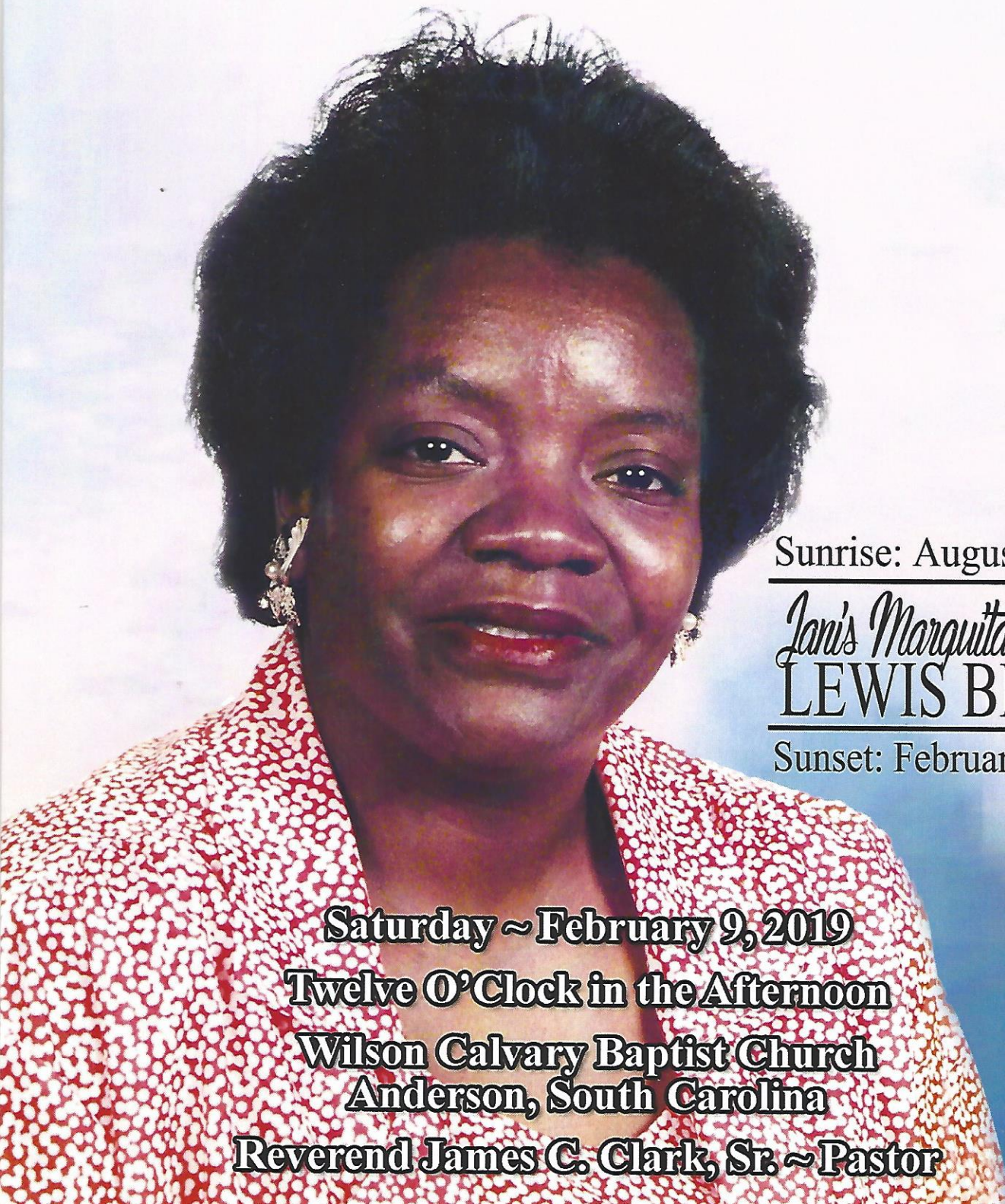


# Forever in Our Hearts



Sunrise: August 1, 1951

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*Jani's Marquita Johnson*  
**LEWIS BEARD**

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Sunset: February 3, 2019

**Saturday ~ February 9, 2019**

**Twelve O'Clock in the Afternoon**

**Wilson Calvary Baptist Church  
Anderson, South Carolina**

**Reverend James C. Clark, Sr. ~ Pastor**



*Celebrating the Life of  
Janis Marquita Johnson Lewis Beard*

Reverend James C. Clark, Sr. ~ Presiding

Prelude.....	Soft Music
Processional.....	Clergy/Family
Selection.....	Wilson Calvary Choir
Inspiration from Scripture	
Old Testament.....	Reverend William Cox
New Testament.....	Reverend William Cox
Prayer.....	Michael Dill
Selection.....	Wilson Calvary Choir
Remarks.....	J.R. Guest ~ Senior Solutions Anthony Lewis ~ Grandson Ebony Lewis ~ Daughter
Solo.....	Harry Johnson ~ Brother
Words of Comfort.....	Reverend James C. Clark, Sr.
Recessional.....	Clergy/Family

**Interment/Committal/Prayer/Benediction**  
Westview Cemetery  
434 Sayre Street  
Anderson, South Carolina 29624

*Family Acknowledgement*

We, the family of Janis Marquita Johnson Lewis Beard, would like to thank the multitude of family and friends for their prayers, support, kind acts and deeds that comforted and consoled our hearts during our time of bereavement. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for everything that you have done. Please continue to pray for us. We love you all.

~ The Family ~

*The Life Journey of  
Janis Marquita Johnson Lewis Beard*

**Mrs. Janis Marquita Johnson Lewis Beard**, 67, of 1107 Southwood Street, passed away on Sunday, February 3, 2019 at AnMed Health Medical Center. She was born on August 1, 1951. Janis attended Northside Elementary School, Westside High School and graduated from T.L. Hanna High School.

**Janis** was an integral part of integrating Anderson School District Five during summer school at Lakeside Middle School. She went on to graduate from Anderson Junior College in 1971 with an Associate of Arts Degree in Fashion Merchandising. She was a debutant and the first African-American female to work at the First National Bank as a teller; she was the first African-American to work for the Anderson City Police Department as a dispatcher; and she was the first African-American female to work for the United States Postal Service of Anderson.

**Janis** was not only blessed to be many firsts, she was also a talented seamstress and gifted musician who enjoyed playing for several different churches throughout Upstate South Carolina and Georgia during her lifetime. Janis' latest employment role was that of a substitute teacher for the very same school district she helped to integrate, Anderson School District Five. Janice loved God, her family, music and her many friends.

**Janis** is survived by her mother, Lila Leverette Johnson; one daughter, Ebony Lewis; three grandchildren, Anthony Lewis, Xylia Lewis and Amaru Lewis; one great-grandchild, Tristan Lewis; one sister, Ruth Aikens; one brother, Harry Johnson; her first husband, Willie Joe Lewis; and a host of relatives.

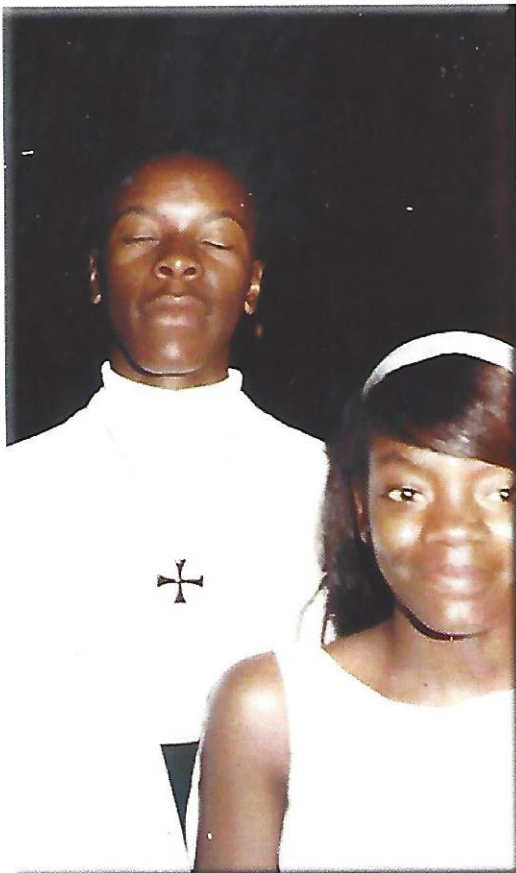
**Janis** was preceded in death by her second husband, Joseph Beard and her father, James Willie Johnson.

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*"Heaven's Gain"*

Our Loss is Heaven's gain,  
Rest on Sweet Janis till we meet again.  
You have touched so many hearts with your kind and loving spirit,  
The world was a better place with you in it.  
I can't believe that you are gone,  
That God saw fit to call you home.  
But that's His will and His will be done,  
He'll give us strength to carry on.  
We love you and we'll miss you. That is a fact,  
But God saw fit to take you back.





**Janis**  
(Hebrew Origin)

**“God’s Grace”**

*“Before you were  
conceived I knew you;  
before you came to birth,  
I consecrated you.”*

Jeremiah 1:5

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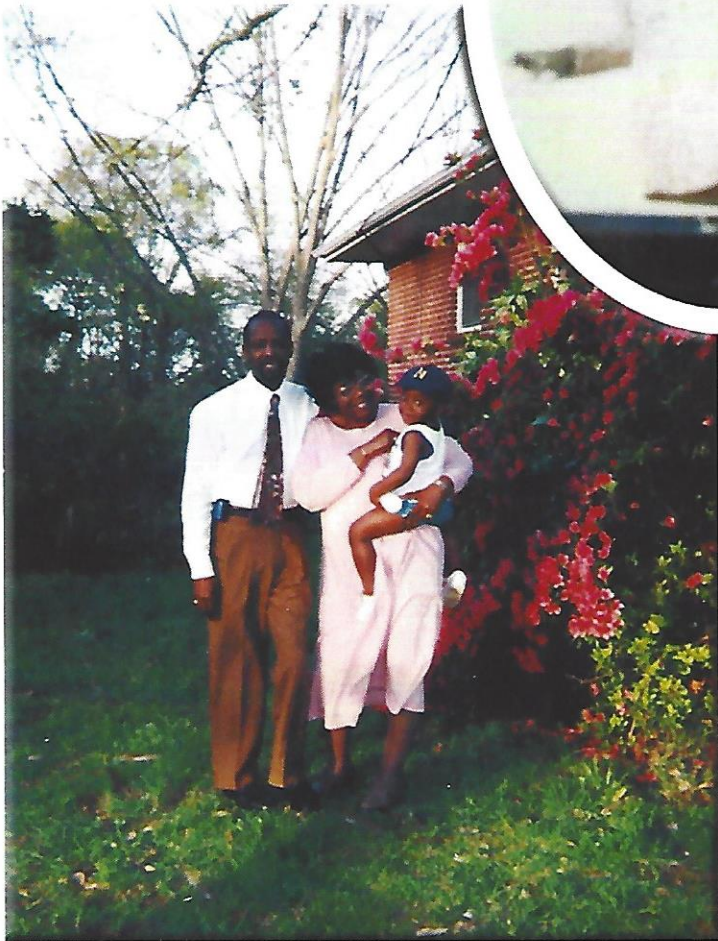




Sweet Sixteen













## *Honorary Flower Bearers*

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Timya Davis  
Ameythyst Davis

### *Flower Bearers*

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Judy Wilson  
Patricia Clinkscales  
Cynthia Cooley  
Judy Means  
Quainette Latimer  
Deborah Brewton  
Lillie Jones  
Eddy France Lewis

### *Pall Bearers*

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Doug Williford  
Anthony Edwards  
Harry Thompson  
Tim Davis  
Glenn Davis  
Charles McDowell



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**“An Eternal Flame of Remembrance”**