

# Celebration of *Life*



Grace: December 21, 1939

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*Mary Catherine*  
**REID ELLIS**

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Glory: August 01, 2021

Friday ~ August 6, 2021

Three O'Clock in the Afternoon

Ollie Robinson Brown Memorial Chapel

Marcus D. Brown Funeral Home

1212 South Main Street

Anderson, South Carolina 29624

Rev. S.A. Mattison, Eulogist

Rev. Derrell Dean, Presiding

*Celebrating Mary's Life*

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Musical Prelude.....Soft Music.....Mrs. Eula Duncan, Musician  
Processional.....Clergy, Family and Friends

Final Viewing.

Musical Selection.....Ms. Patricia Johnson, Family Friend

Inspiration from Scripture

Old Testament.....Deacon Michael Perry, Cousin

New Testament.....Deacon Drucilla Perry, Cousin

Prayer.....Rev. Billy Cleveland, Family Friend

Musical Selection.....The Dean Brothers, Cousins

Obituary.....(Observed Silently).....Soft Music

Musical Selection.....Ms. Barbara Martin, Cousin

Words of Comfort.....Rev. S. A. Mattison

Prayer for Strength.....Rev. Derrell Dean

Recessional.....

**Interment**

Oaklawn Memorial Gardens  
2323 Highway 81 North  
Anderson, South Carolina 29621  
Committal Service

Committal/Prayer/Benediction.....Clergy

Final Acknowledgements.....Mr. Marcus D. Brown, Friend

We give them back to You, O Lord,  
Who first gave them to us;  
And as You did not lose them in the giving,  
so we do not lose them in return.

Life is unending because love is undying,  
And the boundaries of this life are but a horizon,  
And the horizon is but the limit of our sight.

Lift us up, strong Son of God,  
That we may see further,  
Strengthen our faith that we  
may see beyond the horizon.

**In Appreciation**

The family of Mary Catherine Reid Ellis gratefully acknowledges with deep appreciation to the many acts of love shown during her illness, and other expressions of kindness and concern during our time of bereavement. A more personal acknowledgement will be made later.

## *Honoring the Mary's Life*

### **Familial Background:**

Mother: (Late) Hazel Reid Mattison

Siblings: Harlan (Scarlett) Mattison, Freda A. Brock and Darryl J. Mattison

God children: Stacy N. Johnson, Tracy D. Johnson, Tamara R. Grate and Tomeka R. Johnson  
and grandchildren: Tamyah "Angel Baby" Johnson and Penelope Grate

Nieces: Gabrielle T. Mattison and Markeshia J. "Neesie" Brock

Nephews: Samuel (Pia) Mattison and Keith (Jasmine) Brock

Great nephews: Alvarez Smith, III, Samuel Mattison, Jr. and Greylin Mattison

Uncle: Arthur (Florence) Reid, Jr.

Cousins: Mary is survived by a host of cousins and friends

### **Education:**

Received B.A. degree in English and French from Benedict College, Columbia, SC

Received M.Ed in Psychology from Marygrove College, Detroit, MI

Certification in Emotional Impairment, Secondary Administration and Substance Abuse Counseling from Marygrove College and the University of Detroit.

### **Career as a Teacher:**

Public Schools of Williston, South Carolina; Danville, Kentucky; Dayton, Ohio and Detroit, Michigan

Mary retired from the Detroit Public School System in 1998 after 35 years of service.

### **Church Affiliations and Activities:**

- United with Mount Pleasant Baptist Church at an early age
- Converted to Catholicism over 50 years ago
- St. Cecilia Catholic Church of Detroit, MI
- Member of Saint Mary's of the Angels Catholic Church of Anderson, SC
- Past member of the Parish Council
- Past member of the Visionary Committee
- Past secretary of the Altar Rosary Society

#### Community Affiliations:

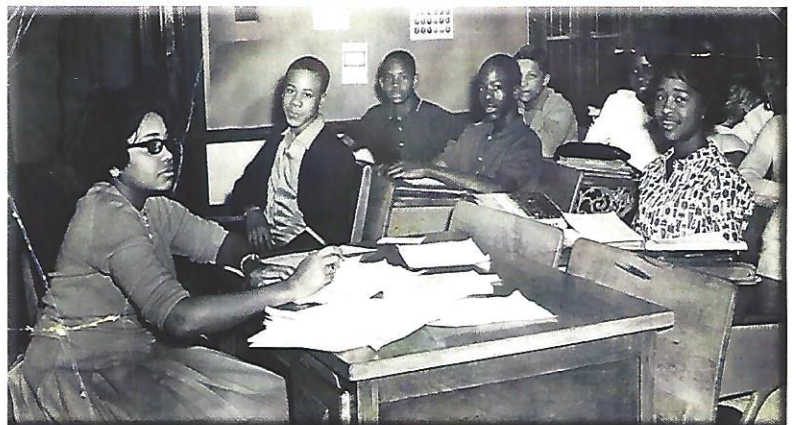
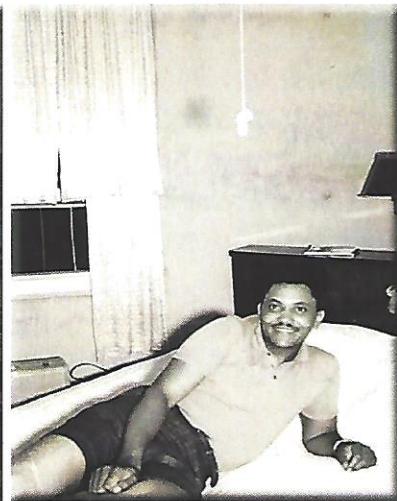
- Life member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
- Member of Detroit Federation of Retired Teachers
- Member of Anderson/Oconee Behavioral Health Services
- Board member of Phi Delta Kappa Professional Fraternity
- Member of Top Ladies of Distinction
- Board member, Morningside Community Center
- Member, Beaverdam Community Council
- Member, American Federation of Teachers

Mary was passionate about education. Her work did not end when she left the classroom. She continued to teach cousins, nieces, nephews, God children and grandchildren.

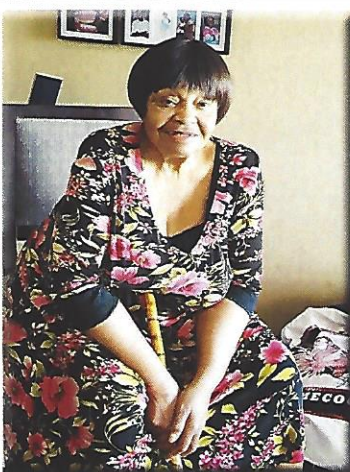
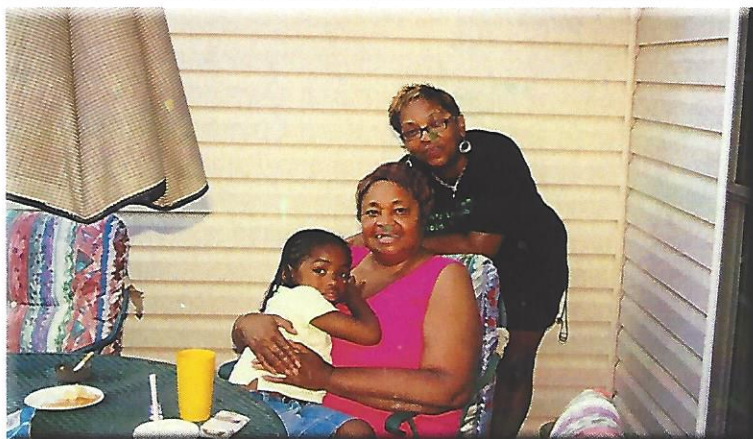
Mary enjoyed entertaining and being entertained. When she returned home from Detroit, she enjoyed opening her home to family and friends from far and near. We all enjoyed the delicious meals she prepared.

Mary will greatly missed from the ones who loved the most.

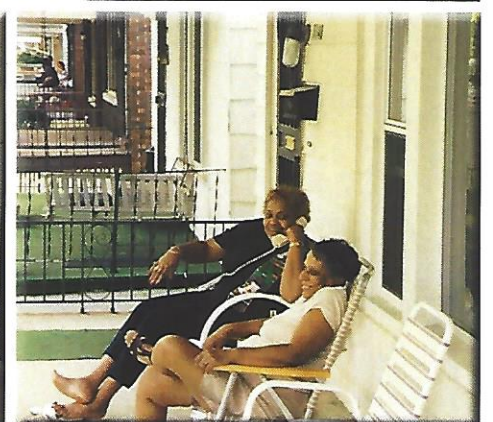
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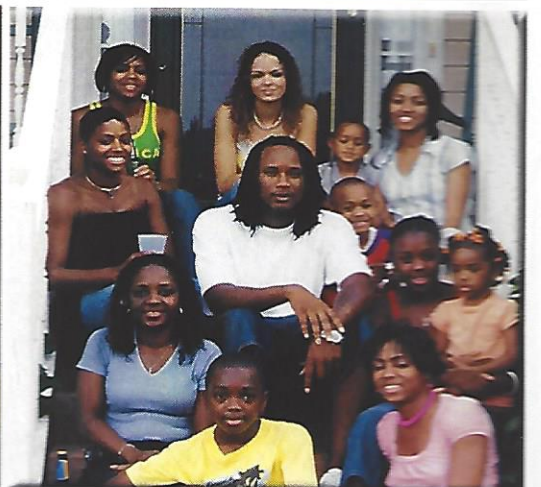
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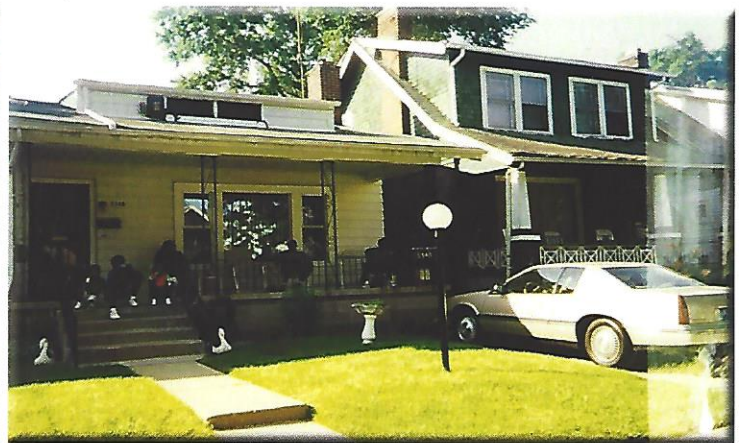


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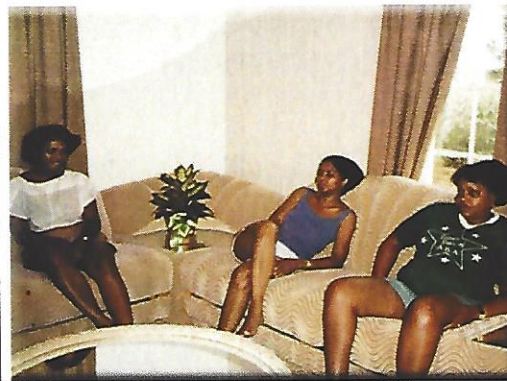
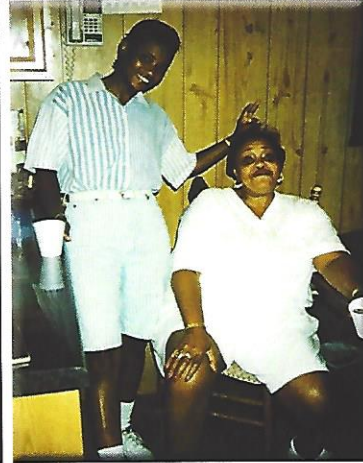




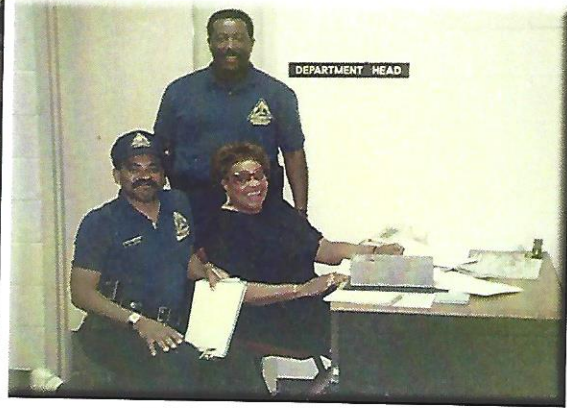
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### *Flower Bearers*

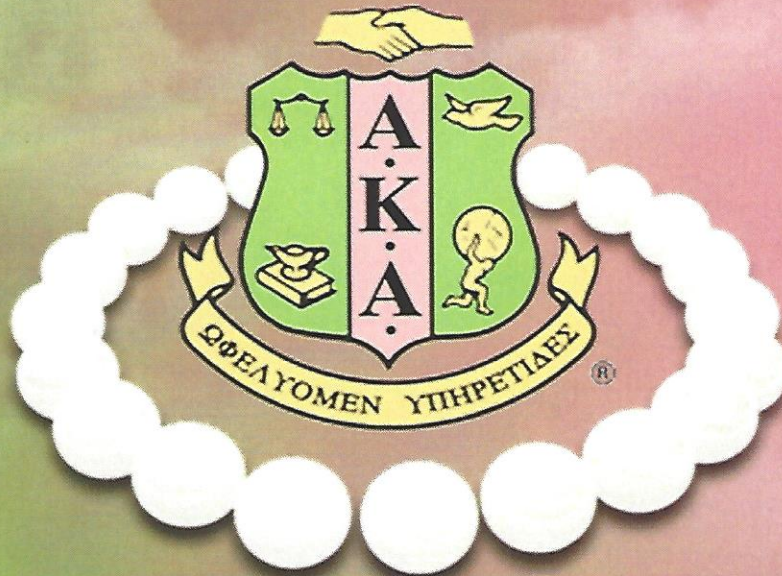
Kimberly Geer	Pamela McGowens
Diana Gambrell	Deshawn Reid
Cassandra Simmons	Renee Verdell
Kimberly Neeley	Tadausa Butler

### *Honorary Casket Bearers*

Milton Dean	Henry Owens
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### *Casket Bearers*

Anthony Billups	Gary Billups
William M. Brock	Jerry Dean
Willie Dean	Reginald Reid



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