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Floral Bearers
Deaconess and Friends



**Committal Rites Presentation
and Benediction
Forest Lawn Memorial Park
1659 Kershaw Highway
Camden, South Carolina**



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**In Honor and Loving Memory
of**

Ms. Gearldean Hamilton Cooke

Sunrise- February 25, 1953 Sunset-March 7, 2018



The Service of Life, Death, and Resurrection

**Tuesday, March 13, 2018
11 o'clock in the Morning
Mount Moriah Baptist Church
801 Broad Street
Camden, South Carolina**

**Reverend Dr. P.W. Wise, Pastor
Reverend Derrick Wise, Youth Minister and Worship Leader**

The Obituary

“To God be the Glory!”

Life Reflections for Gearldean Hamilton Cooke

“For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.” ~Romans 14: 7-9

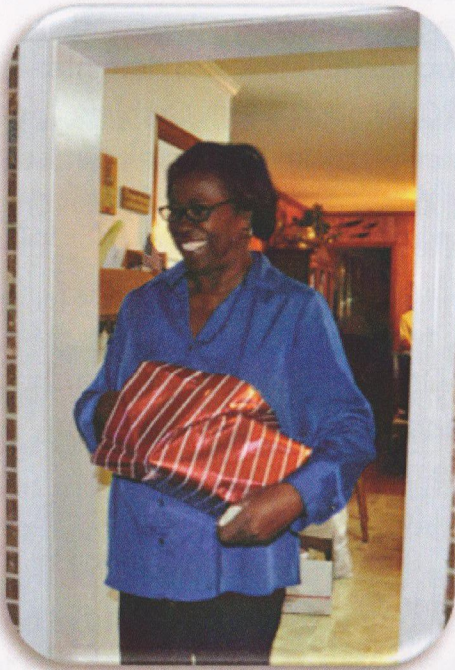
Gearldean Hamilton Cooke, the loving daughter of Reverend Willie J. Hamilton, Sr. and First Lady Rose Hamilton, was born on February 25, 1953. “Gearld,” as she was affectionately called, had a beautiful spirit and voracious appetite for life. She loved Our Lord and Savior and valiantly fought the “good fight of faith” to remain among those she loved; however, her temple wore out and in the presence of family and friends, she departed this life at Palmetto Richland Medical Heart Center on March 7, 2018 to go to her heavenly home beyond the sky.

She was born in Georgetown, South Carolina and attended schools in the Georgetown County school system. Gearld graduated from Howard High School and attended Palmer College in Charleston, South Carolina where she met the great love of her life, Herbert Cooke, Jr., always her favorite basketball star in life. They married a year later and moved to Camden in 1975. Then, they moved to Dillon, Montana when “Herb,” as he affectionately called, got a scholarship to play basketball. Upon completion of the same, they moved back to Camden for good and Gearld joined Herb at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church where she sang on the gospel choir and served as a Deaconess and usher. Gearld was always that clear voice of grace, reason and compassion. She remained a faithful and tithing member until her death.

No life is ever complete without endearing family and friends that have enriched our lives along the way and such is the case with Gearld. She leaves to mourn a devoted and loving husband, Herbert C. Cooke, Jr.; and three wonderful sons and daughter-in-laws, Jermaine (Valerie) Cooke of Columbia, South Carolina, Teon (Ryoko) Cooke of San Diego, California, and Bryan (Amber) Cooke of Chesapeake, Virginia; a loving mother, Rose Hamilton of Georgetown, South Carolina; a loving father-in-law, Mr. Herbert Cooke, Sr. of Camden, South Carolina; one devoted sister, Ms. Joyce (Amos) Hudson; two faithful sister-in-laws, Ms. Yvonne (Dave) Cooke Braught of Columbia, South Carolina and Ms. Dee (Darnell) Cooke of Spartanburg, South Carolina; two loving brother-in-laws, Anthony Jerome (Renee) Cooke of Camden, South Carolina and Jay (Joy) Thompson of Rock Hill, South Carolina; one aunt, “Auntie” Albertha (Joe) Williams; ten adorable grandchildren, Keona, Brandon, Tariq, Acqwon, Javionte, Kai, Noah, Shaw, Ayla, and Natalie, and a host of beloved aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.

Gearld’s father, Reverend Willie J. Hamilton; mother-in-law, Mrs. Willie Mae Cooke; sister, Reverend Joy Hamilton Thompson; brother, Willie Hamilton, Jr. and brother-in-law, Larry Darnell Cooke and Dave Braught, preceded her in death.

She is sorely missed and we shall never forget her valiant fight to endure, trusting in a most merciful God. However, God chose to free His daughter and take her to a place of pure shalom. She is at peace now and the heavens must have delighted in her coming.



God's Garden

God looked around his garden and found an empty place .
He then looked down upon the earth and saw your tired face.

He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest.

God's garden must be beautiful for He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering; He knew you were in pain.

He knew that you would never get well on this earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough and the hills were hard to climb.

So He closed your weary eyelids and whispered, "Peace be thine".

It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone-

For part of us went with you the day God called you home.

"YOU WILL ALWAYS BE MISSED, GEARLDEAN!"



In Appreciation

The family of the late Mrs. Gearldean Hamilton Cooke wishes to express our sincerest gratitude, love , and deepest appreciation for all of your prayers, telephoned calls, cards, flowers, and other acts of kindness during the time of our sorrow.



The Order of Worship

- Prelude Mr. Ralph Mills
Minister of Music
- The Processional "Amazing Grace" Ministers, Family and Friends
- The Words of Grace Reverend Dr. P.W. Wise
- Greetings and Call to Worship Reverend Derrick Wise
- The Musical Selection Mt Moriah Gospel Choir
- Prayer of Consolation Minister
- The Ministry of Music Reverend Jackie Williams (Niece)
- The Scripture Readings
Old Testament Reading Isiah 43:1-9 Minister
New Testament Reading John 14:1-7 Minister
- The Words of Witness (Please limit 3 Minutes)
Church/Deaconess: Sister Debbie Randolph
Friend: Ms. Valerie Frasier
Family Member: Sister, Ms. Joyce Hamilton Hudson
- Acknowledgements Ms. Margaret Clyburn Lawhorn
- Poem Ms. Connie Davis Rouse (Friend)
- Solo Reverend Robert Turner
- Words of Comfort Reverend Dr. P.W. Wise
- The Ministry of Music Mt. Moriah Baptist Church Choir
- Recessional Mr. Ralph Mills