

"I have fought the good fight. I have finished my course. I have kept the faith. Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the Righteous Judge shall give me at that day; and not me only, but unto all them that love His appearing." II Timothy 4:7-8

Acknowledgments

1) DEACONESSES AND PASTORS: *A debt of love and gratitude to our deaconesses and pastors who ministered, called, cared for, ushered, oversaw, prayed and ministered in the funeral service and throughout the family's time of bereavement.*

*Deaconess Caroline Goings, Deaconess Jo Jones,
Deaconess Jackie Lawson Pastor Lomarie Caldwell
Pastor Gerald Brown*

2) SERVING: *Much love and appreciation to those who cooked, brought food, served the family, and prepared the church for service:*

*Pastor Caldwell Caroline Goings Jackie Lawson
Jo Jones Carolyn Caldwell Diane Brown
Betty Alexander*

3) PARKING: *Many thanks and appreciation to Kenneth Jones and Jeremy Payne, who directed traffic and parking on the church property.*

4) BULLETIN/SOUND BOOTH: *Many thanks for Diane Brown who created the bulletin and operated the sound booth.*

NOTE: *Pastor Gerald Brown was diagnosed with double-pneumonia on April 9th and was unable to be at the funeral.*

Professional Services: *The family would like to express their sincere gratitude for the service they received from Brown Funeral Home, 704 S. Broad St, Camden SC 29020. Phone: 803-432-2338.*

The Drakeford family wishes to thank our church family and friends who have been there for us during our period of bereavement. Words are inadequate to express our gratefulness and appreciation we feel for your love, support, phone calls and food you have provided. Your prayers, your love, your support, and your service to our family have sustained us. The family also wishes to thank Sue Compagna (RN) and Tarsha Dixon-Mealing (CNA), of MSA Hospice for the special love, attention and quality care they provided for Pastor Drakeford. May God bless you and repay you richly for all you have done for us.

A Service of Praise Celebrating the Life of Pastor Naomi Inez Drakeford

Sunrise: October 10, 1938 ~ Sunset: April 4, 2018



"I will praise the Lord at all times."

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

10:00 AM

Door of Hope Ministries

984 Wateree Blvd

Camden SC 29020

Pastor Lomarie Caldwell/ Reverend Edward L. Sanders

Pastor Naomi Inez Drakeford

Pastor Drakeford was born on October 10, 1938, in Camden, South Carolina. She went to glory early Wednesday morning in her sleep on April 4, 2018, after a long period of illness. She was the beloved daughter of the late Eugene and Nealie Wheeler. She had three sisters, Janie Williams, Bennie Mae Johnson (deceased), Pearl Bennett; and two brothers, Johnie Jones and Jimmie Jones.

Pastor Drakeford received Jesus as her personal Savior when she was a teenager, and she was baptized at St. John Baptist Church in Camden. She graduated from Jackson High School in Camden. She was married to Deacon Curtis Leon Drakeford on March 21, 1958, until his death on July 28, 2014. Pastor Drakeford was ordained as a minister by Rev. Edward L. Sanders at Mt. Joshua Baptist Church in Camden.

Pastor Drakeford was devoted to her family, her church, enjoyed cooking, traveling and being with people. She was affectionately known as "Granny" to all who knew her. Her heart was with her family; there is nothing that she wouldn't do for them. She adored her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and loved spending time with them. She ministered to young people, church members, family and the community, encouraging, imparting wisdom and guidance to continue in their journey with the Lord.

Pastor Drakeford was a longstanding member of Door of Hope Ministries in Camden and served faithfully in the church. She was a woman of amazing faith, determination, and strength. Pastor Drakeford was a woman of prayer and the Word, and was a strong, independent, dedicated woman of God. She faithfully served at Door of Hope Ministries until her decline in health. She will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother; a friend to all and a spokesperson for her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

She is survived by her six children, Reginald Drakeford (Rhonda), Denard Drakeford, Ronald Drakeford (Kim), Terrisetta Williams (Alvis), Princess Dennis (Hykeem), and BeNa Drakeford. She leaves 21 grandchildren and 44 great-grandchildren. She leaves two sisters, Janie Williams and Pearl Bennett; two brothers, Johnie Jones and Jimmie Jones, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Pastor Drakeford was faithful in service until the Lord called her home on April 4, 2018.

Order of Service

*Pastor Lomarie Caldwell and
Rev. Edward L. Sanders, presiding*

Prelude and Final Viewing.....

Processional.....Pastor Drakeford's family

Scriptures:

Old Testament-Rev. Edward L. Sanders
New TestamentPastor Lomarie Caldwell

Welcome and Opening Prayer..... Pastor Lomarie Caldwell

Message of HopeRev. Edward L. Sanders

Soloist: "His Eye is on the Sparrow"
by Carolyn Caldwell

A Tribute to Naomi Drakeford.....Denard Drakeford

Pastor's MessagePastor Lomarie Caldwell

Special Music "Worth" by Anthony Brown

Closing Prayer.....Pastor Lomarie Caldwell

Recessional: "Let the Church Say Amen"

Pallbearers: Maliek Brunswick, Judah Brunswick, Wendell Bennett, Brenna Drakeford, Erick Hightower, and Kirby Ford.

Committal, Benediction and Interment at Ft Jackson National Cemetery in Columbia at 11:45 AM.

Following the burial in Columbia, the family members are invited back to the church for a meal.