

# *Celebration of Life*



SUNRISE  
DECEMBER 6, 1938



SUNSET  
APRIL 7, 2022

OUR ANGEL

**Ms. Mildred Watson**  
*Stevenson*

*Service of Celebration*

Wednesday, April 13, 2022  
Twelve O'clock Noon

New Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church  
Clinton, South Carolina

Reverend Arthur L. Raven, *Pastor*

# Her Journey's Just Begun

Don't think of her as gone away  
Her journey's just begun.  
Life holds so many facets,  
the earth is only one.

Just think of her as resting  
From the sorrows and the tears  
In a place of warmth and comfort  
Where there are no days or years.

Think how she must be wishing  
That we could know today,  
How nothing but our sadness  
Can really pass away.

And think of her as living  
In the hearts of those she touched  
For nothing loved is ever lost,  
And she was loved so much.









# Life Profile



*s. Mildred Watson Stevenson* was born in Clinton, South Carolina on December 6, 1938, to the late John Watson and Adeline Chappelle Watson.

At an early age, she accepted Christ and joined New Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Clinton, South Carolina.

Mildred attended the public schools of Laurens County, South Carolina where she graduated in the Bell Street High School Class of 1956.

She later followed in her siblings' footsteps by moving to Wilmington, Delaware. She eventually moved back to Clinton, South Carolina to take care of her ailing mother and settled back in her hometown in 1981. She rejoined New Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church where she served as a Stewardess.

Ms. Stevenson was driven to serve others and worked at Whitten Center in Clinton, South Carolina to fulfill this passion. She retired after twenty years of employment there.

She loved to cook, garden, shop, and spend time with her family. She was always in the kitchen baking a cake or cooking an enormous meal for her family. Just like her mother and sisters, she spent countless hours in her garden taking care of her flowers. When she wasn't cooking or gardening, she was shopping at Belk or talking on the phone to her sisters. She truly enjoyed laying across her comfy bed watching soap operas or a Lifetime movie. She had a kind spirit and touched the life of each person she encountered. Mildred will truly be missed by those she loved and touched deeply.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Linwood Stevenson, two brothers: Clarence O. Watson and Harrison L. Watson; and two sisters: Beatrice W. Higgins and Johnnie Mae Thigpen.

On Thursday, April 7, 2022, in Laurens County, South Carolina, Ms. Mildred Watson Stevenson gained her Heavenly wings and went to be with our Heavenly Father at the age of eighty-three.

She leaves to cherish her loving memories three sons: Warren (Sharon) Stevenson of Gray Court, SC, Ronald (Joyce) Stevenson of Laurens, SC, and Thomas Stevenson of Clinton, SC; two daughters: Celeste (Barion) Sanders of Tampa, FL and Diane Stevenson of Clinton, SC; eleven stepchildren; seventeen grandchildren; twenty-six great grandchildren; two brothers: Willie H. Watson, Sr. and John E. Watson both of New Castle, DE; one sister, Margaret W. Walker of Washington, DC; one sister-in-law, Lilly Watson of Columbia, SC; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

# Service of Remembrance

Prelude.....

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Final Viewing.....Family and Friends

Selection.....Nadine Hill and Lizia Garlington  
*"I Shall Wear A Crown"*

Prayer of Comfort..... Elder Mary Mason

Scripture Reading  
OLD TESTAMENT..... Minister  
NEW TESTAMENT..... Minister

Remarks..... Betty Dowdy

Acknowledgement ..... Sanders-Thompson Mortuary Staff  
*"A Letter From Heaven"*

Solo..... Tabby Brown

Words of Comfort..... Reverend Arthur L. Raven, *Pastor*

Closing Prayer..... Minister

Recessional

Committal Service  
Prayer, Committal, and Benediction..... Graveside

## Interment

New Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church Cemetery  
Clinton South Carolina

# Growing Up On Gary Street

We just want to let you know  
How much you meant to us.  
Only a heart as dear as yours  
Would give so unselfishly.

We remember growing up on Gary Street  
Oh, what fun we truly had.  
Except the cleaning on Saturday mornings,  
We would be so mad.

Cutting through the backyard  
To jump on the trampoline,  
Then racing in the house  
To eat a home cooked meal.

The many things you've done-  
All the times that you were there  
Helped us know deep down inside  
How much you truly cared.

Even though we didn't say it much  
We truly appreciate all you did.  
Blessed and loved is how we feel  
Thanks for being a grandmother like you!

*Your granddaughters.*

*Jakia Stewart, Asia Stevenson, and Jenelle Stevenson*

## A Letter From Heaven

*When tomorrow starts without me  
And I'm not there to see'  
If the sun should rise and find your eyes  
Filled with tears for me.  
I wish so much you wouldn't cry  
The way you did today;  
While thinking of the many things  
We didn't get to say.  
I know how much you love me  
As much as I love you;  
And each time thank you, think of me,  
I know you'll miss me too.  
When tomorrow starts without me,  
Don't think we're far apart  
For every time you think of me,  
I'm right here in your heart.*





# Floral Bearers

Stewardesses

# Casket Bearers

Family and Friends

# Acknowledgement

*Thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy and the love you have given us during this difficult time.  
It is deeply appreciated and will forever be remembered by the family of Mildred Watson Stevenson.*

*We also sincerely thank her devoted caregivers: Clarissa Hernandez,  
Gloria Simpson Dendy, Bernadette Glenn, and Shasta Freeman-  
BSN of Agape Hospice Services.  
May God continue to bless and keep you.*

*~~ The Family ~~*



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