

Celebration of Life for

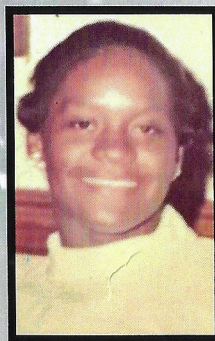


Dr. Mary E. Ashley-Livingston

December 4, 1950 - January 6, 2022



A Loving Mother, Accomplished Educator and Consistent Friend



Dr. Mary Elizabeth Ashley-Livingston was born on December 4, 1950 to the late Clyde Ashley and Quincy Marie Ashley in Salley, South Carolina. She received her primary and secondary education at the A. L. Corbett School ultimately receiving her high school diploma from the South Carolina Adult Education Program. She received Christ at an early age having been baptized at the Piney Grove Baptist Church in Perry, South Carolina on July 6, 1960.

In 1966, Dr. Ashley-Livingston married Reverend Dr. L. V. Johnson, Sr. in Richland County, South Carolina. From this union, four children were born, Arlene, Marlene, Levan, Jr. and Christopher.

As a life-long learner, Dr. Ashley-Livingston received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Benedict College in 1973. She later received a Master of Arts degree in Elementary Education and Teaching from University of South Carolina - Upstate in 1978 and a second Master of Arts Degree in School Administration/Supervision from University of South Carolina - Columbia in 1989. In 2005, Dr. Ashley-Livingston earned a Doctor of Education Degree in Elementary and Middle School Administration/Principalship from the Nova Southeastern University.

Dr. Ashley-Livingston had a distinguished career in Education impacting the lives of thousands of elementary school age children for over thirty-four years in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and throughout the state of South Carolina. She served as an elementary school science teacher, assistant principal, principal and school district administrator prior to her retirement in February 2007.

In 1998, Dr. Ashley-Livingston married Vandie Livingston in Perry, South Carolina. As a result of this union, Dr. Ashley-Livingston gained a bonus family including a daughter, Lizbeth, and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Upon retirement, she entered a second career as a grant writer and educational consultant for over fifteen years. It was Dr. Ashley-Livingston's joy to help individuals and entities identify the resources necessary to fulfill mission and purpose. The great joy of her grant writing career was writing the grant to build the Samaria Sunday School Union, Incorporated building in her hometown of Perry, South Carolina. In addition to this grant, Dr. Ashley-Livingston worked closely with the Samaria Sunday School Union as a member of the Executive Board and constant supporter.



As a proud alumna of Benedict College, Dr. Ashley Livingston loved "her" Benedict Tigers. She was a constant supporter of her alma mater and active alumna of Benedict College National Alumni Association. Dr. Ashley-Livingston constantly encouraged other alumni to both join their local alumni club and provide financial support for Benedict College. She not only encouraged others to show support, but she showed her support for Benedict by joining the Half Century Club and the Benefactor Club at Benedict College. She was a constant voice in the Salley-Springfield Benedict Alumni Club, always promoting support of her alma mater. Upon moving to Baltimore to spend time with her children, Dr. Ashley-Livingston joined the Baltimore Benedict Club. She was known to bring a sweet spirit to all gatherings. Club members also relied on Dr. Ashley-Livingston for inspiration and knowledge. At the time of her death, Dr. Ashley-Livingston served as the President of the Baltimore Benedict Club where her last act as President was to moderate the December Club meeting and sending heartfelt Christmas greetings to all members.

Dr. Ashley-Livingston loved God and enjoyed life to the fullest. She loved to travel, spend time with friends and was an avid Scrabble player. She also loved shopping at Dollar General and Walmart for "her knick-knacks". She had an infectious smile that would light up any room she entered and warm the hearts of every person she encountered. She loved her church families and faithfully supported Piney Grove Baptist Church and First Mt. Olive Freewill Baptist Church.

Dr. Ashley-Livingston was also a constant source of private support to many students going to college and seeking other advanced degrees. From words of encouragement to financial gifts and care packages and even tuition assistance, she worked hard to support the next generation of African American professionals.

Dr. Ashley-Livingston is rejoined in Heaven with her husband, Vandie Livingston; parents, Clyde Ashley and Quincy Marie Ashley; and her siblings, Eleanor Marie Ashley, Clyde Ashley, Jr. and Clayton Ashley. She leaves a legacy of love in her four children, Arlene Johnson (Douglass), Marlene Johnson, Levan Johnson, Jr. and Christopher Johnson; four grandchildren, Norman Coray Hairston (Brunette), Xavier Johnson, Crissondra-Lee Johnson and D'Alecandria Johnson; sisters, Essie Lou Ashley and Audrey Ashley; bonus family, Lizbeth Lecesne, Monique Macklin, Nicole Garland, Matthew Garland, Monica Lecesne, Nastacia Ford (Dorian), Taraji Nutter, Kadence Ford, Gabrielle Ford and Zara Ford; best friends, Regina Purcell, Mae V. Tyler Tobin, Reverend Dr. Lavenia Sapp and Carolyn Coleman; and a host of nieces, nephews, other family members, colleagues and friends.



Order of Service

Tuesday, January 25, 2022
First Mt. Olive Freewill Baptist Church
Rehoboth Campus
618 N. Hammonds Ferry Road,
Linthicum, Maryland 21090-1311
Bishop Oscar E. Brown, M.Div., D.D., Senior Pastor

Wake

Acknowledgements Lizbeth Lecense, Daughter
Douglass Johnson, Son-in-love

Obituary

Homegoing Worship Service

Hymn "Blessed Assurance"

Scripture Old Testament Scripture – Psalms 91
Elder Stacey Saunders
New Testament Scripture – John 14: 1-6
Overseer Charles M. Curtis

Prayer Apostle Leah White

Selection

Reflections Reverend Dr. James Gray, The Benedict College Alumni Club of Baltimore Maryland
Christine Stiggers, Niece
Arlene A. Johnson, Daughter

Church Resolution Deacon Valerie D. Register

Selection

Eulogy Bishop Oscar E. Brown, Senior Pastor

Benediction

Recessional



Order of Service

Saturday, January 29, 2022
Piney Grove Baptist Church
Reverend Wayne H. Abney, Senior Pastor
220 Center Street East Perry, South Carolina 29137

Homegoing Worship Service

Pastor Roderick Holland, Officiant

Scripture Old Testament Scripture – Psalms 91
Reverend Marian Fullard

New Testament Scripture – John 14: 1-6
Reverend Dr. Lavenia Sapp

Prayer

Solo Charlene Johnson

Reflections Cedelle English Gates, President, Benedict College National Alumni Association
Janie Samuels Williams, President, Salley-Springfield Benedict Alumni Club
Lady Sybrenda Holiday, Former co-worker, Macedonia Elementary School
Carolyn Nelson, Member, Piney Grove Baptist Church
Regina Purcell, Longtime friend
Mae V. Tyler Tobin, Longtime friend
Bishop Reginald L. Steele, Sr., Family friend

Selection The Johnsons

Resolutions and Acknowledgements

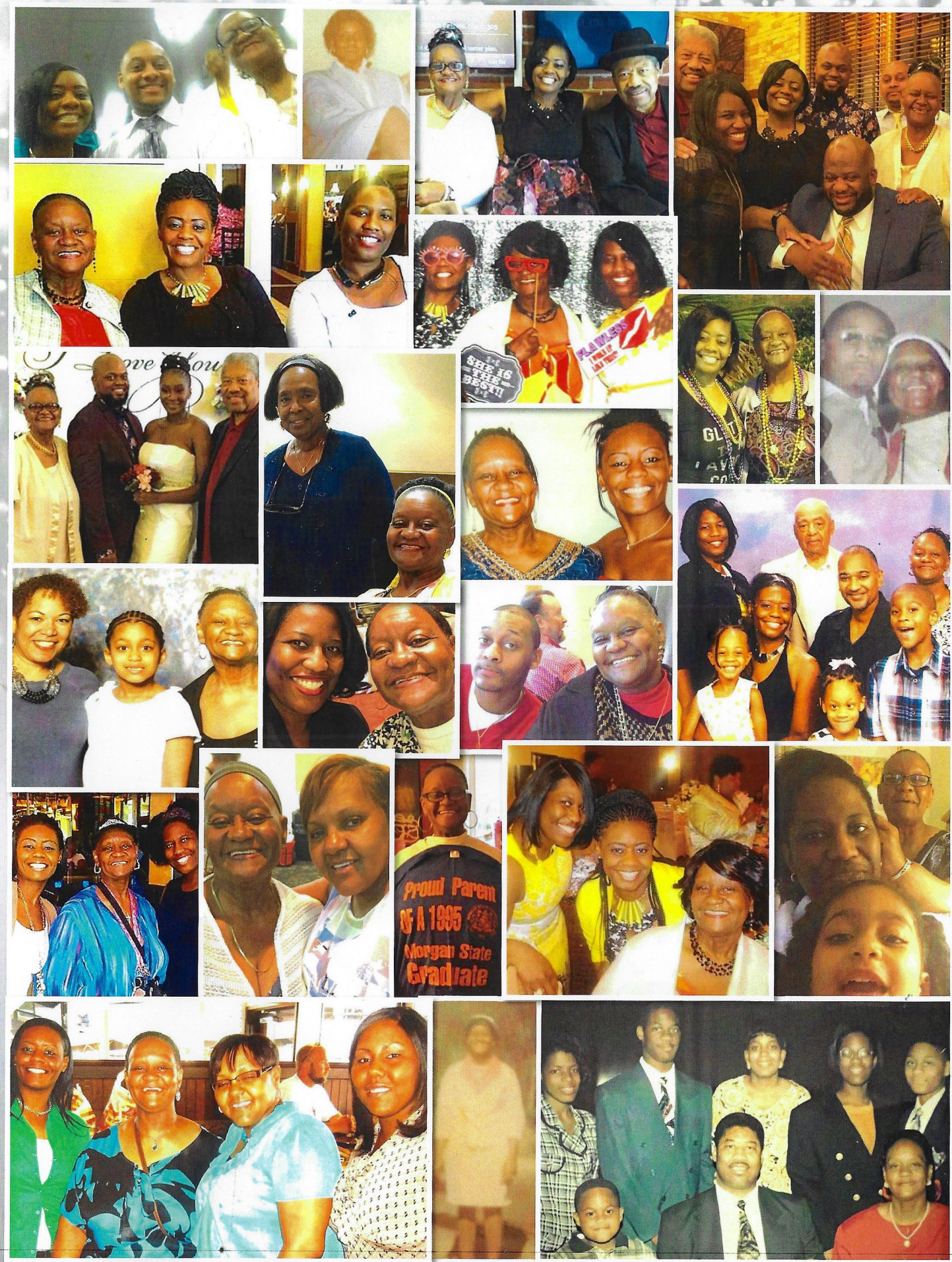
Obituary

Solo Cathy Johnson

Eulogy Reverend Wayne H. Abney, Senior Pastor

Selection The Johnsons

Recessional



Dear Mom,

*You taught us to live and now we must live without you.
You taught us how to love and now we must love without you. You taught us to reach for
the stars and now you are the star guiding us through this life without you.*

*We thank God for every day that we had with you and
We will hold you in our hearts until the day that we will see you again.*

*Love your Children,
Arlene, Marlene, Levan, Jr. & Christopher*

Final Resting Place

Piney Grove Cemetery
735 Berlin Church Road
Salley, South Carolina 29137
Saturday, January 29, 2022

Maryland Pallbearers

Kevin Ashley Robert Smith, Jr.
Kenneth Wilson Kevin Wilson

Kevin Quattlebaum

South Carolina Pallbearers

Andrew Trevon Johnson Bobby Corley
Bernard Johnson Henry Allen, III
Gullmas Johnson, Jr. Marion Williams, Jr.

Acknowledgments

We, the family of ***Dr. Mary E. Ashley-Livingston***, gratefully acknowledge the many kind and beautiful expressions of sympathy and love shown during our time of bereavement.

We are also working to establish a scholarship endowment through Benedict College in the name of our beloved Dr. Mary E. Ashley-Livingston. To contribute to this endowment, please send your donation to:

Benedict College

ATTN: Office of Alumni Relations and Advancement Services
1600 Harden Street | Columbia, South Carolina 29204
<https://www.benedict.edu/give/online-giving/>
(803) 253-5000

Please be sure to indicate that your donation is being made in the memory of Dr. Mary E. Ashley-Livingston.

Services of Comfort Entrusted to

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