

Floral Bearers

Nieces

Casket Bearers

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Honorary Floral Bearers

Antioch Deaconess

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid you see.
I took His hand when I heard Him call;
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way;
I found that peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;
Ah yes, these things, I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much;
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief;
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now;
He set me free.

~Love, "Joann"

In Appreciation

Words are inadequate to express the humbleness and gratefulness we feel toward all of our friends who have consoled us during our bereavement. Your prayers, your love, your presence and service have sustained us. Your cards, telephone calls, flowers and gifts of food were greatly appreciated. We saw all of these as God's love expressed through you. Special thanks to Minnie Mellette, Cynthia Pearson, La'toya Collymore, Thelma Cantey, James Green. Whatever you did, we thank you one and all very much.

~The McKinney Family

~ Services Entrusted To ~

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Life Reflections

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith"

II Timothy 4:7

Deaconess Joann McKinney was born in the Jordan Community of Clarendon County on July 3, 1940 to the late Thomasine Cain Hammett and Johnny Robinson. She was the stepdaughter of the late Charlie Pearson, Sr. and Julia Mae Cain Pearson. **Sister Joan** transition peacefully into the arms of her Lord and Savior on August 27, 2026 at the age of 86. A woman of deep faith, quiet strength and unwavering dedication. **"We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord."** II Corinthians 5:8.

Sister Joan received her formal education in the public school of Clarendon County and obtained her High School Diploma from Booker T. Washington High School in Miami, Florida. **Joann** was employed for 29 years by Jackson Memorial Hospital until she retired. **Joann** relocated to Manning, South Carolina in 2003 until the Lord called her home.

Sister Joann received Christ at an early age and was baptized in November, 1977. **Joann** attended New Birth Missionary Baptist Church in Miami, Florida. After returning to South Carolina, she joined Antioch Missionary Baptist Church. **Joann** loves the Lord and her church family while serving on various committees. She worked with the Missionary Ministry, she attended Sunday School faithfully and was always involved in whatever was going on at Antioch. She supported the Walk-A-Thon Ministry whole heartedly. She faithfully supported the noon day prayer every Friday and was an awesome prayer warrior.

Joann was joined in holy matrimony to the late Charles Moses McKinney, Sr. and from that union four sons were born, Charles, Jr., Kelvin, Robert and James McKinney. She was a devoted mother, grandmother and great grandmother to her family.

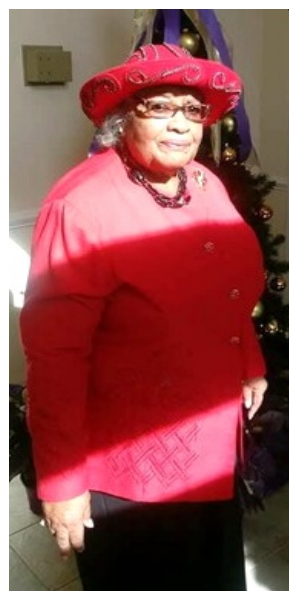
She leaves to cherish her precious memories five sisters: Naomi Hilton of Manning, SC, Ella Allen of Columbia, SC, Patricia Hammett of Miami, FL, Barbara Edwards of Georgia and Francine Hammett of Miami, FL; one brother, Charlie Edward Pearson of Beaufort, SC; five grandchildren: Shontae McKinney of Miami, FL, Krystal (Nathaniel) Christian, Kar'ryn McKinney, James K.R. (Gabriela) McKinney all of Cedar Park, TX, Jamie McKinney of Columbia, SC; three great grandchildren, London Rae Lowen, Connally Christian, Ava Christian; three special friends, Eliza Johnson-Nelson, Manning, SC, Jean Starks, Summerton, SC and Dorothy Walden, Columbia, SC; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Preceding her in death: grandmother, Hagan Cain, sisters, Florence Ann Seymour, Vera Hammett, Alethia Pearson, brothers, James China, Alvin China, Freddie King, Thomas L. Pearson and Ulysses Pearson.

Joann past time was walking, working in her flower garden, she liked solving puzzles, she loved her dog, she loved watching women basketball especially the Gamecocks of South Carolina. She was also a faithful member of Vision by Design for senior citizens.



Precious Memories



Order of Service
Evangelist Shirley M. Waiters, Presiding

Prelude	Musicians
Processional	Clergy and Family
Final Viewing	
Hymn of Praise	Choir
Invocation.....	Evangelist Diane Haynes
Scriptures:	
Old Testament	Pastor Bobby McDonald
New Testament	Minister Loretta Briggs
Solo	Sister Lillie Williams
Reflections (Three minutes, please):	
Church	Deacon John Billups
Missionary	Minister Loretta Briggs
Deaconess.....	Deaconess Nora Benbow
Community	Deacon Russell A. Miller
Friend	Sister Catherine Williams
Vision By Design	Reverend Mary Hagen
Niece	Chiquita Williams
Sons	Charles McKinney Kelvin McKinney Robert McKinney James McKinney
Acknowledgements	Minister Eloise Conyers-Jackson
Solo	Brother Cedric Bennett
Words of Comfort	Pastor Sam Livingston
Solo	Dr. Brenda Clark
Directions of Funeral Director	Samuels Funeral Home
Recessional	Choir
Medley of Songs	
Committal	
Benediction	
Interment	Union Cypress AME Church Cemetery

*In Loving Memory
of*

Deaconess Joan Pearson McKinney

Sunrise
July 3, 1940

Sunset
August 27, 2026



Tribute To My Family

MISS ME - BUT LET ME GO

When I come to the end of the road,
And the sun has set for me
I want no rites in a gloom filled room.
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me, but let me go.
Miss me a little but not too long
And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me - but let me go!
For this is a journey we all must take
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds
Miss Me - But Let Me Go.

~Love, “Joan ”

To Our Mother

We Miss You Mom

We thought of you with love today,
but that is nothing new.
We thought about you yesterday,
and days before that, too.
We think of you in silence,
We often speak your name.
All we have are memories,
and your pictures in a frame.
Your memory is our keepsake,
with which we will never part.
God has you in His keeping,
We have you in our hearts.
-With Love, Your Sons

She's in the sun,
the wind, the rain.
Mountains, skies and the trees.
She's in the air you breathe
with every breath you take.
You'll see her in the clouds above,
hear her whisper words of love,
we'll be together before long,
until then, listen for her words of love.
~Love, Bennie and Rosa Moore

Our humble and kind mother, Joann Pearson McKinney, passed away in the early morning hours of 27 August 2026. We will miss her hugs and smiles, her jokes and antics. We will forever be grateful for the life she gave us and for the unwavering love she provided. We can still hear Uncle Bomb yelling, “Joe Joe!” We can still hear Shorty Rock saying, “Mama Mac.” Our mother was, at times, bent to the extreme, but she was never broken. What a remarkable journey within this life she lived. What a beautiful being our mother will forever be and now, an omnipresent ancestor. We thank our great-grandmother, Hagan Cain, for being such a powerful influence. We honor Big Daddy, her Uncle Charlie Pearson the only father and daddy our mother ever knew. Two imperfect, but perfect, angels who shaped her grit, resilience, and soul. She loved basketball. Basketball was something she cherished. One of the most exciting times of her life was Skip's 1985 Miami Carol City High School basketball team winning the state basketball championship. Our mother was also a champion filled not with fear, but with a cornucopia of courage, love, and strength. Our mother did her very best to make sure her sons never knew or felt abandoned. She gave us what she could, protected us in the ways she knew how, and loved us in the ways that mattered most. We fully and finally know what grief is. We knew compassion. We knew sympathy. But now, we know empathy for those who have lost a mother or a mother figure. And with sincere gratitude, we can take comfort in knowing that her DNA is still running the race. What a shocking loss. What a cruel, but fair, storm. And yet, in the very year of our mother's passing, there will also be a new light. Through God's will, the birth of her fourth great-grandchild will bring new life and another generation to carry her legacy forward. Joann Pearson McKinney — Woman, Mother, and Champion. Rest peacefully. Rest eternally with your Lord and Savior. Once a champion, always a champion.

