

**Floral & Pall Bearers**

*Family & Friends*

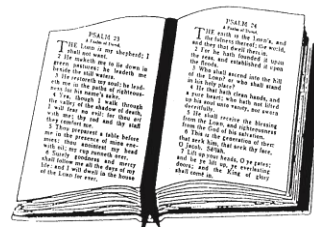
**THE BROKEN CHAIN**

*We little knew the day that  
God was going to call your name.  
In life we loved you dearly,  
In death we do the same.*

*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 left us peaceful memories.  
Your love is still our guide,  
And though we cannot see you  
You are always at our side.*

*Our family chain is broken  
and nothing seems the same,  
but as God calls us one by one  
the chain will link again.*



***In Appreciation***

*We, the family of Gladys Runell Smith Davis & Maudina Davis Mitchell,  
would like to express our love and appreciation for the many acts of kindness  
shown to us during her passing. May God continue to bless each and every one of you.*

Arrangements Entrusted to  
**Bartell's Funeral Home**  
Post Office Box 125  
2895 Hemingway Highway  
Hemingway, SC 29554  
(843) 558-3216 or 558-5849  
**"A Home of Distinctively Finer Service"**

*Homecoming Celebration*

*for*

*Mrs. Gladys Runell Smith Davis*



*Mrs. Maudina Davis Mitchell*



*Alpha - April 4, 1929  
Omega - August 24, 2025*



*Alpha - November 9, 1947  
Omega - August 27, 2025*

*Friday, August 29, 2025  
12:00 PM*

*St. Mark AME Church  
1532 Kingsburg Hwy  
Johnsonville, SC 29554*

*Rev. Dr. Janice McMillan, Pastor*



# Obituary

**Gladys Runell Smith Davis**, affectionately known as “Gla” and ” Mrs. Gladys” by her beloved ones was born April 04, 1929 in the Morrisville Community in Nesmith, SC to the Late Erick Louis Smith and Daisy Belle Singletary Smith. She was reared in the Kingsburg area of Johnsonville, SC. She was educated in the Florence County Public School System where she graduated as the Salutatorian of her class. Although she never attended college, she was wealthy of knowledge in diverse areas of Life.

**Gladys** was married to the late Fladger Davis of Gresham, SC and this is where they took up residency. This union produced 3 children. After the marriage dissolved, she relocated back to Kingsburg and New York City.

She was employed as a Sleep-In Domestic in Scarsdale, NY before working in the Dry Cleaners Industry in New York City.

After returning to SC, she continued to work in the Dry Cleaners prior to being employed by Wellman Industries, where she retired in 1993.

She accepted Christ at an early age and was a Lifetime Member of St. Mark AME Church in Kingsburg.

In addition, She was a member of the Chavis 328 Order of The Eastern Star Chapter.

In her pastime, she enjoyed working with her hands. She was an expert Seamstress, Gardener and Cook. She was deemed “The Turkey Master” and made the Best Cornbread Stuffing one can ever imagine. She enjoyed reading Medical Books which she had several subscriptions and working crossword puzzles. She continued this legacy until her eyesight failed completely. She enjoyed listening to The Family Feud Game Show on television.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her infant son, Bobby Davis and daughter, Linda Davis who passed away 3 months prior to her own demise. Also, Siblings, Jettie Patterson, Pauline Foxe, Vivian McGowan, Neda Campbell and Foster Brother, Wilmer Davis.

She departed her earthly life on August 24, 2025 at the Oak Hollow Nursing facility in Georgetown, SC after 16 days of placement. She will surely be missed for her alacrity and Wisdom.

At the time of her death, she was survived by two daughters, Maudina Mitchell, who passed away three days later and Deborah Pinckney. One son, Rodney “Dobie” Davis. Two Grandsons, Gerald T. Mitchell, Sr. and Nicholas Gonzales. One Great Grandson, Gerald “Ty” Mitchell, Jr. and a Very Special Cousin, Jannie Brunson and her very Special Caretaker/Niece, Mrs. Shayla Smith-Brown who has provided her exceptional care.

She was a Legend in her own rights and will be terribly missed. She enjoyed a full life of 96 years. Sleep on “Gla” and take your rest, we love you but GOD loves you best.

*We Had a Lovely Mother  
We had a wonderful mother,  
One who never really grew old;  
Her smile was made of sunshine,  
And her heart was solid gold;  
Her eyes were as bright as shining stars,  
And in her cheeks fair roses you see.  
We had a wonderful mother,  
And that’s the way it will always be.  
But take heed, because  
She’s still keeping an eye on all of us,  
So let’s make sure  
She will like what she sees.*

## Love Deborah & Rodney



## “If Roses Grow in Heaven”

*If roses grow in heaven,  
Lord please pick a bunch for me,  
Place them in my Mother’s arms  
and tell her they’re from me.  
Tell her I love her and miss her,  
and when she turns to smile,  
place a kiss upon her cheek  
and hold her for awhile.  
Because remembering her is easy,  
I do it every day,  
but there’s an ache within my heart  
that will never go away.*

## Love Gerald

*We had a wonderful grandmother  
One who never really grew old  
Her smile was made of sunshine  
And her heart was solid gold  
Her eyes were bright as shining stars  
And in her cheeks fair roses you see.  
We had a wonderful grandmother,  
And that’s the way it will always be.  
But take heed, because  
She’s still keeping an eye on all of us,  
So let’s make sure  
She will like what she sees.*

## Love Your Grands

*We’re blessed to call you sister,  
We also call you friend;  
You’ve loved us unconditionally,  
And stood through thick and thin.  
You’ve shared our joys and sorrows,  
Our laughter and our tears.  
You’ve been our inspiration,  
As we grew up through the years.  
When we were little children  
We laughed and played together;  
Then growing up you stood by us,  
Through good and stormy weather.  
There’s something God has given us,  
That’s more than family;  
He’s placed a love for you, our Sister,  
Deep down in the heart of us.*

## Love Deborah & Rodney



# Tributes



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**Maudina Davis Mitchell** was born, November 09, 1947 in Johnsonville, SC to the Late Fladger Davis and the recently deceased Gladys Smith Davis. She spent some of her early childhood life in New York City. Maudina was educated in the Florence County Public School System. She attended Stuckey Elementary and High School and graduated in 1966.

**Maudina** fell in love and married her High School Sweetheart, William Mitchell and this union produced their only child, Gerald Tyrone Mitchell. Unfortunately, the marriage ended in a Divorce. She was a dedicated Mother and took on different jobs, prior to joining the workforce at Wellman Industries to secure the well being of her son whom she loved and cherished. Even in his adulthood, she spoiled him with his favorite meals regularly.

She worked at Wellman Industries until retirement.

She accepted Christ at an early age and was a lifetime member of The St. Mark AME Church in Kingsburg.

In addition, she was a member of the Chavis 328 Order of The Eastern Star Chapter.

**Maudina's** pastime hobbies included cooking and watching the Game Show Network. She was very passionate about feeding the Birds and neighborhood cats. She felt that no one or nothing should suffer from hunger.

In the early morning hours on August 27, 2025 at MUSC in Florence, SC our Almighty GOD reached down and welcomed his precious Jewel home 3 days after her mother made her earthly transition. Those two had such commonalities as living together, working together and now departing this life together.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Bobby Davis and sister, Linda Davis who passed away three months prior.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories her son, Gerald Tyrone Mitchell, Sr., one grandson, Gerald "Ty" Mitchell, Jr., One sister, Deborah D. Pinckney, one brother, Rodney J. Davis, one cousin who was reared as a Sibling, Larry Smith, a Special Cousin, Barbara Foxe, two surviving sisters-in-law; Rosa Mitchell and Carrie Mitchell and a host of other Special Cousins. She also leaves to cherish her memories, her lifetime friends, Ola McFadden, Carolyn Barr, Alethia Davis and Hannah Wallace.

Sleep on "Dean" and take your rest, we love you, but GOD loves you best.





Order of Service

Reverend Doctor Janice McMillan, Presiding

Processional	Family
Hymn of Praise #448	"It is Well With My Soul"
Prayer of Comfort	Minister Michael Hanna
Scripture Reading	Elder Carletta P. Johnson
Old Testament	Psalm 23
New Testament	1st Corinthians 15:51-58
Solo	Mrs. Shana Cox-Woodberry
Remarks	
Class Leader	Ms. Sophie Mack
Personal Affiliation	Mrs. Peggie Funny-Alston
Resolution	
Order of The Eastern Star	Rev. Wilhelmenia Pittman-Pressley
Family	Ms. Deborah D. Pinckney
Solo	Mr. Jack Hanna
Acknowledgments/Obituary	Ms. Laticia Brunson-Lyde
Solo	Mrs. Shana Cox-Woodberry
Words of comfort	Rev. Dr. Janice McMillan
Committal ~ Benediction	
Recessional	Choir

Interment  
Snow's Cemetery  
Morrisville, SC

Tributes

