

COMMITTAL SERVICE | PRAYER | BENEDICTION

It is with profound gratitude for a life rich in experiences, the family of Helen Aiken Stoney thank you for taking the time to be with us and for the many comforting messages and acts of kindness we have received. You all continue to bring more meaning to Mom's life and purpose of which we have words to fully express and deeply cherish.

To our beloved family, neighbors, and the entire Allendale community, thank you for helping us celebrate our dear mom Mrs. Helen Aiken Stoney. On this day, we celebrate her life lived so fully, so subtly, and so faithfully that her warmth will continue to cover us for generations to come. Telling her story is an easy one because we lived in it and witnessed first-hand what it means to be honest, forthright and kind. The memories we share are timelessly void of pretension, but rather steeped in love and admiration. For that, we welcome your continued prayers and heartfelt expressions as we reflect on her life's work and dedication to others.

Born September 27, 1927, to the late Joseph Aiken and Flossie Gillyard Aiken, our mom spent nearly a century teaching all of us what it means to live with grace, fortitude, and unshakable faith. Her life was guided by a simple, profound truth: as God poured blessings into her cup, she never held a drop back for herself. She poured every bit of it right back out into her family, her church, and her community. Faced with the early, heartbreaking loss of her beloved husband, our dad Isaac Stoney, mom took on the role of young working single parent, charged with raising their five children. Grief was met with unmatched strength. Though her formal education was temporarily set aside to focus on her family, she proved that with belief in God, all things are possible. She set a monumental example for her children by returning to school to earn her high school diploma and complete her nursing training during an era when such doors were rarely opened for women of color.

Her devotion extended into every corner of the community she cherished. A faithful, lifelong pillar of Happy Home Baptist Church, mom served as The Mother of the Church, a Deaconess, Trustee, Treasurer for the Women of Excellence, and a joyful voice in the Senior Choir. Her service spanned beyond the church walls as a dedicated advocate with the NAACP, a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 0239, and an active participant in the Clemson Cooperative Extension.

Yet, for all her quiet strength, mom possessed a vibrant, joyful spirit that could light up any room. Blessed with a green thumb, she nurtured gardens that flourished, and alongside her dear friend "Mother" Mary Graham, kept the grounds of Happy Home Baptist Church bursting with beauty, during their hay-day. Her home was always filled with warmth, love, and the irresistible aromas of her famous sour cream pound cakes, homemade sweet potato pies, and soul-nourishing meals. Well into her seasoned years, she showed us all that age is merely a number when she boldly earned her driver's license. Setting off on new adventures with Sister Graham, the duo became Allendale's very own "Thelma and Louise" pushing the envelope with class, laughter, and an infectious zest for life that never disappointed. Her brother Felix added to the thrill by purchasing her first car. And the many joyful sibling cruises and trips of which she cherished with brothers, James, Otis, Felix and sister Florine.

Mom's earthly journey was also marked by deep endurance and maternal resilience. She walked through profound sorrow, enduring the untimely losses of her beloved sons: Willie Isaac, Larry and James Bernard, as well as her eldest granddaughter, Kerchan LaRue and great-grandson Melik. Through every trial, her faith remained an unmovable anchor, inspiring everyone around her to press forward with hope.

Her extraordinary legacy lives on in the hearts of her devoted daughters: Derbianna (Norman) Frank and Mae Helen (Nathaniel) Hartley; her daughters-in-law, Julia and Valveree; goddaughter, Georgeanne Barkley; godson, Paul Bernard Wilson and bonus daughters: Odean Smart Mosley and Marilyn Seabrooks Myrdal; Her memory will be forever cherished by her grandchildren: Tara Evett Stoney, Wanda (Stacy) Watts, LaRhonda Ronetta Stoney, Airion Isaac Stoney, James Bernard (Shaquianna) Stoney Jr., Antonio Dewayne Frank, Alvalos Touré (Ashley) Stoney, Nicolas Jerome Frank, and Georgette Best; 12 great grandchildren, one great-great grandchild, and a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Mom left nothing on the table. She ran her race with honor, loved without measure, and left an indelible footprint on our hearts. Rest well, mom; your life was a masterclass in faith, family, and service, and your legacy will live on in us forever.

Daughters, Derbianna and Mae Helen

Psalms 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.

Interment

Zion Branch Cemetery
Allendale, SC

Pall Bearers

Terry Wayne Capers
Nicolas Frank
Johnnie Graham
James Bernard Stoney
Jamie White
Alfred Wilson

Floral Attendants

Friends of the Family

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Helen Niken **STONEY**

Sunrise: September 27, 1927 - Sunset: August 12, 2026

Saturday, August 15, 2026 at 11:30 am
Happy Home Baptist Church
336 Railroad Avenue W.
Allendale, SC 29810

Reverend Wilbur Hines, Officiating Pastor