

Pallbearers

Family Friends

Flower Attendants

Family Friends

*Gone but never forgotten
You will truly be missed*

*Henceforth there is laid
up for me a crown of
righteousness, which the
Lord, the righteous
Judge, shall give me at
that day: and not to me
only, but unto all them
also that love his
appearing.
2 Timothy 4:8*



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A SERVICE OF LOVE

Celebrating
THE LIFE OF

Lura "COOT"
NELL BEST

April 3, 1943 — July 28, 2025

~ Celebrating Her Spirit ~
Saturday, August 9, 2025—2 O'clock Post Meridian

~ In the Sanctuary of ~
St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church
Fairfax, South Carolina 29827

~ Officiates ~
Rev. Charcey Priester, Pastor/ Eulogist
Rev. Marvin Love, Presiding

~ Service of Celebration ~

Musical Prelude Soft Music
Processional Clergy, Family, Friends
Opening Selection St. Luke Male Chorus
The Blessed Scripture Readings:
 Old Testament Rev. Glenn Orr
 New Testament Rev. Marvin Love
Prayer of Comfort Deacon Roosevelt Manuel
Selection Effie Williams
Remembering Our Beloved “Coot”: (2 Minutes, Please)
 As I Knew Her Delories Wright
Family Tribute(s) Shontavia Sanders & Marcus Allen
Acknowledgements M.F. Riley’s Staff
Selection St. Male Chorus
Words of Comfort Pastor Charcey Priester
Final Farwell M.F. Riley’s Staff
Benediction
Recessional
Postlude

Memorial Repository
St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery
Committal ~ Interment ~ Benediction

Thank You

In our time of sorrow, your love and support have been a beacon of light. The kindness, prayers, and comforting words you’ve shared have given us strength and solace as we grieve our loss. We are deeply grateful for each of you who has reached out, offered your sympathy, or simply stood by our side. Your presence has been a powerful reminder of the incredible bond we share, and it has touched our hearts in ways we can never fully express.

Thank you for surrounding us with love during this difficult time. A special thanks to her favorite nephew and niece, Lil Greg and Gracie, who always stopped by to make sure Aunt Coot was doing well.

*With deepest gratitude,
The Best Family*

Remember Me

***To the living, I am gone,
To the sorrowful, I will never return,
To the angry, I was cheated,
But to the happy, I am at peace,
And to the faithful, I never left.***

***I cannot speak, but I can listen.
I cannot be seen, but I can be heard.
So as you stand upon a shore gazing at a beautiful sea,
As you look upon a flower and admire its simplicity,
Remember me.***

***Remember me in your heart;
Your thoughts, and your memories,
Of the times we loved,
The times we cried,
The times we fought
The times we laughed,
For if you always think of me,
I will never have gone.***

***Until We Meet Again,
“Coot”***

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR *Beautiful Mother*

*God saw you getting tired
and a cure was not to be.
So He put His arms around you
and He whispered "Come to Me"
With tearful eyes we watched you.
We watched you fade away.
Although we loved you dearly,
We could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard-working hands at rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us,
He chose to take the best.
It's lonesome here without you
we miss you more each day.
Life doesn't seem the same
since you have gone away.
When days are sad and lonely
and everything goes wrong,
we seem to hear you whisper
"Cheer Up and Carry On "
Each time we see your picture
you seem to smile and say,
"Don't cry, I'm in God's hands,
we 'll meet again someday!*

*Humbly Submitted,
Loving Children*

~ Life's Reflections ~

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:5 - 6

Clara Nell Best was born to late Clara Mae Jackson and the late Fred Gregory, Sr. on April 3, 1943 in Daisy, Georgia.

At an early age, she sought God's direction and she joined St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church.

"Coot," as she was affectionately called, attended the public schools of Allendale County. She later moved to Fort Lauderdale, Florida to obtain a better life for herself and her family. She joined in holy matrimony to the love of her life the late Calvin Best.

After relocating back to South Carolina, Clara spent a lot of time hanging out with the fellows on Flat Street. She was always the life of the party, and she lived life to the fullest before her health decline.

On Monday, July 28, 2025, God said, *"well done thy good and faithful servant, you have fought a good fight, you have finished the race and have kept the faith. Come on home my child and take your rest."*

As she enters her new life, she will be greeted with love from her beloved husband, parents, (1) Son: David Best; (1) Grandson: Kevin Kears; (1) Brother: Wilbur Gregory.

She leaves to cherish an astonishing legacy; (1) Daughter: Shirletta Allen; Summerville, SC; (1) Son/Caregiver: Avery (Joanna) Henly; Barnwell, SC; (4) Grandsons: Jamell (Dominica) Best; Killen, TX; Derik Allen; Allendale, SC; Marcus Allen; Atlanta, GA; Lamar Henley; Jacksonville, FL; (2) Granddaughters: Shontavia (Dennis) Sanders; Atlanta, GA; Tione Henly; Charleston, SC; (7) Great – Great Grandchildren; (1) Devoted Granddaughter: Tine Kears; (1) Sister: Maebell White; Fairfax, SC; (1) Brother: Fred (Nettie) Gregory; Fairfax, SC; (1) Sister – In – Law: Thelma (Norman) Devoe; Adopted Family: Mary Gregory; Oklahoma; Loretta Gregory, Barbara Gregory, Lisa Gregory, Shelita Gregory, Robert Gregory, James Gregory; all of Philadelphia, PA; Anthony Gregory; Oklahoma. A host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and loving friends.

My Last Request

Please don't say that I gave up; Don't say I lost the battle, for it was God's war to lose or win. Please don't say how good I was, but that I did my best. Just say, I tried to do what's right, to give the most I could, not less. I want no more than I deserve, no extras, just due.

