

Be Still

By: L. Stevens Hatfield

"Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10). God is speaking to you. God speaks from a place within your own mind and heart, a place to which you can turn from the confusion and perplexity of the world about you and find the poise and tranquility that you need to meet life's varied and often challenging experiences.

"Be still. and know that I am God." Know it now. Know it right in the place where you are, in the thing that you are do-ing. Let it pervade your consciousness, your whole being. Let it be with you every moment, enfolding, uplifting, strengthen-ing you. Throughout this day, in your home, in your work, on the street, wherever you go, whatever you are called upon to do, be still and turn within to God; instantly you will feel God with you, a real and living presence in your life.

Turn to God now. Relax and feel God lifting your mind and heart, soothing your nerves, giving peace to your body. As you thank God for this time of silent meditation, you will feel the divine Presence near you, around you, within you a constant - guide, protector and friend

If you are living or working under tension, return again and again to this place of stillness at the center of your being. When your mind is troubled, call your thoughts to order with the quiet command, "Be still, and know." Relax in God's peace and security, and rest and renewal will be yours.

You do not have to go outside yourself to find your good. All that you need is within you: all love, all power, all faith, all wisdom, all supply. No disturbance can follow you in the silence. This meeting of soul and spirit at the center of your being is a place of glory, inspiration and security.

The moments you spend in prayer will bring a wealth of bless-ings to you. You will find new loveliness in life, a grandeur that is beyond words to express. Heavy duties become light; the hours glide by as gently and as peaceably as a summer breeze. In quiet communion with God, you find the peace, contentment, and serenity of a life that is complete.



Pallbearers

Nephews

Flower Bearers

Family & Friends

Repast

**Bull Swamp Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
112 Purity Street
Orangeburg, SC 29115**



Acknowledgements

The family of the late Ms. Essie M. Brown Fields would like to express their sincere appreciation for your prayers, concerns, acts of love and any other expressions of kindness shown to us during our time of bereavement. May God bless each of you in a very special way.

-The Family

Arrangements Entrusted to:

**Simmons Funeral Home and Crematory of Orangeburg
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A Celebration of

MRS. ESSIE M. BROWN FIELDS

ALPHA: JUNE 12, 1939 OMEGA: SEPTEMBER 4, 2023



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 AT 2:00 P.M.

Simmons Funeral Home & Crematory Chapel

2868 Columbia Road

Orangeburg, SC 29118

REV. DR. EPHRIAM D. STEPHENS, OFFICIATING

Order of Service

Prelude.....Soft Music

Processional/Final Viewing..... Clergy & Family

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Brother Edward Brown III

New Testament.....Sister Karen Fields

Prayer Deacon Herbert Mack

Selection Marcus & Reggie Fludd

Remarks

Family Courtney Brown
Niece

Co-Workers Mrs. Hilda Stephens
Mildred Richardson

Dr. Joseph Rice

Orangeburg School District 2 & Orangeburg School District 5

Acknowledgements Simmons Funeral Home

Solo.....Ms. Courtney Brown

Words of Comfort..... Rev. Dr. Ephriam Stephens

SelectionBull Swamp Baptist Church Choir

Committal, Prayer & Benediction

Recessional

Interment

Belleville Memorial Gardens
2900 Belleville Road
Orangeburg, SC



Reflection of Life

Essie Mae Brown-Fields was born on June 12, 1939, in Orangeburg, South Carolina, to the Late Adam Brown Sr. and Emma Gardner- Brown. Essie transitioned to be with the Lord on September 4, 2023, at Edisto Acute Care, Orangeburg, South Carolina.

Essie accepted Christ as her savior at an early age and joined Bull Swamp Baptist Church, Orangeburg, SC.

Essie received her formal education in the public schools of Orangeburg County and matriculated to Claflin University (then Claflin College) after graduating from high school.

Essie met and married Alphonso Fields on February 15, 1959.

Essie retired in 2004 from Orangeburg Consolidated School District 5, after many years of faithful service. She was also the owner and operator of Brown Derby Restaurant, until her health failed.

Essie loved cooking, singing and entertaining. She was sassy and full of life.

Essie was preceded in death by her husband, Alphonso Fields; son: Alan O. Fields Sr.; daughter, Arelia (Jackie) Mathis; and grandsons: Alan O. Fields Jr., Marshawn Green Williams.

Essie leaves to cherish found memories, two sons: Donald (Michelle) Fields of Orangeburg, SC and Gregory (Karen) Fields of Monks Corner, SC; brother, Melvin Brown of New York; special friends: Mrs. Hilda Stephens and Mrs. Milred Richardson; and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, relatives, and dear friends.

The family would like to give a special thank you to Ms. Mae Magaret Bookard, Ms. Nicole Mack and Ms. Monica Green.