

## *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
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 or play

Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've 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 for you the sunshine of tomorrow

My life's been full, I've savored much,

Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch

If my time seemed all too brief,

Don't lengthen it now with undue grief

Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,

God wanted me now, He set me free.



## *Pallbearers*

Family & Friends

## *Flower Bearers*

Family & Friends



## *Acknowledgements*

The family of the late Mrs. Mary B. Amaker wishes to express our sincere thanks to each of you for your sympathy and all acts of kindness that you shared with us during our hours of bereavement. May God bless each of you.

*-The Family*

## *Arrangements Entrusted to:*

**Simmons Funeral Home and Crematory of Orangeburg**

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## *A Celebration of Life for*

# *Mrs. Mary B. Amaker*

ALPHA: FEBRUARY 6, 1939 OMEGA: OCTOBER 3, 2023



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023 AT 11:00 A.M.**

*Simmons Funeral Home and Crematory Chapel*

*2868 Columbia Road*

*Orangeburg, SC 29118*

**PASTOR W. J. WILLIAMS, OFFICIATING**

## Order of Service

REV. EDDIE LIVINGSTON, PRESIDING

Prelude.....Soft Music

Processional/Final Viewing..... Clergy & Family  
"Highway to Heaven"

Selection..... "You are my Strength"

Scripture Readings..... Rev. Barbara Mavins

Old Testament..... Psalms 90: 1-5

New Testament..... John 14: 1-5

Solo..... Minister Rosemary Griffin

Reflections..... Deacon M. Gunter  
Bro. Nathaniel Stevenson

Selection..... "Leaning On Jesus"

Words of Comfort..... Pastor W.J. Williams

Committal, Prayer & Benediction

Recessional



### Interment

Heavenly Rest Memorial Park  
126 Smiley Drive  
Cordova, SC



## Reflection of Life

*Mary B. Amaker*, daughter of the late Annie Mae and Leroy Leby, was born February 16, 1939 in Orangeburg, South Carolina. She passed away October 3, 2023, at The Oaks of Orangeburg.

Mary was educated in the public schools of Orangeburg County and was a graduate of Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School and Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College. Mary was employed by the Regional Medical Center, Weather's Cleaners and L & S Cleaners during her many years in the workforce.

Mary loved to play bingo and watch western movies and shows.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Marshall Amaker Sr.; son, Marshall Amaker Jr.; son-in-law, Mark Johnson; seven sisters; and three brothers.

Mary leaves to cherish fond memories: her loving daughter, Marlene Johnson of the home; three grandsons: Brandon Benjamin, Jay'lin Johnson both of Orangeburg, SC and Devonte Gladden of Korea; four granddaughters: Octavia (Gregory) Mack Benjamin, Jasmine Johnson both of Orangeburg; Cheyanne Byrd of Prattville, AL and Ethel Hillman of Fort Valley, GA; one great-granddaughter, Ava Benjamin of Fort Valley, GA; two great-grandsons: Cairo and Khalid Gladden of Orangeburg; three sisters: Louise Jennings of Cordova, SC, Shirley Stevenson of Orangeburg and Laura Leby of Florence, SC; two brothers: Alrick "Pee Wee" ones and Stanford Leby both of New Britain, CT; Eddie Rose of New Britain, CT; and a host of nieces, nephews, other loving relatives and dear friends.