

Following the committal, the family will gather for a family
only repast at

Right Direction Church International

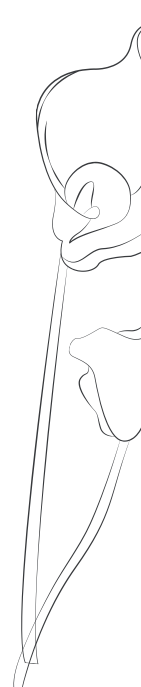
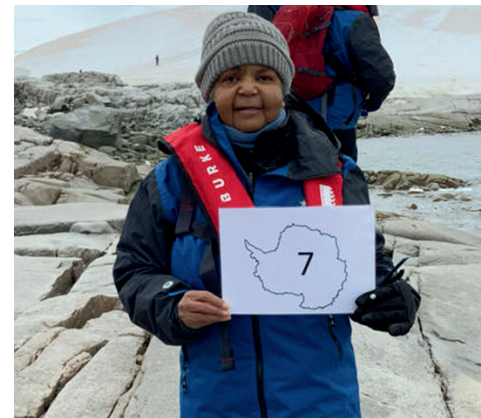
990 Willington Road

Orangeburg, SC 29118

We thank you for respecting this intimate time of reflection
and remembrance

Celebration of Life Alvenia Wilson Cottingham

July 23, 1953 - September 29, 2025



Saturday, October 11, 2025, 11:00am
Simmons Funeral Home
2868 Columbia Rd, Orangeburg, SC 29118

Obituary

Mrs. Alvenia Wilson Cottingham, 72, passed away on September 29, 2025

Alvenia was the youngest daughter of Rev. Alva Wilson, Jr. and Eleanor Royal Wilson. She was born on July 23, 1953, in Orangeburg, South Carolina. She is an alumna of Winthrop University, Rutgers University, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), where she also received certification in Healthcare and Hospital Planning at Harvard University. She was a hospital administrator, serving as the Director of Hospital Planning in hospitals in Delaware and New Jersey. She relocated to Phoenix, Arizona in 1992, where she worked as Assistant Hospital Administrator for Support and Ancillary Services in Maricopa County. She started a healthcare consulting business with her colleague and good friend Cathy LeMay, where she served as Operations Officer, grant writer, and healthcare clinic administrator. She successfully wrote and managed over \$5 million in grants to help native Alaskans manage their own healthcare in remote villages.

She married her childhood sweetheart, Vernard Cottingham, in 1972. With her love for travel, they spent their 40th wedding anniversary in Fiji. He passed one day after their 42nd wedding anniversary in 2014. She continued her travels following his passing to 35 countries. She expanded her love for photography with photography tours in New Zealand, Australia, Costa Rica, and Scotland. She is among less than 1% of the population that has visited all 7 continents.

Alvenia was devoted to her family and was committed to preserving our family tree and genealogical history. Left to continue her legacy and cherish her memory are two sons: Delshawn Cottingham, and Alva (Annette) Cottingham; one daughter: Dr. Kyndra Cottingham Stovall; six grandchildren: Kiana, Alva Khai, Akhu, Xavier, Shelby, and Shaniah; one sister: Mrs. Evelyn (Carl) Moffitt; one niece: Mrs. Kimberly (Jared) Morgan, nephews: George W. (Michelle) McDowell, II, Winthrop (Tobborah) Cottingham, II, Damon (René) Cottingham, grandnieces and grandnephews; and one brother-in-law: Winthrop (Delois) Cottingham.

Alvenia was an incredible and accomplished woman that endured health challenges in recent years. She will be remembered for her relentless spirit, kindness, generosity, and the love she had for everyone in her life.



Order of Service

Rev. Joseph A. Wilson, Jr., Officiating
Prelude
Processional

Prayer ~ Rev. Joseph A. Wilson, Jr.

Scriptures ~ Rev. Jay Fields

Poem ~ Xavier Stovall, Grandson

Musical Selection

Reflections

~Cathy LeMay, Friend~

~Kyndra Stovall, Daughter~

~Delshawn Cottingham, Son~

~Alva Cottingham, Son~

Acknowledgements ~ Kimberly Morgan, Niece

Musical Selection

Eulogy ~ Rev. Shirley S. Nichols

Recessional ~ Musical Medley of Songs

Committal, Benediction and Interment
Belleville Memorial Gardens
2900 Belleville Road
Orangeburg, SC 29115

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to express our heartfelt appreciation for the love, support, kindness, prayers, calls, texts, cards, flowers, your presence, and countless acts of compassion, which provides us with comfort

