

*Acknowledgments and Gratitude of Thanks*

*from the family of*

*Juanita Dees Kendall*

*It is with deep appreciation and abundant thanks to each of you for your prayers, generous expressions of support, and encouragement during our time of sorrow. The Life of our beloved Juanita was made richer because of the love of each of you. A special thanks to the City of Tuskegee Fire Department, City of Tuskegee Fire Medics, Haynes Ambulance Service, and the caring staff of McKenzie Funeral Home.*

*Floral Bearers*

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated  
Beta Xi Omega Chapter  
Tuskegee, Alabama

Class of 1959 – Honorary

*Pallbearers*

Deacon James Cooper  
William Christopher Haygood

Dr. Jeffrey Hughley  
Deacon Tommy Robinson

*Fellowship Celebration*

The family will have a closed repast at the family home.

*Final Resting Place*

St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church at Armstrong  
14651 County Road 2  
Tuskegee, Alabama 36083

*Dignified and Professional Services Entrusted To:*

McKenzie Funeral Home  
1509 Notasulga Rd  
Tuskegee, Alabama 36083  
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334-727-1750



*Celebration of Life*  
*for*

*Juanita Dees Kendall*

*October 11, 1941 - December 26, 2023*

*Homegoing Services*

*Saturday, January 6, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.*  
*Greater St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church*  
*3403 West Martin Luther King Highway*  
*Tuskegee, Alabama 36083*



## *Psalms 23*

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me  
beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of  
righteousness for his name's sake.

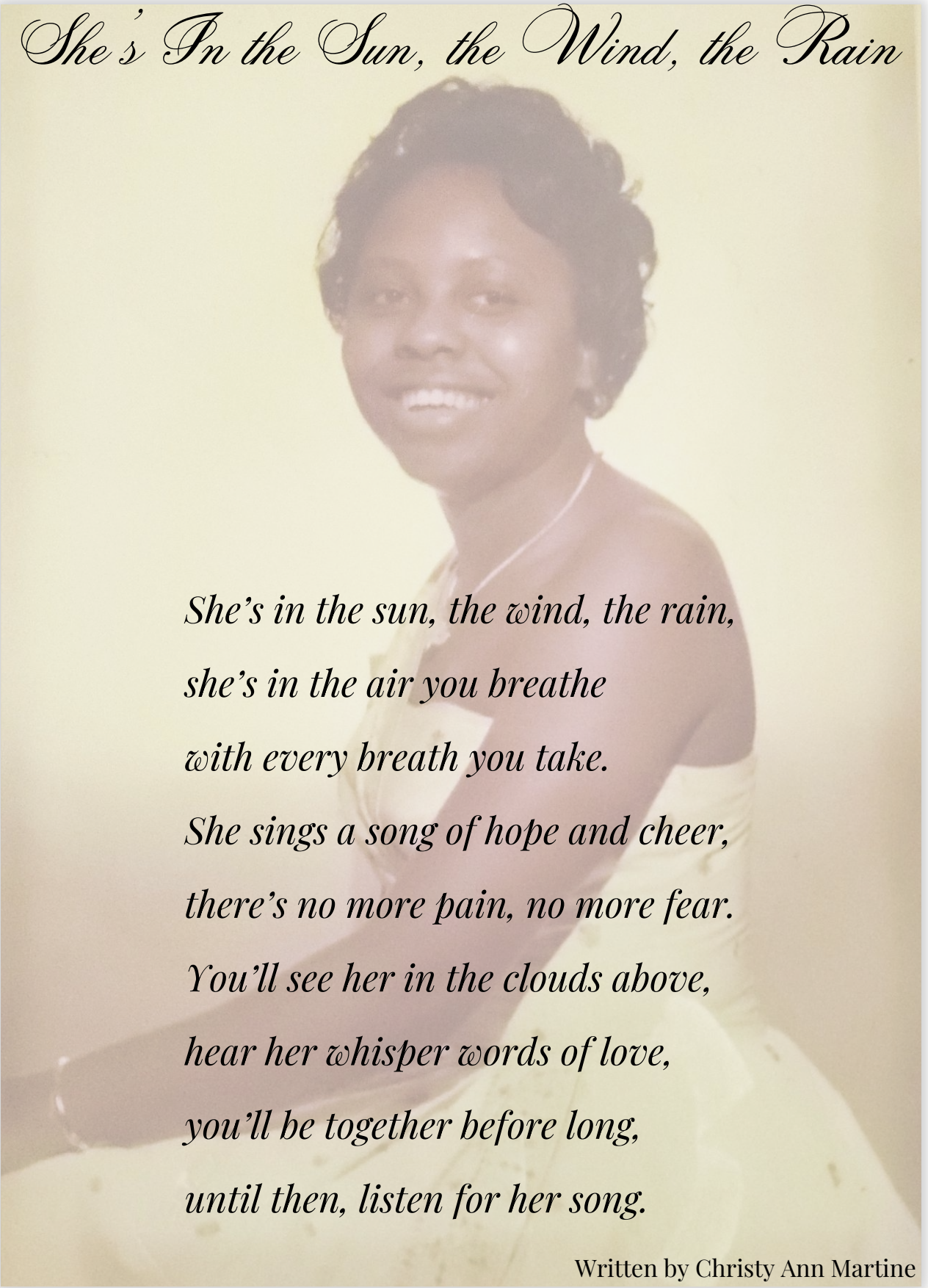
4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff  
they comfort me.

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

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



## *She's In the Sun, the Wind, the Rain*



*She's in the sun, the wind, the rain,  
she's in the air you breathe  
with every breath you take.  
She sings a song of hope and cheer,  
there's no more pain, no more fear.  
You'll see her in the clouds above,  
hear her whisper words of love,  
you'll be together before long,  
until then, listen for her song.*

Written by Christy Ann Martine







# *A Reflective Celebration of Juanita Dees Kendall*

On Saturday, October 11, 1941, the Late Charlie Will Dees and Bessie Williams Dees were blessed with their beloved daughter, Juanita.

At an early age, she confessed faith in Christ at Greater Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church, Tuskegee, Alabama. Juanita later affiliated with Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, in Alexandria, Virginia under "Watch Care " as she never relinquished her membership or financial support to Greater Saint Mark.

Juanita was very active in Greater St. Mark, sharing her love for singing in the Choir, and was a great Alto singer. She participated in all aspects of the Church and developed long-lasting friendships and memories.

Juanita was committed to education at all levels and her matriculation included Tuskegee Institute High School, (Diploma) Class of 1959. Tuskegee (Institute) University, before she transferred to Tennessee (Agriculture and Industrial) State University. She earned a B.S. Degree in Home Economics in 1965. Throughout her extensive career, she earned several Professional Certifications, including The Food Service Manager Certification, The Department of General Services Fairfax County Public School Length of Service Award, and a Certificate of Accomplishment in Advanced Manager Training. She often quipped, "I have to make sure all children are able to have food." Juanita retired from the Fairfax County Public School System after several decades of exemplary employment.

Juanita's passions in life included singing, gardening, and cooking. On visits, she would say "At my house, we use glass dishes for all meals." Humming while tending to her plants and flowers will be deeply missed.

Juanita truly loved her mother and cherished the road trips of coming to Alabama annually. "Both my mom and I drove, however, my mother never got out of the passenger seat." In later years her brother Willie (Midget), would fly up and drive them back, and they would visit for a few weeks then drive back to VA. For months they laughed at their road trips. She liked tagging along with her niece Cristi and friends and hanging out with her best friend Pauline. Later in life, Juanita would have them all in her circle of care.

Precious memories remain for those who loved Juanita most: a devoted brother, Willie (Faye) Haygood), of Tuskegee, a loving and caring niece and caretaker, Dr. Cristi A. Haygood, of Lawrenceville, GA, niece C. August Haygood of Tuskegee, nephew W. Christopher (Maria) Haygood of Marietta, GA, and nephew Dr. Jeffrey Hughley, of Newnan, GA; devoted and loving cousins: Annette Schley Tate, Harold Schley, Akia Tate (Danny) Bentley, Monique Schley all of Tuskegee, her loving Uncle Courtney (Margaret) Williams, of Swansea, SC, devoted friends Pauline Young of Fairfax, VA, Felicia Smith of Ashburn, VA, and a host of cousins, classmates, and friends.

## *Order of Service*

**Reverend Dr. John H. Curry Jr., Presiding  
Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church**

Prelude

Processional..... *"Soon and Very Soon"*

Musical Selection..... *"Order My Steps in Your Word"*  
Greater St. Mark Missionary Baptist Choir

Scripture

Old Testament.....Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8.....Rev. Michael Thurman, Pastor  
Westminster Presbyterian Church  
Tuskegee, AL

New Testament.....1 Thessalonians 4: 11-18.....Rev. Michael Thurman, Pastor

Pastoral Prayer.....Rev. Dr. John H. Curry, Jr.

Words of Comfort.....Mrs. Janice Robinson

Solo.....Mr. Allen Williams

Remembrances.....(Please limit to three minutes)  
Mrs. Vera W. Smith  
Mr. Courtney Williams  
Dr. Cristi A. Haygood

Musical Selections..... *"It Is Well"*  
Greater St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church

Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. John H. Curry, Jr.

Recessional..... *"Let The Church Say Amen"*