



Pallbearers
Nephews and Friends of the Family

Succorers of the Florals
Nieces and Friends of the family

Repast
Springhill Fellowship Hall

Words of Appreciation
To you who shared our joys and sorrows, whose hands were willing, whose prayers were constant, who gave words of encouragement and comfort, whatever your part was in helping us, please accept our heartfelt thanks.

-The Family-



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CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICES
for

Mrs. Gladys Nixon Slater



JULY 10, 1923 - NOVEMBER 19, 2024

**Saturday, November 23, 2024
Eleven O'clock in the morning**

**In the Sanctuary of the
Springhill Baptist Church
23660 Pocotaligo Road
Early Branch, SC 29916**

Elder Genardry O. Haynes, Eulogist

HER LIFE AND LEGACY

Gladys Mixon Slater was born July 10, 1923, in the small town of Barkersville, South Carolina. She was the sixth of eight siblings; Retha, Minnie, Elkin, Elizabeth, Curtis, Enoch, and Charlie. Her first six years of education was in a one room school in Barkersville, South Carolina. She attended The Mather School, which was a boarding school founded in 1868 for free African American girls in Beaufort, South Carolina.

After finishing high school, Gladys wanted more out of life for herself. She knew the North would have opportunities for a young Black woman that the South didn’t have. Gladys packed her bags and headed to our nation’s Capital, Washington D.C., where her sister Minnie Mixon Hamilton resided. After some time in D.C., Gladys would later meet her lifelong partner, Earnest Slater. Earnest and one of his siblings would often travel to D.C. to visit her. It was then that Gladys made the decision to travel back to Maryland with them. After some time had passed, Gladys and Earnest decided to get married at the local courthouse.

Gladys and Earnest made the decision to move from Maryland to Newark, New Jersey, where they resided for many years. Some years later, Gladys and Earnest relocated from Newark, New Jersey to Matawan, New Jersey. While living in New Jersey, She worked with Chase Bank which was located in New York City. She worked with Chase Bank for many, years, commuting back and forth from NJ to NY. Gladys realized that the everyday commute was far too time consuming, leading her to make the decision to leave Chase Bank and start a new venture. This new chapter led Gladys to working for a local nursery, which also operated the district school bus service. Gladys saw another opportunity, so she became a school bus driver for the Matawan School District.

It is clear to see that Gladys Mixon Slater was always a “take charge” type of person and she presented that well in all the work she accomplished. While living in Matawan, Gladys took on a variety of jobs and responsibilities; she was the Church Secretary, president of the Church Board of Trustees, and also, she served in a high position for a Senior Citizen’s center. It was there that she took on the responsibility of coordinating and sponsoring trips locally and out of the country. Some of These trips include: Disney World, Puerto Rico, Las Vegas, Alaska, Miami, Hawaii, and Chicago. She also sponsored trips to Jamaica, West Indies, Barbados, Amsterdam, St. Lucia, St. Thomas, Panama, and Brazil.

Although Gladys and her husband Earnest never had any children, they had a host of nieces and nephews and a family that continues to grow. In the later years, Gladys and Earnest left New Jersey and moved back to Early Branch, South Carolina. It was there that her beloved husband, Earnest Slater, passed. Gladys continued to carry on her legacy as she rejoined her childhood church, Springhill Baptist Church. At Springhill Baptist Church, Gladys was a very active member and continued to give back to her community as long as she was able to, despite some physical challenges in the recent years.

Now days, if you’re ever driving by, you could catch her sitting on her porch, relaxing, and enjoying the fruits of her labor. A friendly beep of the horn would invite a friendly wave from her. In today’s celebration, we shall cherish her waving with a cheery smile as she made her transition from earth to glory.

Fond memories shall always rests in the hearts of those who knew and loved her best. She leaves to celebrate her life and mourn her passing: her brothers, Dr. Enoch Mixon of Washington, DC and Roosevelt Fennell of Yemassee, SC; a sister-in-law, Emma Mixon of Washington, DC; nephews, Robert B. Mixon, of Cambria Heights, NY, Curtis Mixon, Jr. of Waterbury, CT, John Mixon of Yemassee, SC, Everett Mixon of Maryland, Saul Hamilton of Washington, DC, Kevin Fennell and Keith Fennell of Yemassee, SC, Holland Johnson and Henry Story of Early Branch, SC, Al Slater of Maryland, Reginald Slater of Atlanta, GA and Alonzo Slater of Early Branch, SC; nieces, Mattie Lee Mixon of New York, Sandra Mixon of Washington, DC, Yolanda Mixon of Atlanta, GA, Debbie Mixon of New York, Rochelle Fennell, Michelle Fennell, of Yemassee, SC, Kimberly Fennell of Atlanta, GA, Oveta Slater of Early Branch, SC, Beverly Johnson and Robin Johnson of New Jersey; a host of grand nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Let Me Go

*When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me
I want no rites in a gloom filled room
Why cry for a soul set free?*

*Miss me a little, but not for long
And not with your head bowed low
Remember the love that once we shared
Miss me, but let me go.*

*For this is a journey we all must take
And each must go alone.
It’s all part of the master plan
A step on the road to home.*

*When you are lonely and sick at heart
Go to the friends we know.
Laugh at all the things we used to do
Miss me, but let me go.*

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

The Celebration

The Processional

Song of Praise The Choir

The Holy Scriptures *Old Testament* - Elder McDonald Hamilton *New Testament* - Sister Deborah Holmes

The Prayer of Comfort Rev. James Houston

Musical Selection The Choir

Eulogistic Reflections *From The Church* - Deacon James Fennell *From The Community* - Sister Margie Fennell *As I Knew Her* - Missionary Rudine Williams *As A Nephew* - Holland Johnson

Family Tribute *“Letter of Love from Dr. Enoch Mixon”* Mrs. Emma Mixon

Precious Memories Robert B. Mixon

Solo Rev. W. E. Young Priestser

Eulogy Elder Genardry O. Haynes

Mortician’s Commentary

The Respective View

The Recessional

The committal, final prayers, and interment will follow in the Bethlehem Church Cemetery, Early Branch, SC.