

His Garden

*God looked around His garden
And found an empty place
He then looked down upon the earth
And saw your beautiful face
He put His arms around you
And lifted you to rest
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
Although He knew you were happy here
But He needed you with Him
He told you that you'd never again be in pain
Although you'd leave this earth dim
It broke my heart to lose you
But you didn't go alone
For part of me went with you
The day God called you home.*

Pallbearers
Friends of the Family

Flower Bearers
Friends of the Family

Acknowledgements

The family would like to express appreciation for all acts of kindness and words of prayer and encouragement. You have showered us with God's love and compassion and we are grateful for your love and support. Your generosity and unwavering support is immensely appreciated.

Special thanks to the Ridgeland Nursing Center Staff and to Ms. Doretha Colleton, for ensuring that she was in the dining room for all of her meals while encouraging her to eat her appropriate meals.

Heartfelt appreciation goes to everyone for sharing God's love and kindness.

At the conclusion of the Interment, the family invites you to share with them in a service of Repast, in the Pilgrim Ford Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.



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CELEBRATING A LIFE WELL-LIVED



Mother Mary Helen Francis

October 28, 1935 – August 25, 2025

Wednesday: August 27, 2025
Eleven O' Clock in the Morning

In the Edifice of:
The Applied Word Ministry of
Pilgrim Ford Missionary Baptist Church
20 Pilgrim Ford Street, Yemassee, SC 29945

Pastor Rogerstine Gourdine
Rev. Willa E. Young Priester – Eulogist

The Essence of Her Life

On October 28, 1935, the Lord in his infinite wisdom blessed the world with his beloved daughter, Mrs. Mary Helen Francis. Born to the late Mr. Jake Francis and Mrs. Carrie Colleton Francis, Mary spent her years as a native of Yemassee, South Carolina, where she received her education from the public schools of Hampton County. Mary lived her years as a housewife, caring and providing for her family.

In her early years, Mother Francis accepted the Lord as Her personal Savior, and was baptized under the leadership of the late Reverend Freddie Hamilton. She became a member of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, and remained faithful to her church and the people of God until the very end.

A loving mother, a grandmother, and so much more; her family and friends were her life. She was a quiet individual, who never had much to say. However, she possessed the biggest smile and even a big heart. She was a true jewel and a genuine person. During the afternoon hours of Wednesday, August 20, 2025, our jewel traded mortal for immortality.

Left on this side to embrace the essence of her life are five sons: Eugene (Pearline) Francis of Walterboro, SC, Lester (Vanessa) Williams of St. George, SC, Arthur L. (Linda) McWilliams of Beaufort, SC, John McWilliams of Fairfax, SC, and Jerome (Jacqueline) McWilliams of Green Pond, SC; special niece, who was like her daughter: Patricia (Van) Ferebee of Ridgeland, SC; eighteen (18) grandchildren, twenty nine (29) great-grandchildren, along with a host of numerous other relatives and friends.



God's Promise

*God hath not promised skies always blue, F
lowered pathway all our lives through.
God hath not promised sun without rain,
joy without sorrow, peace with pain.
But God has promised strength for the day,
Rest for the labor, light for the way.
Grace for the trials, help from above,
Unfailing sympathy and His undying love.*

The Order of Service

Minister Thomas Riley – Presiding

THE PRELUDE

THE PROCESSIONAL

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

Old Testament

New Testament

THE PRAYER OF CONSOLATION

SOLO

Sis. Rivka Brown

EXPRESSIONS OF REMEMBRANCE

As I Knew Her - Sis. Vasilisa Hamilton

From the Church - Sis. Berty Riley

SOLO

Deacon Leroy Mack

FAMILY TRIBUTE

Sis. Patricia Ferebee

SELECTION

Choir

THE INSPIRED WORD

Rev. Willa E. Young Priestler

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Pastor

WORDS OF APPRECIATION & THE RESPECTIVE VIEW

Young Funeral Home

RECESSIONAL

THE COMMITTAL, BENEDICTION & INTERMENT

Mount Pleasant Baptist Church Cemetery

Pocotaligo, South Carolina