

Floral Bearers

Clinton High School Class of 1973

Casket Bearers

Samuel Brown

Vernon Cheeks

Mike Hill

Steven Hill

Willie Hill

Ben Longshore

Douglas Suber

Fred Suber

Heartfelt Thanks and Appreciation

*There's an open gate at the end of the road through which each must go alone;
and there is a light we cannot see; our Father claims His own.*

*Beyond the gate our loved one finds happiness and rest;
and there is comfort in the thought that a loving God knows best.*

The family of Beulah Adams Bluford acknowledges with deep appreciation the comforting messages, floral tributes, prayers and other expressions of love and sympathy during our time of bereavement. Your many expressions of sympathy and acts of kindness are indelibly etched in our hearts; and we will remain eternally grateful. It is through your comfort we have found strength.

— The Family



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IN LOVING MEMORY

Beulah Adams Bluford



From Dusk to Dawn

October 20, 1955 – June 16, 2019

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2019
1:00 POST MERIDIEN

ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH
CROSS HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA

REVEREND DAVID A. SULLIVAN, PASTOR
REVEREND TONY CUNNINGHAM, OFFICIATING

*A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by or like a watch in the night.
Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death; they are like the new grass of the morning.
In the morning it springs up new, but by evening it is dry and withered.
We are consumed by your anger and terrified by your wrath.
You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.
For all our days are passed away in thy wrath.
We spend our years as a tale that is told.*

Order of Service

Reverend Tony Cunningham, Presiding

A Musical Prelude

The Processional

The Final Viewing

Opening Selection

Zion Hill Baptist Church Combined Choirs

The Old Testament & New Testament

Reverend Anthony Dunlap
Pastor of Fairview AME Church

The Prayer

Reverend Phyllis Dunlap
Fairview AME Church

A Selection

Zion Hill Baptist Church Combined Choirs

A Reflection of Life

Michael Adams
The Abyssinian Baptist Church

My Last Request

*Please don't say that I gave up, just say that I gave in.
Don't say that I lost the battle, for it was God's war to lose or win.*

*Please don't say how good I was, but that I did my best.
Just say I tried to do what was right-to give the most I could, not less.*

*Please don't give me wings or halos, that's for God to do.
I want no more than I deserve, no extras, just my due.*

Don't be concerned with me now; I'm well with God; I've made it home.

Don't talk about what could have been; it's over and it's done.

*When you draw a picture of me, don't draw me as a saint.
I've done some good; I've done some wrong, so use all of your paint.*

*Not just the bright and light tones, use some gray and dark.
In fact, don't put me down on canvas, paint me in your heart.*

*Don't just remember the good times, but remember all the bad;
For life is full of many things, some happy and some sad.*

*But if you must do something, then I have one last request:
Forgive me the wrongs I've done and with the love that's left*

*Thank God for my soul's resting,
Thank God for all who loved me,
Praise God who loved me best.*



The Acknowledgements

A Selection

The Words of Comfort

Closing Selection

Childs Funeral Home Staff

Reverend John Booker
Pastor of New Hope AME Church

Pastor David A. Sullivan
Pastor of Zion Hill Baptist Church

Travis Atkinson
Saint Vaughnville Baptist Church



The Recessional

The Committal Service

Committal Rites, Prayer, Benediction

Interment

Orchard Park Memorial Gardens
Clinton, South Carolina



Obituary

*Every blade in the field - Every leaf in the forest - lays down its life
in due season as beautifully as it was taken up.*

Mrs. Beulah Adams Bluford—a mother, a grandmother, a sister, an aunt, a cousin and a friend—edged into life on October 20, 1955 as the second child of Perry Adams and Amelia McMorris Adams of Laurens County South Carolina. She fondly enjoyed her earthly journey and was at her happiest while shopping, traveling, cooking, baking and enjoying the company of family and friends.

At the tender age of sixty-three and with the spirit of 2nd Timothy 4:6-5, “For I am now ready to be offered and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course. I have kept the faith. Now awaits me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the Righteous Judge, shall give me on that day,” during the early afternoon of Sunday, June 16, 2019 in the company of family, she answered the Righteous Judge and transitioned from earth to glory.

Beulah was preceded in death by her parents, Perry and Amelia Adams; and one brother, Perry Benton Adams, Sr.

Early in life Beulah joined Fairview African Methodist Episcopal Church in Clinton, South Carolina and remained a devoted member while also attending Zion Hill Baptist Church in Cross Hill, South Carolina.

For thirty-three years and through a range of capacities, Beulah was employed through the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs at the Whitten Center Campus in Clinton, South Carolina. She was educated in the Laurens County District 56 School System where she received a high school diploma from Clinton High School in 1973. In 1977 she graduated from Piedmont Technical College in Greenwood, South Carolina with an Associates Degree in Human Services. She was an active member and secretary of the Women’s Aid Society, Lodge #3.

For nearly fifty years Beulah was joined in union with her husband, Donell Bluford. They dated for nineteen years, and she transitioned one day short of their 30th wedding anniversary.

Surviving to celebrate Beulah’s living and mourn her passing is her husband, Donell Bluford; one son, Christopher J. Adams; three granddaughters, Timya, Liberty and Jade; three stepsons: Derrick Bluford, Chris Longshore and Walter Andy Cook; two stepdaughters, Demetris Cook and Precious Leak; one stepdaughter-in-law, Andrika Godfrey Bluford; three sisters: Cinda Adams-Davis, Mary Rutherford and Willie Mae Gibson; three brothers: Ralph Young, Richard Young and Levi Adams; three sisters-in-law: Brenzella Adams, Irene Young and Annette Young; three brothers-in-law: Willie James Bluford, Eddie Rutherford and Johnny Gibson; a mother-in-law, Helen Fuller Bluford; four special friends: Annie Pearl McGowan, Margaret Todd, Bessie Reeder and Doll Moses; one great aunt, six aunts, four uncles and a host of step-grand children, nieces, nephews, cousins, other special relatives and friends.