

## **\*\* Memories \*\***



## *Honorary Escorts*

Bell Street High School Class of 1969

## *Floral Bearers*

Nieces

## *Pall Bearers*

705 Clinton's Finest

### **WEEP NOT FOR ME**

Weep not for me, though I have gone into that gentle night.  
Grieve if you will, but not for long, Upon my soul's sweet flight.

I am at peace. My soul's at rest. There is no need for tears.  
For with your love, I was so blessed for all those many years.

There is no pain. I suffer not. The fear is now all gone.  
Put now these things out of your thoughts; in your memory I live on.  
Remember not my fight for breath. Remember not the strife.  
Please do not dwell upon my death but celebrate my life.

## *Acknowledgment*

The family of Mrs. Annie Pearl McGowan is grateful for your many expressions of sympathy and kindness. We thank you very much and pray that God will look upon your thoughtfulness and richly bless you.

~~ The Family ~~

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## *A Celebration of Life*

for

*Mrs. Annie Pearl McGowan*



SUNRISE  
June 18, 1951

SUNSET  
October 22, 2019

### SERVICE

Tuesday, October 29, 2019  
2:00 PM

Antioch African Methodist Episcopal Church  
Clinton, South Carolina

Reverend Harold Chapman, *Pastor*  
Reverend John Booker, *Officiating*

## Order of Service

Reverend Harold Chapman, *Presiding*

Prelude	
Processional	Clergy and Family
Celebration in Song	Lakeshia Smith
Prayer of Comfort	Reverend Harold Chapman
Scripture	
OLD TESTAMENT	Reverend Valerie Gains
NEW TESTAMENT	Reverend Valerie Gains
Acknowledgements	Funeral Home Staff
Remarks	Family, Coworker, Friend
Solo	Lakeshia Smith
Words of Comfort	Reverend John Booker
Closing Prayer	Reverend John Booker
Closing Selection	Reverend John Booker
Recessional	
Committal Service	
Prayer, Committal, and Benediction	Graveside

## Interment / Dove Release

Antioch African Methodist Episcopal Church  
Clinton, South Carolina

## FAREWELL, DEAR MOTHER



Somewhere in my heart, beneath all of this pain,  
Is a smile I still wear... at the sound of your name.  
The precious word is "MOTHER." She was my world, you see.  
But now my heart is breaking, she's no longer here with me.

God chose her for His angel to watch me from above,  
To guide me and advise me and know that I'm still loved.  
The day she had to leave me, her life on earth was through.  
But God had better plans for her, for this, I surely knew.

When I think of her kind heart and all those loving years,  
Because we're only human, they're bound to bring us tears.  
She truly was my best friend, someone I could confide in.  
She always had a tender touch, a soft and gentle grin.

I want to thank you, Mother, for teaching me so well.  
Even though the time has come, that I must bid you farewell.  
I'll remember all you've taught me, to put God above all others.  
For I had no better teacher, than you...My Dear Mother.

Even though you've left this earth and had to take your flight,  
I know that you are here with me,  
each morning, noon and night.

## Obituary

Annie Pearl McGowan was born on June 18, 1951 in Clinton, South Carolina to the late Lottie Beatrice and Willie Mack Gary. She was reared in the home of Annie Pearl and Sammie Young.

She attended the Public schools of Laurens County, South Carolina and was a graduate of Bell Street High School Class of 1969. She furthered her education in Atlanta, Georgia.

She was an active member of Antioch AME Church in Clinton, South Carolina. She was also a member of the Women's Aid Society Lodge No. 3.

After thirty years of employment, Annie Pearl retired from Whitten Center in Clinton, South Carolina.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters.

After an extended illness, Mrs. Annie Pearl McGowan departed this life on Tuesday, October 22, 2019.

She is survived by her two sons, Telly (Rhonda, a loving daughter) Gary and Ocasio Gary both of Clinton, SC; seven grandchildren, Kemora Gary, ZaDedrick Cunningham, Zaelyn Gary, Zir'Myracle Gary, KJ Gary, Amira Grant, AJ Grant; one great-grandchild; three brothers, Willie (Geraldine) Gary, James Dennis (Fern ) Gary, and Bobby Cheeks all of Clinton, SC; a sister, Resa Lee Richer; two aunts, Janie Wilson and Mary Pearl Browning; two faithful friends, Catherine McTier and Margaret Parramore both of Atlanta, GA; and a host of nieces, nephews, loving relatives and friends.