

## *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard his call,  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My Life's been full, I savoured much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.



*Rest In Paradise*

## *Interment*

Providence AME Church  
Prayer, Committal & Benediction

## *Pall Bearers*

Family & Friends

## *Floral Bearers*

Friends & Family

## *Repast*

Cedar Grove AME Church  
1731 Belleville Road  
Orangeburg, SC 29115



## *A Special Thank You*

The Family of the Late Reverend Portia Denise Jackson Alexander extends their warmest and sincere appreciation for every act of kindness shown in our time bereavement. May God bless each of you in a very special way.

*- The Alexander Family*

## *Arrangements Entrusted to:*

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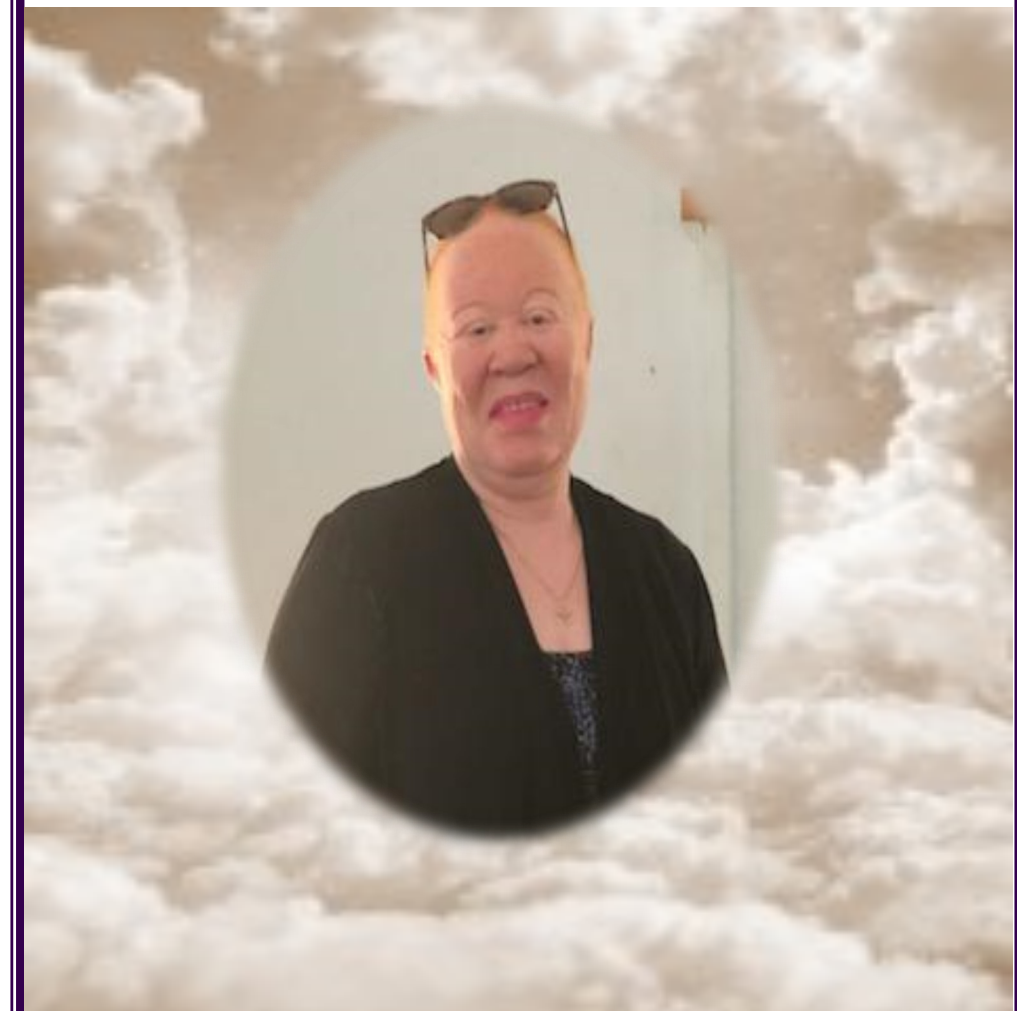
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## *Celebrating The Lives Of* *Rev. Portia Denise Jackson*

# ALEXANDER

SUNRISE: SEPTEMBER 1, 1958 SUNSET: DECEMBER 15, 2019



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2019 AT 1:00 P.M.

*Brown Chapel AME Church*  
*195 Browns Chapel Road*  
*Elloree, SC*

REVEREND MICHAEL BUCKSON, OFFICIATING



## Order of Service

**REV. DR. CHARLES E. YOUNG, PRESIDING**

Prelude .....	Bro. Ray Shuler
Processional/Final Viewing .....	Clergy & Family
Hymn of Celebration	
Invocation.....	Rev. Stanley Rivers Pastor, Williams Chapel
The Written Word	
Old Testament .....	Psalm 23 Rev. Zareatha Buckson Associate Minister, Cedar Grove AME Church
New Testament.....	Acts 4:10-12 Rev. Deidra Pleasant St. Matthew AME Church
Epistle .....	Romans 8:35-39 Rev. Dr. James Stokes Shiloh AME
Selection.....	Cedar Grove & Providence AME Churches
Reflections (2 Minutes)	
Rev. Michael Buckson .....	Pastor, Cedar Grove AME
Rev. Dr. Georgianne Pringle .....	Dean of Central Conference Board of Examiners
Rev. Patrick Millerson.....	Former Pastor, Providence AME Church
Rev. Dr. Mary A. Hodge .....	Co-Worker-Wateree District Mt. Moriah AME Church
Selection.....	Cedar Grove & Providence AME Churches
Reflections “Continued”	
Mr. Oliver Polk.....	Pro-Tem, Zion Hill AME Church
Ms. Dale Evans.....	Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School
Ms. Michelle Lucas.....	Church Presentation, Cedar Grove AME Church
Shafari Alexander .....	Granddaughter
Acknowledgements	
Solo.....	Rev. Angela Jamison
Spoken Word .....	Rev. Michael Buckson
Recessional	



## The Obituary

*Reverend Portis Denise Jackson Alexander*, the daughter of Mrs. Mary M. B. Jackson and the late Mr. Roosevelt Jackson, was born on September 1, 1958. Reverend Alexander enter eternal rest on December 15, 2019.

She attended the public schools of Orangeburg, South Carolina. She obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree from South Carolina State University. She continued her education and obtained a Master of Arts degree from Leslyn University and a Master of Arts degree from Cambridge University.

Reverend Alexander received the “Calling” from the Almighty God to teach, minister and preach His word in 2005. Her ministerial assignments past and present included: Pastor of Zion Hill AME Church, Pineville, SC; Local Elder at Providence AME Church, St. Matthews, SC and Local Elder at Cedar Grove AME Church, Orangeburg, SC.

She was a tenured and dedicated employee of the Orangeburg Consolidated School District Public School System, where she taught for 28 years. She most recently taught at Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School, Orangeburg, SC.

Reverend Alexander held numerous positions and offices in the church, community and education arenas; however, she want to be remembered not by the titles held or positions filled but that she was a “Child of The King!”

She leaves to cherish precious memories three children: Dennis Alexander, Jr. of Orangeburg, SC, Ashley (Leonard) Cooper of Columbia, SC and Shafari Alexander of Orangeburg, SC; two grandchildren: Leonard, Jr and Keziah Cooper of Columbia, SC; one sister, Lovotus (James) Hicks of Columbia, SC; two brothers: Andra Jackson of Orangeburg, SC and Darius (Tamara) Jackson of Dacula, GA; five nephews: Austin Jackson of Los Angeles, CA, Kalen Hicks, Marquise Hicks and John Hicks all of Columbia, SC, and Andra Jackson, II of Swansea, SC; seven nieces: Crystal Kitchens of Columbia, SC, Tangela Kitchens of Winnsboro, SC, Breanna Jackson of Columbia, SC Darienne Jackson of Columbia, SC, Ariel Jackson, Mia Jackson and Leila Jackson all of Dacula, GA; a very special aunt and uncle, Reverend Clarence (Martha) Bookard of Columbia, SC; her “besties,” closest friends and a host of family, friends, loved ones and students at Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School.