

Order of Service

<i>Prelude</i>	<i>Myron Brooker</i>
<i>Processional</i>	<i>Clergy & Family</i>
<i>Hymn of Praise</i>	<i>"Blessed Assurance"</i>
<i>Scripture Readings</i>	
<i>Old Testament</i>	
<i>New Testament</i>	
<i>Prayer of Comfort</i>	
<i>Frances' Favorite Hymn</i>	<i>"Order My Steps"</i>
<i>Remarks</i>	
<i>Cousins</i>	<i>Roscoe Walker Riley, Jr.</i> <i>Milton Warren Miller, II</i> <i>Bowen McDowell Wakefield, II</i> <i>"Georgia Red," "Warren" and Snapper"</i>
<i>Former Claflin University Student</i>	<i>Mark Joseph ("Adopted Son")</i>
<i>Friends and Fellow Retired Educators</i>	<i>Gladys Johnson</i> <i>Amelia Broughton</i> <i>("The Lunch Buddies")</i>
<i>Friends</i>	<i>Elder William E. Smith, Sheneice Smith and Debra Norman</i> <i>("The Antley's BBQ Crew")</i>
<i>Solo</i>	<i>"If I Can Help Somebody"</i> <i>Deacon Leonard Anderson</i>
<i>Words of Comfort</i>	<i>Reverend Todd A. Brown</i>
<i>Prayer & Committal</i>	
<i>Recessional</i>	

Reflection of Life

Frances Walker York was born July 25, 1941 in Detroit, Michigan, a daughter of Roscoe Walker and Gladys Parker. She was raised in Anderson County, South Carolina and graduated from Riverside High School in Pendleton.

Frances furthered her education at South Carolina State University (then South Carolina State College), where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education (Class of 1964) and later a Master of Education degree in special education. She was a loyal daughter of S.C. State – so much so that she married one of her graduate school professors, Willis Edward York, on June 22, 1968. They welcomed a baby girl, Karen Elizabeth, on April 5, 1969. Karen was always fascinated that her father taught her mother. She would ask Frances, "Did he give you an A?" to which Frances would respond, "Yes, but that joker was tough!"

Frances began her teaching career in the Spartanburg County schools and she taught for a year at A.J. Lewis Greenview Elementary School in Columbia, but she spent most of her career in public education in Orangeburg School District Five. She was one of those "old school" educators who inspired and demanded excellence from her students. Frances taught at the elementary level, including at Whittaker Elementary School, and she went on to serve as a curriculum specialist at Rivelon Elementary School and as curriculum coordinator for the district. Before she retired in 1999, she served for a year as principal at W.J. Clark Middle School. After her retirement, she taught at Claflin University, helping to train the next generation of educators. She also served as a consultant for the South Carolina Department of Education and worked with schools on strategies to increase student achievement.

Affectionately called "Frankie" by her daughter and "Frank" by her cousins, Frances had a magnetic, outgoing personality. When she was a child, Karen would both love and hate to go shopping with her at the mall because she knew that Frances would run into someone she knew, which would lead to a conversation that, to her, seemed to last forever. Frances was known for her sense of humor and she never met a stranger. In her later years, she went to Burger King or McDonald's most every morning to get breakfast and the employees at the drive-through called her Grandma.

Frances' many professional affiliations included the National Education Association (NEA), the South Carolina Education Association (SCEA), the International Reading Association (IRA), the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) and Phi Delta Kappa. She also was a member of New Mount Zion Baptist Church in Orangeburg and a Golden Life Member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

Frances was preceded in death by her parents; her siblings, Daisy, Joanne, Richard and Ronald; and her husband, Willis. Along with her daughter, Karen, she is survived by several cousins in South Carolina, Georgia, North Carolina and beyond, including special cousins, Roscoe Walker Riley, Jr., Bowen McDowell Wakefield, II (Beverly) and Milton Warren Miller, II; a special family friend, Elaine Scipio Arledge; her former student at Claflin University and "adopted son," Mark Joseph; and many friends, including Gladys Johnson and Amelia Broughton ("The Lunch Buddies"), and Debra Norman, Sheneice Smith and Elder William E. Smith ("The Antley's BBQ Crew").

Interment

Belleville Memorial Gardens
2900 Belleville Road
Orangeburg, SC 29115

Pallbearers

Roscoe Walker Riley, Jr.
Milton Warren Miller, II
Bowen McDowell Wakefield, II

Harry C. Riley
Mark Joseph
Elder William E. Smith

I believe the children are our future. Teach them well and let them lead the way. Show them all the beauty they possess inside. Give them a sense of pride to make it easier. Let the children's laughter remind us how we used to be.

– From “The Greatest Love of All”



Acknowledgement

The family of the late Mrs. Frances Walker York would like to express our deepest appreciation for the heartfelt condolences and acts of kindness shown to us.

-The York Family

Arrangements Entrusted to:

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HOMEGOING CELEBRATION

Mrs. Frances Walker York

Sunrise: July 25, 1941

Sunset: May 10, 2020



Saturday, May 16, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

Simmons Funeral Home Chapel

2868 Columbia Road
Orangeburg, South Carolina 29118
Reverend Todd A. Brown, Officiating