

After I'm Gone

A limb has fallen from the family tree.

I keep hearing a voice that says,

"Grieve not for me.

Remember the best times,

the laughter, the song.

The good life I lived

while I was strong.

Continue my heritage,

I'm counting on you.

Keep smiling and surely
the sun will shine through.

My mind is at ease,

my soul is at rest.

Remembering all,
how I truly was blessed.

Continue traditions,
no matter how small.

Go on with your life,
don't worry about falls.

I miss you all dearly,
so keep up your chin.

Until the day comes
we're together again."



Interment

St. James Church of God
1946 Kennerly Road
Orangeburg, SC 29118

Pallbearers

Family & Friends

Flower Bearers

Family & Friends



Acknowledgements

*The family of the late Ms. Judy Mae Dykes would like to express
our heartfelt appreciation for your sympathy in our time of grief.
Thank you for all of your phone calls, love, prayers and support.
May God bless each of you for your many acts of kindness.*

~ The Dykes Family ~

Arrangements Entrusted to:



Simmons Funeral Home & Crematory of Orangeburg
Simmons Funeral Home of Santee
Paul A. Simmons, Founder and President
2868 Columbia Road, Orangeburg, SC 29118
803-534-2646

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Celebrating The Life of

Ms. Judy Mae Dykes



SUNRISE: JULY 8, 1947 SUNSET: JULY 3, 2022

MONDAY, JULY 11, 2022 AT 2:30 P.M.

Simmons Funeral Home Chapel
2868 Columbia Road
Orangeburg, SC 29118

REVEREND JAMES CROMARTIE, OFFICIATING

Order of Service

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Prelude.....Soft Music & Video

Processional.....Clergy & Family

Hymn....."What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend James Cromartie

Scripture Reading

Old Testament.....Isaiah 57:1-2

New Testament.....Matthew 5: 4

Selection.....Daquan Benford

Reflections (3 minutes, please)

Friend.....Sammie Fields

Family.....Lakiesha Daniels (Niece)

Ciarra Copeland (Grand Niece)

Acknowledgements.....Simmons Funeral Home

Selection.....Daquan Benford

Words of Comfort.....Reverend James Cromartie

Committal, Prayer & Benediction

Recessional



Reflections of Life

Ms. Judy Mae Dykes was born on July 8, 1947 in Orangeburg, South Carolina to the late Eddie and Hattie Dykes. She entered into eternal rest on July 3, 2022.

Judy was educated in the public schools of Orangeburg County and was a 1967 graduate of Wilkinson High School. After graduating from high school, Judy briefly moved to New York before returning to Orangeburg, South Carolina. It was then that she began taking care of children, where she seemed to thrive. Judy had a big heart and loved caring for children. She was entrusted with the care of hundreds of children during her lifetime.

Judy was known for having a loving, kind spirit. Although she suffered from Sickle Cell Anemia, she prided herself on helping others despite her own pain. Doctors once proclaimed she would never grow old; however, with God's grace and mercy, she lived 75 beautiful years.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Juanita Dykes; and four brothers: Eddie Dykes, Harry Dykes, Elijah Dykes and Leroy Dykes.

Left to cherish her memory are two reared children: Justin Marshall and Ciarra O. Dykes Copeland; two sisters: Blondell Wilkes of Orangeburg, South Carolina and Dorothy (Robert) Cook of New York; two sisters-n-law: Eva Dykes of Orangeburg, South Carolina and Gwendolyn Dykes of North Carolina; and a host of nieces, nephews, other loving relatives and dear friends.