

Pallbearers

Grandsons & Nephews

Floral Bearers

Ushers & Hostesses



The family of the late Mother Eloise Hampton Murray would like to thank each of you for your many acts of kindness during our time of bereavement. It is the thoughtfulness of family and friends like you that gives us strength to face the days ahead. May God continue to bless each and every one of you in a very special way.

-The Family

Arrangements Entrusted to:

Simmons Funeral Home and Crematory of Orangeburg

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE

FOR

October 2, 1930 – January 18, 2023

Mother Eloise Hampton Murray

Church Mother Emerita
Bowman Temple Church Of God In
Christ, Inc.

Friday, January 27, 2023
11:00 A.M.



South Carolina Jurisdiction
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.
HEADQUARTERS
1339 Coulter Road
Saint Matthews, SC 29135

Dr. Alonzo Johnson, Superintendent Capitol District, Chief Officiant
Pastor Leon Ross, Jr., Bowman Temple C.O.G.I.C., Co-Officiant & Eulogist
Bishop William A. Prioleau, Jurisdictional Prelate



Order of Worship

PRESIDER

Dr. Alonzo Johnson

*Universal Outreach Church of God in Christ, Senior Pastor, Columbia, SC
Capital District, Superintendent*

PROCESSIONAL

“Total Praise” (by Richard Smallwood)

Clergy

Family

SELECTION

Celebration Choir

INVOCATION

Pastor Franklin E. Walker, Jr., *One to One Ministries, Inc.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 46:1-7

Elder Leroy Glover

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Pastor Larry Palmer

Faith Tabernacle Deliverance Temple

SOLO

Lady Etta Maria Murray Brown, *Daughter*

REFLECTIONS

All speakers are asked to limit their remarks to two minutes or less.

District Missionary Henrietta Edwards, *Lower Midlands District*
Evangelist Lille Sowell, *Bowman Temple C.O.G.I.C. Women's Ministry*
Ms. Bertie Ruth Howard, *Former Student*



Precious Memories

The Obituary

Mrs. Eloise Lorraine Hampton Murray of 131 Greenwood Avenue, Orangeburg, entered into eternal rest on January 18, 2023, at the Regional Medical Center of Orangeburg.

In the words of Dr. Maya Angelou, “My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style.” Such powerful words aptly describe the life well lived by Eloise Murray.

Eloise was born to the late Reverend and Mrs. James Wade (Wilhemenia Busby) Hampton. She was an exceptional student, receiving her primary and secondary education in the public schools of Orangeburg. Eloise graduated with “highest honors” from South Carolina State College in 1951, receiving a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English, with a minor in French, and certification in World History. In 1959, she earned a Master of Science Degree in Education. Mrs. Murray was a prolific English and World History high school teacher for over 35 years in Orangeburg School District Five. She was also Chair of the English Department and Advisor to the Student Council and Senior Class. Additionally, she taught Humanities in the Upward Bound program at Claflin University from 1967 to 1987. After her retirement from Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School and the Upward Bound Program, Mrs. Murray worked at the South Carolina State University Care Center & Teacher Education Program from 1992-1996. She was instrumental in the preparation of teachers to successfully pass the National Teacher Examination.

Instilled with a strong religious influence from her parents, Eloise accepted Christ as her personal savior at a very early age, was a member of St. Paul Baptist Church for many years, and later affiliated with the Church of God in Christ (COGIC). Under the leadership of Reverend Henry T. Williams, Sr., Eloise served on numerous auxiliaries and ministries including: the Baptist Training Union; Sunday school teacher; member of the Senior Choir; and advisor to the Youth Gospel Choir founded by her sister, Etta Carmichael. For a few years, she pledged her membership to St. Peter COGIC under the leadership of Pastor James G. Brown, Jr. until she joined Bowman Temple COGIC when Dr. Alonzo Johnson was the Senior Pastor. She was very active in the women’s ministry, both locally and at the district level. With deep and abiding faith, spiritual insight, transformational leadership, and a heart for service; she was elevated to Church Mother at Bowman Temple.

The Obituary

She married Louis E. Murray and together they nurtured and raised three children: Gail, Geoffrey, and Maria. With an emphasis on family and education, she exemplified what it means to have a strong work ethic and a zest for learning. Her legacy and impact on education can be seen in her children, who like her are, “loyal sons and daughters” of South Carolina State University.

Over the course of her life, Eloise was active in many civic and service organizations some of which include: the Wilkinson High School and South Carolina State Alumni Associations, the NAACP, and the National Education Association. On May 20, 1986, she was initiated into Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Beta Zeta Omega Chapter.

Eloise was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Eula “Rae” Hampton McMichael and Etta Julia Hampton Carmichael. She is survived by her three children: Gail Valerie Murray Jenkins (Christopher, Sr.) of Newport News, Virginia; Geoffrey Louis Murray of Orangeburg; and Etta Maria Lorraine Murray Brown (Curtis) of Miami, Florida. She is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Susanna Hampton Thorne of Bethesda, Maryland and Dr. Jimmie L. Hampton Winningham of Orangeburg; and one sister-in-law, Sarah J. Murray Perry of Detroit, Michigan.

She loved and cherished her five grandchildren: Monique Simone Jenkins-Fuller (Jack), Christopher Edwin Jenkins, Jr., Erin Nicole Jenkins Miller (George), Morgan Berniece Jenkins Moody (Steven) and Cameron Ahmad Brown. She shared many memorable moments with them including birthdays, graduations, weddings, holidays, and weekend visits. The true joys of her heart in her later years were her eight great-grandchildren: Jaden Christopher, Jackson Bruce, Christopher Alejandro, Jace Tyler, Mariah Gail, George David IV, Gavin Dean, and Charlotte Marie. “Nana” as they called her will be remembered for her warm smile, hugs, and kisses. Family was extremely important to Eloise, and she will be missed greatly by her nieces, nephews, relatives, friends, and caregivers.

The family is thankful for the love and spiritual support provided by Pastor Leon Ross, Jr. and the Bowman Temple COGIC family. Of particular note, special thanks to caregiver and close family friends, Mary Jenkins and Lillie Sowell, and also her loving and giving caretakers: Vivian Booker, Jewel Bryant, Louzinia Robinson, Vivien Snell, and Tywana Townsend.



PROCLAMATION

Suffragan Bishop Michael Butler
The Honorable Mayor of Orangeburg
Victory Tabernacle Deliverance Church

FAMILY ACCLAMATIONS

Mr. Jaden Bowdrie, *First great-grandchild*
Mrs. Monique Jenkins-Fuller, *First grandchild*
Mrs. Gail V. Murray Jenkins, *First child*
LTC (Retired) Christopher Jenkins, Sr., *Family*

VIDEO TRIBUTE

“Remembering Eloise Hampton Murray”

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / RESOLUTION

Sister Hennie Gilmore

SELECTION

Celebration Choir

WORDS OF COMFORT

Pastor Leon Ross, Jr.
Bowman Temple C.O.G.I.C., Senior Pastor

RECESSIONAL

"Going Up Yonder" (by Walter Hawkins featuring Tramaine Hawkins)
Please remain standing in place until the family's recessional has concluded.

THE INTERMENT

will be held immediately following the Celebration of Life Service at
Belleville Memorial Gardens
2900 Belleville Road
Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115-2147

