

## *Active Pallbearers*

Malik Hardwick  
Omari Hardwick  
Jamil Hardwick  
Jerred Wilson

Warren Wilkes  
Justin Adams  
Kristopher "Reed" Render  
Khalil Johnson

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Beta Phi Lambda Chapter

St. Philip AME Church Stewards

Robert E. James, I  
Michael Robinson  
Lester B. Johnson, III  
Dr. Lynt B. Johnson

Theodore Lewis, Jr.  
Aaron Williams, III  
Clarence Smith, Jr.  
Amos Johnson

## *Flower Attendants*

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated Members



## *Acknowledgements*

The family of Beautine Williams Hardwick is eternally grateful to our many friends, family members and Savannah community for your acts of kindness, expressions of love, prayers and overwhelming support.

The Hardwick Family extends special acknowledgement to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes, the dedicated staff at Arbor Terrace Assisted Living and extended family members for their continuous assistance during our mother's residence in Atlanta. Our heartfelt gratitude to Adams Funeral Services for returning our mother to Savannah, GA, the home that she so treasured.

Interment will follow at Hillcrest Abbey West Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to:

Savannah State University

Attn: Clifford E. Hardwick Outstanding Leadership & Service Recognition Award

Office of Development  
Box 20439 • 3219 College Street • Savannah, GA 31404

Services Entrusted To:



Adams Funeral Services  
510 Stephenson Ave.  
Sav., GA 31405  
(912) 354-6260

## *Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Mrs. Beautine Williams Hardwick*



*Sunrise*  
*Sept. 28, 1928*

*Sunset*  
*July 2, 2019*

**Wednesday, July 10, 2019**

**11:00 AM**

**St. Philip African Methodist Episcopal Church  
613 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
Savannah, Georgia 31401**

**The Reverend Jai S. Haithco, Sr., Ed. D.,  
Pastor/Officiant**

# Beautine Williams Hardwick

A native Savannahian, rooted in Albany, GA, Beautine Williams was the firstborn child of Aaron, Sr. and Lucille Jones Williams. She accepted Christ at an early age and with her family, attended Palen United Methodist Church. Beautine and her siblings, Christine and Aaron, Jr., attended Savannah public schools. She was a member of the Beach-Cuyler High School Class of '46. Upon graduation, she matriculated at Savannah State College. At SSC, the well-rounded beauty (as her name affirmed), participated in all facets of campus activities; and she reigned as Miss Savannah State College in her senior year. She earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration.

It was on June 25, 1950, that Beautine married her high school sweetheart, Clifford E. Hardwick, III. To their blessed union, were born two sons, Clifford IV and Kenneth Allen. For Beautine and Clifford, the sun rose and set on these two sons. With the ten-year gap between their births, Skip and Kenny enjoyed being doted on individually. Beautine and Clifford raised their sons in St. Philip AME Church, where they had been united in marriage. Supported by their village and catholic schools, they guided them to become productive citizens.

Except for the periods surrounding her sons' births, Beautine worked in various offices at Savannah State College for thirty-five years – 23 of those years serving as Administrative Assistant to the President. Though her role implied normal working hours, Beautine often coordinated and planned events hosted by the President of the college, volunteering services beyond the call of duty. Both students and colleagues cite the invaluable guidance they received from Mrs. Hardwick during those years. She was also serving as Assistant Registrar when she retired from her lengthy career in 1986.

Not content to rest on her laurels, Beautine looked for something different to occupy her time. Known around town for her fashion sense (a reputation fostered by her mother, Lucille, her personal seamstress), the fashion queen found a natural niche in the retail market. Women flocked to "Beautine's Beautique" (whichever boutique at the time) confident the stylish woman would style them accordingly.

Beautine held memberships in a number of organizations. She was the first African American appointed to the Board of Trustees of Telfair Academy of Arts and Sciences; member of the Advisory Committee of ESSA (Chatham/Savannah Board of Education); Associate Member of AAUP/NAACP; President of the local chapter of National Smart Set, Inc.; volunteer with the Rape Crisis Center; the Chatham-Savannah Youth Futures Authority and numerous other educational and empowerment programs. As a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, she served as President of the local graduate chapter. In March 1998, she was commended by resolution from the Georgia House of Representatives. It noted her outstanding community service that reached across all racial and socio-economic lines.

Many young women have expressed how inspired they were by Beautine as she readied them to enter society. Under the umbrella of the Alphabettes, the women's auxiliary of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Mrs. Hardwick aided in the preparation of the debutantes for nearly 40 years. It was often she and her husband, who served as Master and Mistress of Ceremony at the annual Alpha Phi Alpha Debutante Ball.

In retirement, Beautine continued to serve others as a wedding and event planner. She also accepted many requests for speaking engagements. Beautine was synonymous with class and uncompromising excellence. Anything less was simply unacceptable.

Beautine's faith to her God was tested when Clifford III received a conviction of heart and expressed his desire to go into the ministry. Being a minister's wife would cramp her style, she thought. She soon found that the style she possessed would translate quite well into the ecclesiastical realm. Beautine became a dedicated supporter of her husband's ministry. She was a charter member and President of the Celestine Guild of St. Philip AME Church, where her husband retired as Senior Associate Pastor.

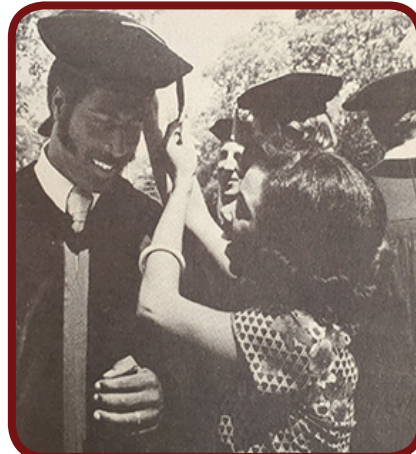
Her most adoring role was that of grandmother and she strived to ensure that all of her grandchildren would know how important they were to her.

Surrounded by family, Beautine entered into eternal rest on July 2, 2019 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Beautine was preceded in death by her beloved parents and youngest son, Kenneth; her brother, Aaron Jr., and siblings-in-law; a great-grandson; and most recently her devoted husband of 68 years, Clifford III.

She is survived by her son Clifford IV (Joyce Johnson); sister Christine Williams Robinson; loving grandchildren: Malik Hardwick (Gail), Omari Hardwick (Jae), Jamil Hardwick, Tasha D'Arensbourg, Shani Hardwick Wilson (Jerred), Warren Jamal Wilkes, Justin Jeremy Adams, Ravyn Kennedy Hardwick, Kristopher "Reed" Render; seven great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and a community of friends.





# Order of Service

Officiating ..... The Reverend Jai S. Haithco, Sr., Ed. D.,  
*Pastor of St. Philip AME Church, Savannah*

Musical Prelude ..... Ryan Pollen, *Pianist*

Processional - *I'm Gonna Be Ready*. .... Soloist, Kim Michael Polote  
 Choir

Opening Remarks ..... The Reverend Jai S. Haithco, Sr., Ed. D., *Pastor*

Invocation ..... Lester B. Johnson, III, *Family Member*

Hymn - *This Day*. .... Soloist, Kim Michael Polote

Scripture Readings:  
 The Old Testament - *Proverbs 31* ..... Pamela Robinson Johnson, *Niece*  
 The New Testament - *1 Corinthians 13:4-8a, 11-13* ..... Ravyn Kennedy Hardwick, *Granddaughter*

Hymn - *Ave Maria* ..... Soloist, Kim Michael Polote

The Gospel - *John 2:1-11* ..... The Reverend Matthew Southall Brown, Sr.  
*Pastor Emeritus of St. John Baptist Church*

Reflections ..... The Honorable Edna Branch Jackson,  
*Former Mayor of Savannah*  
 Mattie W. Johnson,  
*Celestine Guild*

Musical Tribute - *His Eye is on the Sparrow*. .... Soloist, Kim Michael Polote

Eulogy ..... Shani Hardwick Wilson, *Granddaughter*

Musical Tribute. .... Carmen Elizabeth Hardwick, *Great-Granddaughter*

Resolution ..... Evelyn F. Brown, *Church Secretary*  
*St. Philip AME Church*

Acknowledgements ..... Joyce Johnson Hardwick, *Daughter-in-Law*

Recessional - *I Give Myself Away* ..... Choir

# Clerical Staff



Mrs. Beautine Hardwick, Secretary, Student Personnel



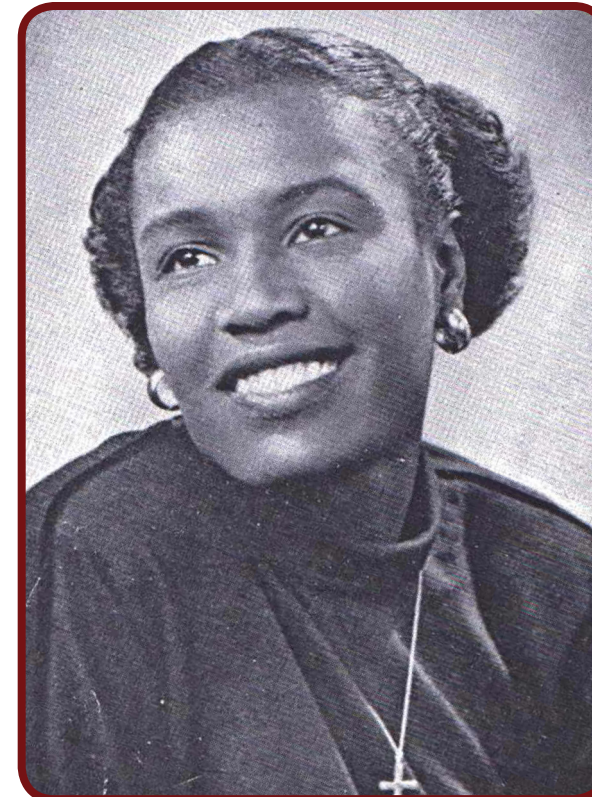
Mrs. Beautine Hardwick, B.S.  
Savannah State College  
Secretary to President



Mrs. Beautine W. Hardwick, Administrative Assistant to the President

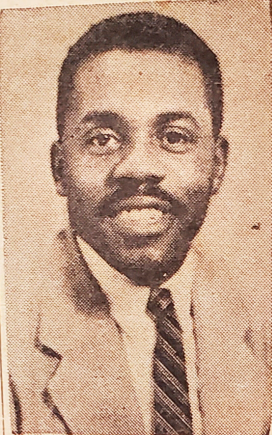


B. Hardwick  
1949-50




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SATURDAY, JULY 1, 1972


## Six Appointed To Administrative Positions At SSC




Robert Bess




Dr. Margaret Robinson



Dr. Luetta C. Milledge



Wilton Scott



Mrs. Beautine Hardwick

Dr. Prince A. Jackson, Jr., President of Savannah State College announced that the Board of Regents made six important administrative appointments at their recent meeting in Atlanta. They were as follows: Dr. Margaret Robinson, chairman of division of Chemistry; Dr. Luetta Milledge, chairman of department of English; Mrs. Beautine Hardwick, administrative assistant for institutional research; Robert Bess, director of development and college relations; Wilton C. Scott, associate dean of extended services; and Dr. Thomas Byers, dean of college.

Dr. Robinson received her Ph.D. from Washington University and is a graduate of Savannah State College. She has been identified with the faculty a number of years. She served as head of

Mr. Bess received his M.A. from Indiana University and is also a graduate of Savannah State College. Prior to coming to Savannah State, Bess worked as a teacher and counselor for Savannah's public school system. He organized the community support program and consolidated fund raising institutional research and public relations.

Mr. Scott received his professional six year specialist diploma and M.A. degree from New York University. He is a graduate of Xavier University of New Orleans, La. Mr. Scott has received numerous awards.

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