

Order of Service

Elder Matt Smith

- Prelude.....Music
- Processional.....Instrumental
- Hymn..... *How Great Art Thou*
- Invocation..... Reverend Darlene Richardson
- SoloNatasha Prosser and Lavondra Green
- Scripture Readings:
 - Old Testament..... *Psalm 62:1-2*
Bill Baker
 - New Testament..... *I Corinthians 15:20-26*
Williamson Amedee
- Remarks..... Reverend Bernett Mazyck
- Friend Mario Backmon
- Church..... Ruth Baker
- Obituary Karen Jarmon
- SoloNatasha Prosser and Lavondra Green
- Eulogy/Words of Comfort Pastor Perri Keeve
- Committal
- Benediction.....*Goin' Up Yonder*
- Parting View
- Recessional

Forever and Always

Why are you crying? Do you think that I'm gone? I haven't left you. I'm where I belong. Any time you are lonely, anytime you are sad, anytime that your heart breaks, anytime you are missing me, all you have to do is close your eyes and I'll be there with you. You see the world may take my body, but that's all that it can do. When Jesus died upon the cross, he took away our sins. He conquered death so we can live in heaven where life begins. Don't stop the memory of time we shared. It's God's way to help you through. Take time to laugh when life gets hard, the way we used to do! A smell? A touch? The morning sun? They all will help you see. I'm still here, I never left. Now smile once more for me. Live each day, keep looking up, my life was not in vain. I finished the task I was born to do. That's why I couldn't remain. So, until I see you remember

I'll love you forever and always.



Pallbearers

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| Corey Walker | Shanine Williams |
| Jimmy Walker, Jr. | Garrett Williams |
| Brian Campbell | Byron Tucker |
| Adrian Tucker | |

Honorary Pallbearers

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| Tosin Adelakun | Donovan DuCille |
| Craig Boxwell | Timothy Kamara |
| Barnabas Chukwueka | Vincent Motsamai Mothapo |

Floral Bearers

Ushers from Columbia Church of Christ

Interment

Murray United Methodist Church
 1216 Orangeburg Road
 Summerville, South Carolina

Acknowledgement

The family of Mrs. Tephania P. Green-Sumani would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions. Your phone calls, visits, flowers, thoughts, and prayers have all helped greatly during our time of bereavement. May God continue to bless each of you, is our prayer.

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A CELEBRATION of Life



Mrs. Tephania P.
GREEN-SUMANI

Sunrise
August 5, 1975

Sunset
November 3, 2023

Friday, November 17, 2023
11:00 AM

COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST
 1049 Harbor Drive West
 Columbia, South Carolina 29169

Pastor Perri Keere, Officiating

Obituary

*"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course,
I have kept the faith..."*
II Timothy 4:7



Tephonie Pehonique Green-Sumani, affectionately regarded as "Teph," was the daughter of Kenneth and Mary C. Green born on August 5, 1975, in Ridgeville, South Carolina. A kind-hearted, caring, and thoughtful daughter, Teph loved God and exemplified spiritual growth daily.

Tephonie was educated in Dorchester County School District Two and was a 1993 graduate of Summerville High School. After graduating, she attended Claflin University, where she received her Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education. She continued her studies and received her master's degree in early childhood education from South Carolina State University.

Tephonie grew up in a kind, loving, God-fearing home with strong Christian values. At a young age, she joined Murray United Methodist Church, where she sang in the youth choir and was an active member of various youth groups. She had an enormous heart, contagious smile, and a captivating grin; she loved helping and caring for others.

Tephonie enjoyed teaching and loved children with all of her heart. She began her career at Marshall Elementary school in Orangeburg, South Carolina. Her passion for teaching extended beyond the borders of South Carolina when she moved to Dumfries, Virginia, where she taught for one year before moving and making her home in Columbia, South Carolina. She taught in

various schools around Richland District One including Webber Elementary, Watkins-Nance Elementary, Oakland Primary, and Horrell Hill Elementary.

Tephonie never strayed away from the word of God, and while in Columbia, she became an active member of the Cola Church of Christ. There, she became an active member of the missionary team and was afforded the opportunity to travel to Zimbabwe and South Africa where she taught students English.

Tephonie treasured her visits to South Africa; there she met and was captivated by a young minister, Sanikoda "JB" Sumani, who delivered the word of God. Her eyes would light up when hearing him speak. Their love for God was mutual, and as their love for God grew, so did their love for each other.

Tephonie and Sanikoda "JB" Sumani became one on June 17, 2022.

Tephonie quietly departed her earthly home surrounded by her loving family on Friday, November 3, 2023, at Prisma Health Richland Hospital in Columbia, South Carolina. Her memory will forever live in the hearts of her devoted husband, Mr. Sanikoda "JB" Sumani; loving parents, Kenneth and Mary C. Green; one brother, Quinton Green; father-in-law, Mr. Lawrence Sumani; brothers-in-law, Mr. Simeon N. (Mabhena) Sumani, Mr. Khelekari N. Sumani, and Mr. Moses N. Sumani; sister-in-law, Mrs. Chipu (Mr. Moyo) Sumani, all of Zimbabwe; aunts and uncles, Mrs. Luellen (Frank) Carter of Summerville, South Carolina, Mrs. Annette Williams of Brooklyn, New York, Mrs. Ruth (Eugene) Walker of Moncks Corner, SC, Mr. Christopher (Mahalia) Campbell of Summerville, SC, Mrs. Cynthia (Monroe) Lampkin of Ridgeville, SC, Mrs. Joyce (David) Walker, Mrs. Julie (Frederick) Williams, and Mrs. Clara (Samuel) Tucker, all of Summerville, South Carolina; loving godson, Blake Mims; and a host of special friends from the Columbia Church of Christ, cousins, other relatives, co-workers, and friends.

God's Garden

God looked around his garden
And he found an empty place.
He then looked down upon the Earth
And saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering,
He knew you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
Get well on Earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb.
He closed your weary eyelids
And whispered, "Peace be thine."
It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.
Today, you did the bravest thing,
Today, you set me free.
Thank you for showing me the ultimate dignity.
I'm sorry that my leaving has broken your kind heart,
But we knew this day would come,
The day we had to part.
Don't think I did not hear every last word you said.
Don't think I did not feel your trembling
hand touch my head.
Today, you did the bravest thing, today, you set me free.
Thank you for a wonderful life.
Thank you for loving me.

