

*In Tribute*



*Honorary Pallbearers*

Ronald Furman  
Joseph Jernigan, Jr.  
Theodros Gebreb

James Tyler  
Yakim Bilal Durant  
Oyewole Abiba

*Pallbearers*

David Furman  
David Hartley  
Jonathan Woodley

Jamir Johnson  
Lt. Derrick Robinson  
Patrick Cooke

*Expressions of Gratitude*

*May God always bless and enrich your lives with love and friendship as much as you have enriched ours with your presence, goodwill, prayers, and generosity.*

*The Family*

*But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. - Matthew 12:28*



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Reverend Anthony J. Bracy, Jr. and the Staff of*



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*Home-Going Services*

*for*

*Mrs. Eugenia J. Mitchell*

Sunrise:  
July 22, 1939

Sunset:  
June 11, 2024



Monday, June 17, 2024 • 11:00 a.m.

Camden First United Methodist Church  
704 W. Dekalb Street  
Camden, South Carolina 29020

Reverend Gwendolyn T. White, Presiding  
Reverend Keith Hunter, Officiating

# Life's Reflections

**EUGENIA JANET FURMAN** was born on July 22, 1939 in Brooklyn, New York as the second eldest child of John Presley Furman and Fannie Estelle Stover. She was part of a large loving family with deep roots in the Black church. Eugenia grew up in the First A.M.E. Zion Church in Bedford-Stuyvesant where she served on the usher board for many years. In school, Jeanie was an exceptional student who loved her English classes. At the early age of 15, she graduated at the top of her class from Prospect Heights High School. She went on to study business administration at Brooklyn College. In 1959, she married James Henry Mitchell in the Cooper Park Projects of Brooklyn. She was a thoughtful and loving wife and the most amazing mother to their two daughters, Sharon and Sheila. In Cooper Park, Mrs. Mitchell was known as a kind and helpful neighbor and friend, often babysitting many of the children in the community. Eugenia worked in manufacturing at D. Kwitman & Son for over 25 years. At the age of 70, she retired and decided to migrate south to her parents' hometown of Camden, South Carolina.

Eugenia had many hobbies, most notably her love for mind-stimulating games such as Scrabble, jigsaw puzzles, Sudoku, and crossword puzzles; the more difficult, the better. She relished challenging herself, and those closest to her considered her a genius. Additionally, she enjoyed reading and watching mystery series, with Alfred Hitchcock being her favorite. Eugenia cherished the holidays and the time spent with her family. With a creative eye for interior design, she particularly enjoyed decorating her treasured China cabinet and dining table. She was a faithful member of Camden First United Methodist Church where she served as recording secretary for the Golden Gems. Mrs. Eugenia Mitchell was blessed with

many good friends who she met from her church and neighborhood. She was a selfless and kind-hearted woman who believed that her purpose in life was to share the blessings bestowed upon her by God.

On June 6, 2024, Eugenia moved into her new home in Camden with her granddaughter and her great-granddaughter. She was elated about returning to her beloved Camden after spending a few years residing in Elgin. During her last few days, she had the opportunity to decorate and organize her new home, reunite with old friends, make new friends, and spend time with her loved ones up until her sudden departure on the morning of June 11, 2024. This graceful, loving, sacred woman, mother, and friend lived a long and fruitful life. Eugenia is preceded in death by her parents John P. Furman and Fannie E. Furman; her husband James H. Mitchell; and her younger brothers Dr. John P. Furman, Jr. and Darnell D. Furman.

She leaves to celebrate her life and carry on her legacy: two daughters, Sharon Mitchell-Tyler and Sheila Marie Durant; two grandchildren, Chavon Vaz and Jonathan G. Woodley; five great-grandchildren, Alaafia-Ife Vaz, Jonayah A. Woodley, Jamir Johnson, Jaice M. Woodley and Sa'Miah Johnson. Two sons-in-law, James Tyler and Yakim Bilal Durant; one grandson-in-law, Oyewole Abiba; a sister, Joyce Jernigan; a brother, Ronald R. Furman; three sisters-in-law, Robyn Furman, Dr. Marva Jan Furman and Deborah Furman; nieces, Tracey Abbott, Carla Lacy, Shelly Furman, Dr. Centa Furman, Dr. Cheryse Furman-Sankar, Dr. Kara Furman and Janaye Furman; nephews, Joseph Jernigan, Jr. and David Darnell Furman, Jr.; close cousins, Florence Darby, Katherine Wright and Vanessa Adams. She also leaves an extensive list of friends and extended family that she touched throughout the years. With love and honor to God, Eugenia J. Mitchell will be missed.

# Order of Service

*Reverend Gwendolyn T. White, Presiding*

PROCESSIONAL

HYMN..... "God Is"

SCRIPTURES

OLD TESTAMENT ..... Rev. Elizabeth Crim  
Ecclesiastes 3

NEW TESTAMENT ..... Rev. Melissa Williams  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

PRAYER..... Mr. Ronald Furman  
Mr. David Furman

SOLO ..... Ms. Carla Lacy, Niece

REMARKS: Church ..... Ms. Florence Darby  
Open to Family & Friends

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS ..... Ms. Henrietta Hines

SELECTION..... "His Eye Is On The Sparrow"

WORDS OF COMFORT..... Rev. Keith Hunter

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