

In Tribute
God Gave Her Wings

We entertain Angels unaware
We are guided through the valley without fear
We walk through the fire and not burned

But Angels have to get their orders from God
He has to give them wings.

We need an Angel to guide us through
We need direction to know the way
God is the way the truth and the light

But Angels get their assignment directly from God
He has to give them wings.

Angels are loaned to us and they know what to do
They protect us and redirect us
They are assigned just for you.

So when they have completed their task on earth
They are promoted to a higher rank
sitting at the feet of God
He has needs that are greater than ours
He has to give them wings.

But he will never leave us nor forsake us
His promises are true
So Mom (Mary Ann Richardson) was given
her final assignment to watch over you
Because that is what Angels do.

Written and Submitted by her daughter,
Dr. Chandra Richardson

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

Honorary Pallbearers

Dr. Al Davis Pete Cunningham
Rudy Burruss Al Drakes

Pallbearers

Kaidin Richardson Ricky Jackson
Grover Richardson, Jr. Derrick Leonard
David Burruss Alex Ruth
Antione Richardson

Floral Bearers

Trinity Bennett Liz Richardson
Lisa Drakes Connie Rouse
Chynell Gibbs Shirley Hart
Marilyn James Josephine Kershaw



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Celebrating the Life
of

Sis. Mary Ann Richardson

Sunrise:
February 23, 1948

Sunset:
February 7, 2024



Friday, February 16, 2024 • 11:00 a.m.

Good Hope Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church
406 Black River Road
Camden, South Carolina 29020

Reverend Brenda J. Thomas, Officiating

Life & Legacy

Mrs. Mary Ann Leonard Richardson, affectionately known as “Pumpkin,” has left her earthly dwelling on February 7, 2024, to embark on her angelic assignment. Born on February 23, 1948, in Camden, South Carolina, she was the cherished daughter of the late Sgt. David Leonard and the late Rosa Lee Leonard.

Mary Ann’s love for the Lord was evident in every aspect of her life. She exemplified a deep devotion to her family, her church, children, and community through her unwavering service and commitment to her brothers and sisters in Christ. From an early age, Mary Ann accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior.

Education held great importance to Mary Ann as she began attending Kirkwood School for elementary before continuing her studies at Jackson High School in Camden. It was during these formative years that Mary Ann crossed paths with Grover Richardson in 1963. Throughout their fifty-four years of marriage, Mary Ann and Grover were regarded as an ideal couple by their classmates, known for their companionship and love.

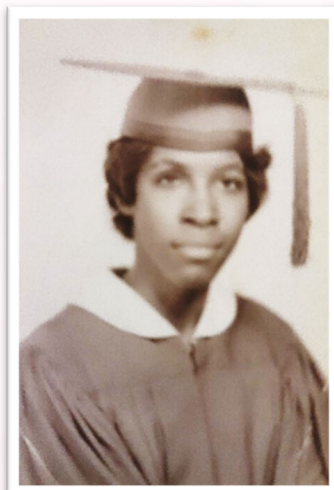
Mary Ann’s true passion lay in providing a loving and nurturing environment for children—a testament to this is witnessed by over 45 adopted children who consider “Mae Mae” and “Papa Grover” as their second parents. Her gentle nature, kind-heartedness, nurturing spirit, and teaching abilities allowed parents to entrust their children into her care without worry. Through these parent-child relationships forged under Mary Ann’s guidance, lifelong connections were formed that will forever be treasured.

Mary Ann’s spiritual journey began at Good Hope United Methodist Church in Rembert before finding a home at Good Hope Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church in Camden. In various capacities within the church community, she served selflessly as a member of the Usher Board, United Methodist Women Member, Nurture Outreach Witness (NOW) Ministry participant, Pastor Parish Relations Committee (PPRC) member, as well as the Grand and Golden program. Mary Ann’s commitment extended to sending cards for various occasions to both church members and the community, sharing her love and support. Furthermore, she actively engaged in presenting bibles to new members through the Nurture Ministry. In her leisure time, Mary Ann enjoyed reading books, solving puzzles, staying active through walking and exercise, flowers and mentoring others.

Mary Ann was preceded in death by her grandson, Lorenzo Jarvis Richardson and her sister, Maria Leonard Miller.

Mary Ann is survived by her adoring husband of 54 years, Grover Richardson Sr. Together, they built a beautiful family filled with love and cherished memories. She leaves behind two loving daughters, LaDetra Richardson (Johnathan Carlos) and Dr. Chandra Richardson, both residing in Lugoff, SC; her beloved son Grover Richardson Jr. (Christy), also of Lugoff; two grandchildren who brought immeasurable joy to her life: Kaidin Richardson and Karsyn Richardson; siblings, Dorothy Leonard, Rosa Leonard, Josphine (Bob) Stuckey, Lisa (Larry) Johnson, and 1st Sgt. Rickey (Patricia) Jackson; one brother-in-law, Larry (Florie) Richardson; nieces and nephews, Lance Corporal David Burruss; Rudolph (Teresa) Burruss; Leonard Derrick (Demetris) Leonard; Ronnie Stuckey and Calvin Stuckey; JeDarius Jackson, Kendall Jackson, Derrick Leonard, Jr; Tracey (Jay) Leonard; DeNija Leonard; Sryrita Miller, Keisha Miller and Jessica Jackson, and Tracey (Jay) Leonard. Her circle of loved ones extends to a special mother figure Janie Kershaw; a host of cousins, spiritual children, and dear friends.

Though we mourn the physical absence of our beloved Mary Ann, her spirit remains eternally present in our hearts. Throughout her 75 years of life, she embodied the values of a dedicated wife, mother, sister, grandmother, godmother, aunt, cousin, neighbor, mentor, and friend. It is with gratitude that we thank God for the privilege of sharing Mary Ann Richardson’s remarkable journey. The legacy she has left behind will forever inspire and impact those whose lives she touched.



Order of Service

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PROCESSIONAL

GREETING: Friends, we have gathered here to praise God and to witness to our faith as we celebrate the life of **Sis. Mary Ann Richardson**. We come together in grief, acknowledging our human loss. May God grant us grace, that in pain we may find comfort, in sorrow hope, in death, resurrection.

HYMN Good Hope Wesley Chapel Choir
“I’ll Fly Away”

PRAYER Rev. Willie Wilson

SCRIPTURES

OLD TESTAMENT.....Rev. Thurmond Williams
Psalm 91

NEW TESTAMENT.....Rev. Charlie Thomas
Revelations 21:1-5

NEW TESTAMENT.....Rev. G. Bernard Ponds
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

SOLO Bro. Jessie Salmond

REMARKS FROM: Church Sis. Jackie Holliday
 Dr. Albert Davis
 Usher Ministry..... Bro. Sharome Henry
 Community..... Sis. Ann Davis
 Jackson Alumni..... Bro. Arthur Robinson
 Family Bro. Ricky Jackson
 Karsyn Richardson
 Kaidin Richardson
 Grover Richardson, Jr.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS Sis. Stephanie Henry

SOLO Elder Sammie Dennis

MESSAGE OF HOPE Rev. Brenda J. Thomas

SELECTION..... Good Hope Wesley Chapel Choir

REMARKS Funeral Director

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