



## Rhunetta Dupree Pitts

July 23, 1939 - December 2, 2018

### Life Reflections of Rhunetta D. Pitts

Jesus said unto him, I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.”

John 11:25-26

Rhunetta Dupree Pitts, daughter of the late Leon and Annie L. Pearson Dupree, was born on July 23, 1939 in Sumter, South Carolina.

Rhunetta was educated in the public schools of Sumter County and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1957. She earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education from Morris College in 1961 and a Master’s Degree in Education from the University of South Carolina. As she furthered her education, she also earned an Education Specialist certification.

Rhunetta’s service to the community in education spanned 33 years. It began during the 60’s at Savage Glover, a segregated school. As times changed and the district began gradually integrating some of the schools, she was one among the few selected to integrate Millwood Elementary School, where she taught mostly 4th grade math. She rendered service to Sumter School District 17 until retirement in 1995. After 4 years of retirement, she briefly returned for a year to the classroom in Lee County as a 3rd grade teacher. Even throughout her retirement, she was committed to serving the children in our community by tutoring, volunteering, and assisting parents with childcare.

Rhunetta was a faithful, active, life-long member of Union Station A.M.E. Church. As she grew up in the church, she developed a spiritual awareness of God’s word in loving and serving others. These attributes were not only learned at church, but were demonstrated daily within the home. The family attended church regularly and Rhunetta knew when it was time to dedicate herself to the Lord. As a committed member of Union Station A.M.E. Church, she served in many capacities from her youth to adulthood. From her early years, she sang in the church choir, was a member of the Usher Board, and served on the ACE League, now known as the YPD. As an adult, she served as a member of the Steward Board and a Stewardess. With her love of educating the youth, she also served as a committed Vacation Bible School teacher and a tutor during the school year. It was

through her dedicated work with the church that she was selected to become the President of the Gardenia Brogdon Women's Missionary Society for an 8-year tenure. During this time, she was instrumental in developing the unit system for the society, the first Saturday monthly breakfast meetings, and the development of the Lerlene Redden Scholarship Fund. With her leadership, the membership grew and became more involved in the area and conference activities. There are fond memories of the conference gatherings and the missionary retreats.

The life of Rhunetta will continue to shine through her husband of sixty years, Samuel Pitts; her son, Rodney Rydell Pitts of Sumter and her daughter, Denise Pitts (Samuel) Addison of Charlotte, NC; five grandchildren: Zachary Clayburn Pitts, Nicholas Rydell Pitts, Moriah Denise Addison, Rodney Daniel Pitts, and Miranda Dupree Addison; one sister, Mae Thelma Dupree Meggie of Sumter; daughter in law: Jere Daniels Pitts; nieces: Joycelyn McCants and Regina McCants; nephews, Derrick Meggie, Jared McCants, Russell "Rusty" Meggie and Reginald "Reggie" McCants and many special grand nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sons: Samuel Leon "Len" Pitts and Karl Stuart Pitts; and one sister, Darnella Dupree McCants.

# Cemetery

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## Hillside Memorial Park

3001 Cains Mill Rd  
Sumter, SC,

# Events

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**DEC 5** **Public Viewing** 06:00PM - 07:30PM

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Palmer Memorial Chapel - Sumter  
304 South Main Street, Sumter, SC, US, 29150

**DEC 6** **Funeral Service** 01:00PM - 02:30PM

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Union Station AME Church  
945 South Main, Sumter, SC, US, 29150

# Comments

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“ Denise and the Pitts Family,  
My heart goes out to you and I want you to know that I am thinking of you. What an amazing life your mother led. I will never forget the way you smiled each time you spoke of your mom Denise. I pray for your peace as you remember your beloved mom. Let memories of the times you shared give you comfort.

Bridget Wilson & Family

**Bridget Wilson** - December 06, 2018 at 08:16 PM

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“ I'm a student of Mrs.Pitts ,she taught me at mill wood elementary .I adored her she was nice and take her time to learn u new things she was special and I always talked about her to my children.Iam sorry for the lost of ur mom .I also went to school with her kids Karl Erin and Nikki Pitts may god bless and keep y'all.

**angela greene mccain** - December 05, 2018 at 09:02 PM

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“ Pierre, Patricia, Juliana & Julien Johnson purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Rhunetta Dupree Pitts.



**Pierre, Patricia, Juliana & Julien Johnson** - December 05, 2018 at 08:08 PM

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“ Condolences from the McKenzie family.  
Dr. Jackie McKenzie  
Marsha McKenzie  
Leroy and Ruby McKenzie

**Marsha McKenzie** - December 05, 2018 at 04:36 PM

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“ Mrs. Pitts took me under her wings during my first year of teaching at Millwood Elementary. Under her guidance and support I have enjoyed an exemplary career as an educator. Condolences and deepest sympathy to Denise and Rodney and the entire family.  
God bless you all.  
Marsha McKenzie  
Charlotte North Carolina



Marsha McKenzie - December 05, 2018 at 04:33 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rhunetta Dupree Pitts.



December 05, 2018 at 03:28 PM

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“ Tracy Stone-Dino & Family lit a candle in memory of Rhunetta Dupree Pitts



Tracy Stone-Dino & Family - December 05, 2018 at 12:41 PM

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“ To Denise and Pitt Family,  
My heart goes out to you and your family during this time of bereavement. We're so saddened by the loss of your beloved mother. Please know we will continue to lift you and your family up in both our prayers and thoughts!  
'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.' Matthew 5:4

Love your friend always,  
Tracy Stone-Dino and Family

Tracy Stone-Dino - December 05, 2018 at 11:46 AM

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“ Gwen Thompson, GVSA purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Rhunetta Dupree Pitts.



Gwen Thompson, GVSA - December 05, 2018 at 11:35 AM

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“ From Jared, Joyce, Reggie and Regina McCants purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Rhunetta Dupree Pitts.



From Jared, Joyce, Reggie and Regina McCants - December 05, 2018 at 11:26 AM

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“ Mrs. Clara Witherspoon -GVSA purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rhunetta Dupree Pitts.



Mrs. Clara Witherspoon -GVSA - December 05, 2018 at 09:35 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rhunetta Dupree Pitts.



December 05, 2018 at 09:24 AM

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“ Derrick, Joellyn, Grace, Tess & Alexander Murry purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Rhunetta Dupree Pitts.



**Derrick, Joellyn, Grace, Tess & Alexander Murry** - December 05, 2018 at 08:29 AM

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“ I, Reverend Ernest Pitts Sr. along with my wife Clara Pitts and our entire family offer our sincerest prayers and condolences during this time of bereavement. Losing a loved one is never easy; however, we can take comfort in knowing that each moment shared served to engrave the eternal image of her in our hearts and minds forever. Rhunetta's life of inspiration and encouragement lives on in everyone she touched. The enduring impression of her passion for God, her family and God's people will never fade from the lives of those blessed by her presence. We truly thank God for sending such a wonderful gift to humanity. God is faithful. He has ensured us that every believer shall assemble with Him in an eternal dwelling. Our prayers and our thoughts are with you. We love you and pray that the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your heart and mind in Christ Jesus.

Sincerely,

Rev. Ernest Pitts Sr. and Family

**Ernest Pitts** - December 05, 2018 at 07:14 AM

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“ Travis James lit a candle in memory of Rhunetta Dupree Pitts



**Travis James** - December 04, 2018 at 04:58 PM