



Blanche Antonia Preston

November 27, 1921 - February 27, 2020

Blanche Antonia Preston departed this earthly life and entered into eternal rest on Thursday, February 27, 2020, at NHC HealthCare-Sumter in Sumter, South Carolina. Born November 27, 1921 in Sumter County, she was a daughter of the late John Lee and Janie Davis Preston.

She attended the public schools of Sumter County and was a graduate of Lincoln High School in the Class of 1939. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Morris College in Class of 1948 in Sumter, South Carolina, and a M.Ed. degree from North Carolina College at Durham (North Carolina Central University), Durham, North Carolina. She taught fifth grade math at Crosswell Drive Elementary School and retired in 1986. She devoted her life to furthering the cause of education and retired as an educator after 42 years of service.

Miss Preston was a lifelong, dedicated member of Emmanuel United Methodist Church where she served faithfully in many capacities throughout her lifetime including: The United Methodist Women, Committee on Finance, Lay Leadership, Friends for Life, former member of the Council on Ministries, the Administrative Council and the Usher Board.

In her spare time she enjoyed traveling to various places, such as: Hawaii, Hershey Park, PA, Bahamas and Florida. She also enjoyed gardening all varieties of flowers.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by seven brothers; Hezekiah, Leslie, Caleb, Johnnie Lee, Freddie Alonza, Cornelius and Patrick

Henry; five sisters; Corine Canty, Marie Gamble, Lucinda Muldrow, Julia Dickerson and Maggie S. Preston.

Blanche leaves to cherish precious memories five nieces, five nephews, grand-nieces, grand-nephews, great-grand-nieces, great-grand-nephews, cousins and a host of other relatives and friends.

“In lieu of flowers, donations may be made payable to the Emmanuel United Methodist Building Fund.”

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAR 5. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel
304 South Main St.
Sumter, SC 29150
(803) 773-3381

Funeral Service

MAR 6. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Emmanuel United Methodist Church
421 South Main Street
Sumter, SC

Burial

MAR 7. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Hillside Memorial Park
3001 Cains Mill Rd
Sumter, SC

Tribute Wall



“ *Blanche Antonia Preston*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *I was a 5th grade student of Miss Preston at Crosswell Drive Elementary in 1981. So grateful to have had such a caring teacher!*

Kathy Clark-Gosselin

Kathy Gosselin - March 03, 2020 at 09:37 AM