



Mrs. Dorothy Pringle Choice

April 20, 1925 - August 13, 2021

A Time to be Born

Dorothy (DP) Mae Pringle Choice was born April 20, 1925 in Wedgefield, South Carolina to the late Thomas and Rachel Pringle.

A Time to Learn and Live

She was educated in the public schools of Sumter, South Carolina, graduating with honors from the St. Michael High School. After graduation, she matriculated at the historic Benedict College where she was a consummate athlete on the Women's Basketball Team. She earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in French Education. She later matriculated at South Carolina State University in Orangeburg, South Carolina to pursue her Master's Degree of Education in Educational Administration, graduating with honors from both institutions respectively.

Dorothy began her professional career with Marlboro County School District as an Educator in Bennettsville, South Carolina. As she progressed in her career in education, after teaching many years in Bennettsville, she was offered a position with Clarendon School District One in Summerton, South Carolina and it would change her life forever. With much prayer and consideration, she and her husband Ernest decided to relocate the family to Summerton, South Carolina where they both enjoyed productive careers as Educators and later District Administrators. Dorothy retired from Clarendon

School District One with thirty-five years of devoted service. Dorothy took advantage of every opportunity to encourage everyone to exude principles of integrity, responsibility, dependability and the way to present oneself with dignity and class. As a woman of influential position, she was commonly referred to and known as the "Grand Dame". Dorothy was a proud soror of Alpha Pi Chi Sorority, Inc. She was also active with the Briggs-Delaine-Pearson Foundation, and NAACP - Clarendon County Chapter. She enjoyed singing and playing her piano and organ at home and at her beloved Union Baptist Church in Wedgefield, South Carolina. Years into her retirement, she coached a little league baseball team in Summerton, affectionately known as "Grannie's Baseball Team". Dorothy also loved caring for her prize-winning Luna Pink Swirl Hibiscus and the other flowers in her yard and across the street in Choice Park. Many family and community members from far and near were touched by Dorothy's love and affection. She often expressed gratitude for the love, care and attention showered on her by her devoted sons, Terry and Ernest, Jr. and many other friends and relatives in the community.

A Time to Die

Dorothy loved life and was not one to give up easily. She joined her parents, many of her siblings, her husband, Ernest Choice, Sr, and her son, Ret. CMST. Terry Choice in glory on August 13, 2021.

A Time to Mourn

Total love and dedication to the Choice and Pringle families will remain deeply ingrained in the heart of her beloved son, Ernest Arnett Choice and his wife Diane of Summerton, SC; her daughter-in-law, Okereda Choice of Sumter, SC; two sisters, Sarah Pringle Kelly of Wedgefield, SC and Thelma Pringle of Washington, DC; grandchildren, Michael, Sonja, Eric, Michael, Neal, Tiffany, Tenika, Chenell, and Moriah; great grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and many dear friends.

This is a Covid 19 compliant service and masks are required for both

visitations and funeral.

To access the livestream of the service, please go to Facebook.com, search for Palmer Memorial Chapel Inc., and "like" the page. The livestream video will begin at the designated time of the service.

. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Scott Branch Alumni Assoc., P.O. Box 1374, Summerton, SC 29148 and The Briggs-Delaine-Pearson Historical Foundation, P.O. 155 Frierson St., Summerton, SC 29148.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG **20**. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Sumter
304 South Main Street
Sumter, SC 29150
(803) 773-3381
palmermemorialchapel@sc.rr.com
<https://www.palmermemorialchapel.com>

Funeral Service

AUG **21**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Weldon Auditorium
7 Maple Street
Manning , SC 29102

Tribute Wall

BH

“ Ms. Pringle was an incredible woman, teacher, committed to excellence in teaching! I was in her 9th grade class at Woodlawn Jr. High in Baltimore, MD. She took our class to Paris, France! This changed my life forever. We were immersed in the culture and arts. She left behind a legacy of class, excellence, teaching and giving !!

Beverly Wardell Hammond - January 30 at 09:57 PM

HG

“ Huline & Lee Goodman lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Choice



Huline & Lee Goodman - July 13, 2024 at 10:01 AM



“ Mrs. Dorothy Pringle Choice

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM

GB

“ Heart felt sympathy is extended to the family members and friends of Mrs. Choice, my former East Side High French teacher. May your sorrow soften gently with time.

Gladys Branic, DSW, M.D.
1964 graduate of East Side High

Gladys Branic - August 27, 2021 at 08:11 AM

HD

“ Our condolences and prayers for the Choice family. The heart is never ready and the time is never right, but God knows every detail and He cares. (1 Peter 5:7) Find comfort and joy in the memories of your dear mom. Ernest, you look like your mom.

~ In sympathy and warm regards,
Harry and Sheila Davis

Harry/Sheila Davis - August 21, 2021 at 07:27 PM

SB

“ Our deepest condolences to the family at this time. May God give you his comfort and his peace as we uplift you all in prayer.
The Budden and Culbreath Family

Sabrina Budden - August 21, 2021 at 11:21 AM

DC

“ Deepest sympathy to you and your family on the loss of your mother. She was a wonderful woman and teacher. She will be missed!
Howard and Debra Caldwell, class of 1972

Debra Caldwell - August 21, 2021 at 10:01 AM

JS

“ To Ernest, Diane, The Choice and Pringle families you have My deepest and heartfelt sympathy on the loss of your Mother. She was a great teacher and mentor. The lessons she taught and words of knowledge she shared with me and so many will forever be in my heart and memories.
Jacquelyn (Jackie Smith) Anthony
SBH class of “72”

Jacquelyn (Jackie Smith)Anthony - August 20, 2021 at 11:30 PM

NB

“ With sympathy for the loss of your mom her voice will echo in memory you hold come her smile will warm you through stories we told, hello will touch you in spirit each day her life will be treasured in beautiful ways praying your comfort by memories how close in God's love as you grieve Catherine briggsmith Nathaniel Briggs God be with you on this day of grieving. Thanks for all your your tireless work with the Briggs b r i g g s and Delaine and Pearson, foundation you were in keystone of life. God bless you

Nathaniel Briggs - August 20, 2021 at 08:15 PM

LR

It is with regrets and deep sympathy to the family of Mrs. Dorothy Choice. My thoughts and prayers continue to be with you during this difficult time. REST IN PEACE Mrs. Choice

Luke Ragin - August 21, 2021 at 12:02 PM

MR

“ With sincere condolences on the loss of your beautiful Mom. A phenomenal woman, teacher and friend. I think of the popular phrase "each one teach one" oh but your Mom taught so many... and not just the book knowledge. She shared her graceful presence, wisdom and heart. I'm so thankful that she was My teacher! God grant you peace and continued Blessings during this season. Mosetta Jackson Ragin SBHS 1974

Mosetta Ragin - August 20, 2021 at 07:54 PM



Patricia Kirkland

“ *Sister Choice was one of our life long members of Manchester #152 OES, and we are deeply sadden to hear of her transition. Our sincere condolences to the family.*

*Sister Patricia Kirkland,
Secretary Manchester #152 OES*

Patricia Kirkland - August 20, 2021 at 03:23 PM

MF

“ *Sending heartfelt condolences/prayers to the entire family. To have Mrs. Choice as a French teacher was truly a Blessings. Mattie Ragin Fagan - SBHS Class of 1970.*

Mattie Ragin Fagan - August 20, 2021 at 03:12 PM

EJ

“ *My heartfelt condolences to Arnie and all of the family,*

Your mother was a treasure and a blessing to all who knew her. She will be remembered as a loving teacher, mentor, and community leader for so many of us that had the privilege of knowing her. I can remember her words of encouragement many years ago as one of her students at Scott's Branch HS and I can still remember some of the French she taught us. She was a role model to me and so many others. She had a life that was well lived and will be lovingly remembered.

*My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family,
Ella 'Darlean' Smith Jenkins*

Ella 'Darlean' Smith Jenkins - August 20, 2021 at 01:53 PM



“ *Pastor David and First Lady Loretta Brown offers our condolences to the Choice family. God has received a truly dedicated and faithful soldier, who is truly missed by the Union Baptist Church-Wedgefield family 🙏!*

Loretta Brown - August 20, 2021 at 09:47 AM

PT

“ *Our heartfelt condolences to the Choice family.*

Pearl Brailsford Thomas - August 20, 2021 at 12:11 AM

SJ

“ *To Mr. Ernest and Mrs. Diane Choice and The Choice and Pringle Families.*

D.P.'s life was a blessing, her memory a treasure, she was loved beyond words and will be missed beyond measure. Thanks, Arnie for sharing your mother with me. Her wisdom and knowledge that was imparted in my (Sean) life many years ago and until the end, I will forever cherish.



In the words of Minister Richard Smallwood, "I'll see you again, where the sun is always shining....We'll join hands together and sing around the throne....I'll see you again."

*Forever Grateful,
Mrs. DeLoris Jones-Young, Sumter, South Carolina*

*Mr. Sean Lamar Jones, Orangeburg, South Carolina
SCSU, '01*

Sean Lamar Jones - August 19, 2021 at 03:57 PM

MD

Our thoughts and prayers are with you Ernie and the family. She will be missed. Thank you for sharing your Mom with us. You have done a great job. May God Bless and keep you all.

Martinez and Deidre Durant - August 20, 2021 at 12:48 PM

TL

“ *To: Ernest & the Family of Mrs. Dorothy Pringle Choice*

Sending heartfelt sympathy to you and your entire family. Your mom was a treasure to so many including us. Wishing you God's strength during this time. We pray that you will forever cherish the many precious and special memories of her life and your relationship with her.

Walter & Tomasena Lewis

I feel so very blessed because I was one of her students. She was an amazing teacher, she always inspired me to aim high. She encouraged me to always do my best and I loved and appreciated all she did that helped shaped me to become the person I am today.

Much Love

Tomasena Jackson Lewis (SBHS Class of 1970)

Tomasena Lewis - August 19, 2021 at 02:52 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mrs. Dorothy Pringle Choice.*



August 19, 2021 at 12:05 PM

BG

“ Mrs. Choice was the best teacher during my senior year at Scott’s Branch High School in Summerton S C. I will always remember her smile. Bessie Green class of “72”. 🌿

bessue greene - August 18, 2021 at 08:45 PM

PC

To the family, Mrs.Choice will not only lives on in the memories and love of her family, also in the lives of the students she touch at SBS, She was an awesome teacher, she taught our French class from the TV before it was the norm to teach from the TV. Family thank you for sharing her with us, the students from the classes of the many years she taught us, We love her, we bless her spirit and we thank God that she touch our lives. A Summerton icon, educator and phenomenal woman, our prayers are with the family as you celebrate her life. Patricia A. Coard-Seabrooks class of 1970.

Patricia A. Coard-Seabrooks - August 20, 2021 at 01:42 PM

TP

“ The family of Johnnie & Rosalee Pringle purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Dorothy Pringle Choice.



The family of Johnnie & Rosalee Pringle - August 18, 2021 at 07:04 PM

RB

“ Ruby Stukes Baugham lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Pringle Choice



Ruby Stukes Baugham - August 18, 2021 at 05:31 PM

PM

“ I met Mrs. Choice in 1996, she has always been a go getter and loved to let her opinion and ideas be known. She will be missed. Condolences to the family of this jewel.

Patricia Moyd - August 18, 2021 at 03:50 PM

DG

My condolences to family of Mrs choice. Mrs Choice was very special teacher . Student from class “68” .

Dian W Richardson Gittens - August 20, 2021 at 05:38 PM

PK

Mrs.Choice.was a neighbor and friend. I will miss her so much she always outside in yard doing her. My prayers and condolences goes out to the Choice family.

Patricia Kelly - August 31, 2021 at 06:44 PM