



Elaine B Cain

December 29, 1945 - November 5, 2025

Ms. Elaine Bernice Cain was born on December 29, 1945 in Bennettsville, South Carolina to the late (Lizzie) Inez Drayton and Joshua Townsend, Sr. Affectionately known by family and friends as “Laine Cain” or “Elaine Cain” she was a strong woman of character known for her elegant, oversized hats.

Elaine loved attending garage sales by herself or with anyone who was willing to go with her all while wearing one of her many oversized hats.

Elaine grew up in Marlboro County and graduated from East Side High School in 1966. She was the first African American to be hired at Roses Dime Store in

Bennettsville, South Carolina breaking racial barriers in Marlboro County. She was a top sales Vice President in South Carolina for Mary Kay Cosmetics and was

rewarded by Mary Kay Cosmetics with a pink car and several other accolades.

Elaine was a devout Jehovah’s Witness and a faithful servant of Jehovah God.

Elaine was preceded in death by her former husband Carl T. Cain, Jr., her parents Lizzie Inez Drayton and Joshua Townsend, Sr., her brother David Drayton,

Jr., her sister Octavia Annette Brunson and her grandson Jervais Wan Ya

Cain.

Left to cherish her sweet memories are four daughters; Inez Ponton (Arthur), Wanda Cain, Dr. Latasha Rogers (Michael) and Carlina Mitchell (Alan). Seven grandchildren Kuree Sheard (Benjamin, III), Joshua Cain, Tiana Purvis, Logan Wise, Antonio Treyveon Purvis, Ethan Wise and Chase Wise; one great granddaughter

Jade Wan Ya Cain; bonus grandson Braxton Javon Mitchell; three sisters Mary McNeil, Marie Kelly (Adgie) and Mary Davis; one brother Joshua Townsend, Jr. and a host of other nieces, nephew, cousins, relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers please donate to the South Carolina Kidney Foundation on behalf of

Ms. Elaine Drayton Cain.

make checks payable to:

National Kidney Foundation

1643 B Savannah Hwy

Box 120

Charleston SC 29407

or

<https://www.kidney.org/offices/nkf-serving-carolinas>

Cemetery Details

Promise Land

1740 Cushman Drive
Columbia, SC 29204

Previous Events

Public Viewing

NOV 11. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Columbia
1200 Fontaine Place
Columbia, SC 29223
(803) 786-6300
palmermemorialchapel@gmail.com
<https://www.palmermemorialchapel.com>

A Celebration of Life

NOV 12. 1:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel
1200 Fontaine Place
Columbia, SC 29223

Tribute Wall

ND

“ Nancy Domond purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Elaine B Cain.



Nancy Domond - November 13, 2025 at 07:57 AM

ND

“ Nancy Domond planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elaine B Cain.

Nancy Domond - November 13, 2025 at 07:57 AM

JM

“ My sincere condolences to the Cain family and all love ones. I will always remember Ms. Elaine selling Mary Kay products around the Bennettsville areas. May you rest in peace and May God Encourage The Family during this time.

James L McLeod - November 12, 2025 at 10:41 PM

LM

“ LS April Moye purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of Elaine B Cain.



LS April Moye - November 11, 2025 at 05:27 PM

M1

“ *Marlboro County Class of 1994 purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Elaine B Cain.*



Marlboro County Class of 1994 - November 11, 2025 at 11:45 AM

SJ

“ *Smallwood Congregation of JWs purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Elaine B Cain.*



Smallwood Congregation of JWs - November 11, 2025 at 08:56 AM

GF

“ *Our condolences and prayers.*



Gloria H Brown and Family - November 10, 2025 at 10:59 PM

AK

“ *Antonio & LaTonya Kelly purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Elaine B Cain.*



Antonio & LaTonya Kelly - November 10, 2025 at 07:00 PM

AK

“ Antonio & LaTonya Kelly planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elaine B Cain.

Antonio & LaTonya Kelly - November 10, 2025 at 07:00 PM

AA

“ Arden Apartments purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Elaine B Cain.



Arden Apartments - November 10, 2025 at 12:21 PM

WM

“ Wendy, Shawn & MJ purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Elaine B Cain.



Wendy, Shawn & MJ - November 10, 2025 at 12:14 PM

TF

“ THE TOWNSEND FAMILY purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Elaine B Cain.



THE TOWNSEND FAMILY - November 10, 2025 at 12:11 PM

TF

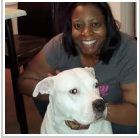
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THE TOWNSEND FAMILY - November 10, 2025 at 12:11 PM

TO

“ There are so many shared memories that her Aunt Christine and Uncle Bubba children have. Just know we all knew when Elaine came to the house. There was so many laughs. One thing I remember about Elaine she would ask you your business and tell you off in the same sentence. We love her so much for loving our moma. Your cousins will always keep your name and memories alive. Love you Tasha Carlina Liz and Wanda.

Thomas and Freida Ocean - November 10, 2025 at 10:49 AM



“ Momma Cain will live on in my heart forever ❤️

NaTasha Phelps - November 09, 2025 at 11:40 PM

RR

“ Rebecca Hanlon & Coldwell Banker Realty purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Elaine B Cain.



Rebecca Hanlon & Coldwell Banker Realty - November 09, 2025 at 06:05 PM

RC

“ Randolph and Marianne Cary purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Elaine B Cain.



Randolph and Marianne Cary - November 09, 2025 at 01:35 PM

JS

“ Joel, Donna and Kenneth Sanders purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Elaine B Cain.



Joel, Donna and Kenneth Sanders - November 08, 2025 at 07:45 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Elaine B Cain.



November 08, 2025 at 12:27 PM

TF

“ Tammy H. Edwards & Family lit a candle in memory of Elaine B Cain



Tammy H. Edwards & Family - November 08, 2025 at 07:18 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elaine B Cain.



November 07, 2025 at 10:37 AM