



Janice Lynette Olden

September 10, 1960 - December 23, 2019

On Monday, December 23, 2019, the Lord called another soul from earthly labor to heavenly reward when Janice Lynette Olden answered the call from glory. Born Saturday, September 10, 1960, in Sumter County, South Carolina, she was the seventh of eight children born to the late John and Larlia Champion Olden. A lifelong member of Wayman Chapel AME Church, she served in many capacities including: the Stewardess Board; the Senior Usher Board; the Wayman Chapel Inspirational Choir; Class Leader; and former Acolyte Advisor. She was a graduate of Hillcrest High School in the Class of 1978, and a 1982 graduate of the University of South Carolina where she majored in Business Management. She was first employed by the Citizens & Southern Bank and later by Blue Cross Blue Shield as a voice analyst for over thirty-four years. In her spare time, she was an avid reader who enjoyed games, sewing, working with young people, and spending time with her family and friends.

She was jovial, positive, personable, generous, and loving. Janice always saw the best in people and in every situation. Her many nieces and nephews were like her own children, and she spent countless hours at games, recitals, concerts, and anywhere else they performed or received recognitions and awards.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Frank

Olden; two sisters-in-law; and three brothers-in-law.

Surviving are six siblings: Ruth Jenkins, Carrie Jenkins, Emma O. Neal, Eleanor C. Olden, all of Columbia, South Carolina, John C. Olden of Hopkins, South Carolina, and Thomas L. Olden of Wedgefield, South Carolina; six nieces: Kimberly Neal, Priya Jeter, Tyandra Olden-Small, Fantasia Singleton, Tomeshia Washington, and Tyara Olden; five nephews: Kent Olden, Vernon Jenkins, Isaiah Jenkins, Erik Neal, and Cedric Wright; two godchildren: Tyrone Raynard Gadson and Kourtney Blanding; a host of grandnieces and grandnephews.

Cemetery Details

Wayman Chapel Church Cemetery

Previous Events

Public Viewing

DEC **29**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Public Viewing

DEC **30**. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Wayman Chapel A.M.E. Church
160 N. Kings Hwy.,
Sumter, SC

Celebration of Life

DEC **30**. 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Janice Lynette Olden*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *You are more than an aunt to me. You are my second mother, my confidant, and my friend. You have blessed my boys and I immeasurably and I am forever grateful. I will surely miss the many laughs and sound advice. I love you SO very much. Your presence is surely missed. Love, Josephine*

Priya Jeter - January 08, 2020 at 02:18 PM



“ *Diana lit a candle in memory of Janice Lynette Olden*



Diana - January 02, 2020 at 12:12 AM



“ *Carletta lit a candle in memory of Janice Lynette Olden*



Carletta - January 01, 2020 at 12:46 PM

LS

“ Go rest high my friend... you will be missed so very much Janice. Truly one precious person - always had such a bright smile. Enjoyed our conversations at work and the laughter we shared.



Leanne Shannon - December 30, 2019 at 08:20 PM

PB

“ Pamela J Brooks lit a candle in memory of Janice Lynette Olden



Pamela J Brooks - December 30, 2019 at 08:11 PM

DP

“ I am so sorry to hear of Janice’s passing. Janice was such a true friend. She was one of the first people I met when I started working at BCBSSC. We often had lunch together. The last time we had lunch, we both talked about retiring in 3 years. She will be missed.

Diane Parker-Anderson

Diane Parker-Anderson - December 30, 2019 at 06:34 PM

RG

“ Was a friend from as far back as C&S bank. Worked with her at BlueCross also. Will miss her laugh and smile.

Ron Goodwin - December 30, 2019 at 01:51 PM

MH

“ Margaret Hancock lit a candle in memory of Janice Lynette Olden



Margaret Hancock - December 30, 2019 at 11:14 AM

TW

“ You were a light to so many. I'll miss you!



Teresa Williams - December 29, 2019 at 05:02 PM

YC

“ It is with our deepest sympathy we express our condolence in the passing of your loved one. We, as well as others will miss her lead voice on the inspirational choir. May the peace of GOD which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Yvonne Johnson Coplin and son James Coplin

Yvonne & James Coplin - December 29, 2019 at 04:19 PM

AW

“ I knew Janice from our work together at BlueCross BleShield-SC. She was always helpful and cheerful. She had such a lovely speaking voice

Ann H Weldon - December 29, 2019 at 09:59 AM

H7

“ *Eleanor you and your family have our sincere condolences. Know that the Hillcrest High School Class of 77 have you in our prayers*



Hillcrest High Class of 77 - December 28, 2019 at 08:55 PM

WJ

“ *May God Comfort you all at this time. Because I know you know the Lord we can believe that Janice is in a good place, be strong and God will take care of us. Sorry we couldn't be with you at this time. Your cousin William and Louise Myers Jr.*

William Myers Jr - December 28, 2019 at 01:46 PM

MB

“ *So sorry for your loss my deepest condolences to you and your family and prayers and I remember Janice we went to Hillcrest together a very nice person. She sure will be missed*



MICHELLE Burchfield - December 28, 2019 at 08:50 AM

EN

“ *EMMA O. Neal lit a candle in memory of Janice Lynette Olden*



EMMA O. Neal - December 28, 2019 at 12:19 AM

CM

“*Jamice, you've always had a million dollar smile. Whenever I needed a question answered regarding our class, you shared it and got back to me w/an answer. You always greeted me w/LOVE. You made me feel important and that it was the best thing ever seeing me. Eventhough, we didn't see each other daily, it never mattered. It was always w/love, delight, respect, and a smile. I'm going to miss you. My last recollection was as you lead a selection and I shouted out, "you better sing that song Janice Olden." I always looked for you when I knew our paths would cross. It didn't matter if it was our Choir anniversaries, class reunions, or simply to get together. I love you but God loved you most and He now has another soldier in His Army. I will see you again in that great gettin up morning. Rest in peace my friend. Light up heaven with that smile. Peace and Blessings to your family. We are our brothers keepers and want to be there for them as they try to endure this storm...*



Cherlyn Glisson McCoy - December 27, 2019 at 11:12 PM

NF

“*National Alliance Family purchased the Rose Tribute for the family of Janice Lynette Olden.*



National Alliance Family - December 27, 2019 at 03:54 PM

SM

“ *Sabrina Moore lit a candle in memory of Janice Lynette Olden*



Sabrina Moore - December 27, 2019 at 03:36 PM

SM

So sorry to hear of the passing of Ms. Janice. Heartfelt condolences to her family. She was a cheerful presence in our lives at BCBS of SC and she will be remembered and missed.

Sharon MillerGlenn - January 05, 2020 at 07:50 PM