



Mrs. Marian W. Davis

November 17, 2021

“I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the LORD, which made Heaven and earth.”

Deaconess/Trustee Marian W Davis of 1719 Craven Street, Columbia, South Carolina was called to her heavenly home on Tuesday, November 17, 2021.

She was one of five children born to the late, Henry T Marshall, Sr. and only child to Angela H Williams in Columbia, SC, on January 21, 1931.

Marian Edith Williams was a 1947 graduate of Lakeview High School in West Columbia, SC. It was there that she met the love of her life, Willie (“Bill”) L Davis. This inseparable pair soon married. They shared over 60 glorious years of all that life had to offer – the good and the bad. To this union, two children were born, Terry T Davis (deceased), who was a graduate of Clemson University with a degree in mechanical engineering and Dr. Angela M Davis, a Pulmonary/Allergy specialist, also a graduate of Clemson University and the Medical University of South Carolina.

Marian attended Allen University, where she received a bachelor’s degree in Home Economics. She later completed education courses at Cornell University (Ithaca, NY) and a masters degree in Home Economics from University of North Carolina @ Greensboro (Greensboro, NC).

Marian had a 36 year career in education ranging from Ridge Spring

Elementary and High School (Ridge Spring, SC) as a science teacher; Lakeview Elementary and High School (West Columbia, SC) as an elementary education and Home Economics teacher; Booker T. Washington High school (Columbia, SC) Home Economics teacher; Hand Middle school (Columbia, SC) as a science and Home Economics teacher then on to Eau Claire High School (Columbia, SC) as Consumer Education teacher and Vocational Coordinator. The last 5 years of her career were spent as the Richland County District Consumer Education consultant (Columbia, SC).

Marian was involved in numerous community organizations including the following:

- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority
- American Home Economics Association serving in several leadership positions
- National Education Association
- Wisteria Garden Club in several leadership positions
- Richland County Education Association serving as decoration's committee member
- Burton Heights-Standish Acres community organization serving as beautification committee member
- Columbia Green serving on leadership boards and committees
- Lakeview Foundation

Marian always loved sewing and floral design so much that after she retired she expanded her talents in being a special occasions seamstress and floral designer for churches, weddings, and funerals. She partnered with one of her closest friends, Gertrude Murray, on floral designs.

LIFE REFLECTIONS

Marian was an avid Clemson Tiger football fan, attending nearly every home game and bowl game since 1979, including all 3 national championship games (1981, 2016 & 2018). She enjoyed tailgating and watching games with her Clemson family.

Yearly family vacations were special to Marian. She began traveling alone from Columbia, SC to Chicago, IL as a teenager spending summers with her Aunt Edna Counts. However, her travels included at least 25 US states, Canada, Mexico, Bahamas, Grand Cayman, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, United Kingdom (London), Spain (Barcelona), Switzerland (Lugano) and Italy (Milan, Venice, and Lake Cuomo). She was blessed to attend several World Fairs and see the original "LAST SUPPER" painting by Michelangelo in Milan, Italy.

Marian was preceded in death by her husband, Willie "Bill", son, Terry, her mother, Angela H "Dar" Williams, two sisters; Lorraine Marshall, Gwendolyn Clark; one brother, Dr Henry T Marshall, Jr., and special friend/sister Eva Pearl Davis.

She is survived by her daughter, Angela M Davis, MD, of Cary, NC; one sister, Henri Etta "Dolly" Bynum, Elgin, SC; sister-in law, Janice W Marshall of Columbia; goddaughter, Frances (Eugene) Koon of Columbia and nieces Monica Hoefler, Jai-Shirelle Marshall, Gwendolyn Jackson; and nephew, Offie Clark; two "granddogs", Tiki and Dabo and a "grandturtle" Tennyson all of Cary, NC. Numerous nieces and nephews by marriage: Alfred (Barbara) and

Alonzo Spry, Norma Jean Goodwin, Dejoyce (Edward) Hall, and Mary Miller all of Columbia and Bianca Tidwell of Charlotte, NC- plus her special friends Annie Mason, Doreatha Herlong, Isola Calhoun, Sandra Norton, Dell Hayes, and Lydia Sandiford.

Marian is known to have several adopted children/grandchildren without papers as she affectionately called them "AWOPs": Jay'Ron Davis (Columbia), Leola Bailey (Columbia), Bernice Tobin (Columbia), Frances Hopkins (Columbia), Grady Hartzog (Branford, FL), Jocelyn Gladney (Durham, NC), Monica Scott (Grand Rapids, MI), Elaine Boyd (Columbia), Maria Martinez (Boston, MA), Anita Bess (Cary, NC), Jennifer Stidham (Spartanburg, SC), Fern Howell (Columbia) and many other relatives, students and friends who will miss her tremendously, including the Clemson football seat family, Eddie and Patti McCurry; Greg and Deborah Brock.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to:

Saint John Baptist Church

3404 W. Beltline Blvd

Columbia, SC 29203

or

The Terry T. Davis Memorial Scholarship

Clemson University Endowment Foundation

P.O. Box 1889 Clemson, South Carolina 29633-1889

This is the link to the live streaming for Mrs. Marian Davis' funeral:

<https://youtu.be/ku55Csb5cPg>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 4. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

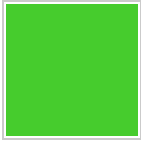
St. John Baptist Church - Columbia
3404 W. Beltline Boulevard
Columbia, SC 29203

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Marian W. Davis*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *Angela, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. I have so many fond memories of her. She was such a kind woman. You are definitely in my thoughts.*

Kathleen Parker - December 09, 2021 at 08:08 PM



“ *Angela and family ..sorry we could not be with you during your loss but know that our thoughts and prayers will always be with you. Your Momma and my Momma shared a special bond that will never be broken. I hope you know that she will always have a place in our hearts and so will you. We love you. Henrietta Herlong Taylor and Doretha Herlong.*



HENRIETTA HERLONG TAYLOR - December 06, 2021 at 11:45 AM



“ *Tom Felder lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marian W. Davis*



Tom Felder - December 05, 2021 at 10:18 PM

PM

“ Priscilla Foggy Murrell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marian W. Davis



Priscilla Foggy Murrell - December 05, 2021 at 09:15 PM

JP

“ Jackie Parks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marian W. Davis



jackie Parks - December 04, 2021 at 06:50 PM

CM

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted" May God comfort your hearts during this time. He tells us, "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand"

You are in my prayers....Carolyn Stewart Mallette

Carolyn Stewart Mallette - December 05, 2021 at 04:37 PM

MS

“ *Angela, a mother’s love is alive forever. She will never be far from your heart. My prayers go out to you and your family in this time of great sadness as well as celebration of a meaningful life well lived. Mother Davis will live on in the lessons she taught, the patience and love she gave, and in the hearts of the many people she touched with her loving kindness and faithfulness. Peace be with you. Monica Scott*



Monica Scott - December 04, 2021 at 01:57 PM

AA

“ *Angela and the Family of Mrs. Marian Davis, we are so sorry for your loss and praying for your strength and comfort. Mrs. Davis was my teacher, mentor, and friend. She is missed by never forgotten, Thank you for sharing her with me. Much love, Albertina Adams-Garvin*



Albertina Adams-Garvin - December 04, 2021 at 11:35 AM

DC

“ Mrs. Davis was a wonderful lady with a timeless eye for beauty, passion for education and strong commitment to the development of young people.

We have lost a true matriarch in our community. I distinctly recall how Mrs. Davis instinctively reached out to help with florals when she heard my twin daughters were preparing for their Debutante Ball in Charlotte. We were so honored and touched by her kindness and foresight. She knew what was expected of the children, so she shared her time and creative genius to make it an extraordinary event for the girls. This and many other acts of kindness and wisdom will always be cherished and remembered.

God bless you Dr. Angela and family for sharing Mrs. Davis!

Attorney Glenda F. Coleman & Family

Dr. Coleman - December 04, 2021 at 02:18 AM

MW

“ Mrs. Davis was a very kind and God fearing woman. I will forever miss and love her. Heaven has certainly gained an amazing Angel. Fly high !! ❤️❤️

Ms. Gloria Christie Weston - December 03, 2021 at 09:24 PM

KA

“ Karen Adams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marian W. Davis



Karen Adams - December 03, 2021 at 07:53 PM

MM

“ My dear Marian, I will always remember your advices to life's struggles. I will miss you physically but I know you will always be alive in Spirit and in Memory.

To my Sister Angela:

Matthew 5:4

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 🙏❤️

Love Always,

Maria Martinez (Boston,MA)

Maria Martinez - December 03, 2021 at 02:58 PM

JG

“ Angela, not sure if you remember me or not, Bobbie and Jackie's mom. So sorry to hear about her passing, but have fond memories of your whole family always at St Peters school helping out. We were a small group but always got things done.

May God bless your Mom's soul.

JoAnne Gossett

JoAnne Gossett - December 03, 2021 at 02:09 PM

BB

“ Keeping Angela, Family and Friends in close thoughts and prayers. May the many wonderful memories of Mom/Marian provide you strength and peace in the days ahead. She was the sweetest woman and know she touched the heart of so many. Hugs and much love to Angela, Family & Friends.

Bonnie Barrett - December 03, 2021 at 12:43 PM

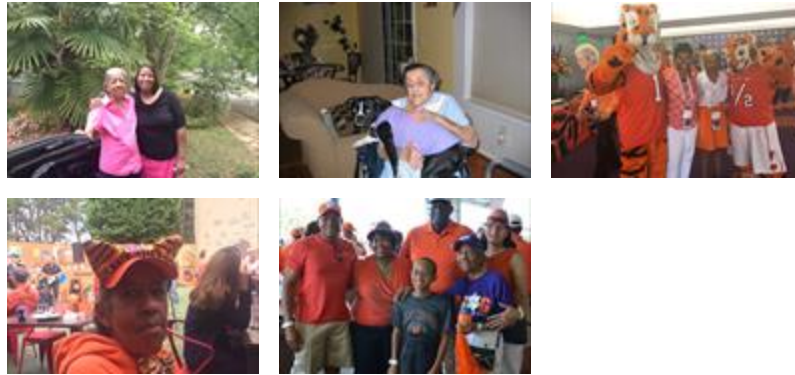
JR

“ *Angela, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your sweet mother. Even after all these years...I still have very fond memories of her. She is truly among one of the sweetest souls I have had the privilege of knowing. I just happened to see this and so glad I did. I hope you are well - it was good to see you in a lot of the picture you shared of your mother and family. Hugs to you, Jackie Gossett Rivers*

Jackie Rivers - December 03, 2021 at 11:48 AM



“ *34 files added to the album Memories Album*



Palmer Memorial Chapel - December 03, 2021 at 10:09 AM

GO

Dear Davis Family, we send our sincerest condolences and offer you our wishes of peace and fond memories as you celebrate the life of dearest Aunt Marian.

I will always remember how, in our hour of sorrow over the loss of our Mother, Gwendolyn, Marian offered to arrange the altar flowers for her memorial service. Sitting at a table she carefully trimmed and arranged the flowers with quiet dignity and offered them as a tribute to her late sister. Marian will be missed and always remembered.

Love, Dwight Jackson, Gwendolyn Clark and Family

GOClark - December 03, 2021 at 06:45 PM