



Mrs. Mary Hunter Hinton

July 18, 1936 - February 2, 2022

Life Reflections

Mrs. Mary Hunter Hinton departed this earthly life for her heavenly reward on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 in Columbia, South Carolina. She was born July 18, 1936, in Horatio, SC, to the late Adam Hunter and Marie Singleton Hunter. She was the eldest of five children.

Mary was educated in the public schools of Sumter County from Willow Grove Elementary to High Hill and Ebenezer High. She loved school and was an enthusiastic reader. During her youth and young adult life, she faithfully attended Willow Grove AME Church with her mother and served in various capacities until marriage and moving away.

Mary married the love of her life, Rev. Heyward Allen Hinton, on May 19, 1956. (The two love birds met when Heyward would travel to see his aunt in Horatio.) She was a homemaker devoted to family and encouraged her children to get a good education. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, many of whom she nurtured in their early years. She loved hosting family dinners and planning family reunions. Family was crucially important to her. Moreover, she made sure any family member coming to Columbia for school or work was welcome to stay in her home.

As a Minister's wife, Mary was devoted to the Women's Missionary Society (WMS) and Young People's Department (YPD) at each church her husband pastored. She enjoyed hosting the YPD at Christmas. She and her husband were heavily involved in the Debutante-Masters Commission (DMC). They, for

many years, personally made all floral arrangements and accessories to provide a beautiful setting for the program.

Mary was loyally involved with the Minister's Wives Association during her husband's tenure. You could often find church members dining at the Hinton's home. At conference time, their home was open to all who wanted to stop in for a meal and spiritual conversations.

Mary was preceded in eternal life by her parents, husband, brothers Thomas Hunter (Gracie) and Charlie Hunter.

Mary's memory will be cherished by her three sons: Alvin (Corlis) Hinton, Sr. of Hopkins, SC, Heyward Adams (Lendy) Hinton of Columbia, SC and Napoleaon "Nate" (Stephanie) Hinton of Irmo, SC; one daughter, Charletta M. Hinton of Jacksonville, FL; 11 grandchildren, five great grand-children; two sisters, Percalee (Dr. Robert) Morris of Columbia, SC and Louise Hanley of Mt. Vernon, NY; one sister-in-law Elizabeth Hunter of Horation, SC; a host of nieces, nephews, other dear relatives, friends, and a faithful caregiver, Gloria Williams.

In lieu of Flowers, a memorial donation may be made to the Allen University Scholarship Fun, 1530 Harden Street, SC 29204 or American Heart Association, PO Boc 840692, Dallas TX 75284-0692. Donations may also be made online: www.allenuniversity.edu or www.heart.org.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

FEB **10**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Elmwood Cemetery
501 Elmwood Avenue
Columbia, SC 29201
(803) 252-2133

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Mary Hunter Hinton*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *To the Hinton Family, Beloved neighbor on Clark Street. My sincere condolences for the loss of your mother Mrs. Hinton. You will forever live in my heart ❤️ RIP..*



Barbara Lightsey-Atiba - February 10, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *To the family of Mrs. (Mother) Mary H. Hinton,*

We the Pastor and Members of Saint Paul A.M.E. Church-Shaw send our condolences and prayers.

During her tenure as First Lady at St. Paul, your Mother touched many lives. Her memories will be cherished and will live on here through those lives.

May God's love and comfort bring you peace.

*Submitted with love,
Rev. Eric R. Dent and your St. Paul Church Family*

Saint Paul A.M.E-Shaw - February 10, 2022 at 01:22 PM

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“ *Mary Rivers lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Hunter Hinton*



Mary Rivers - February 10, 2022 at 01:19 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Hunter Hinton.*



February 09, 2022 at 04:45 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Hunter Hinton.*



February 09, 2022 at 12:30 PM



“ *Stately Lilies was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Hunter Hinton.*



February 09, 2022 at 10:52 AM