



Myrna Juanita Johnson Corley

November 13, 1934 - November 8, 2019

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She attended St. Michael High in Sumter County and graduated from Lincoln High School in the Class of 1952. Myrna earned a Bachelor's of Science degree in Elementary Education, minoring in Library Science from Allen University in Columbia, South Carolina. She furthered her studies by obtaining a Master's of Arts degree in Childhood Education from Teachers College at Columbia University in New York City. She retired after spending many years as an educator in both Florence County and Richland School District One in Columbia, South Carolina.

A lifelong member of the African Methodist Episcopal church, Myrna was a dedicated and hardworking member of Turner Memorial AME Church for over forty years, where her knowledge, wisdom, and financial contributions played an enormous role in the continued success of the church. She toiled faithfully in various capacities at Turner Memorial including: the Steward Board, Women's Missionary Society, Church School, and as former Co-Chair of Women's Day and Family Day. One of the members who started the tutoring

program at Turner Memorial, she also served on the Board of Directors of Turner Child Development Center, and Myrna was instrumental in planning and publishing the Church Directory. Her demeanor was pleasant and amenable in getting along with everyone, and if ever anyone needed her assistance, they only had to ask.

As dedicated to the community as to her church, Myrna was a member of several organizations that emphasized service including: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Club 24, and the Red Hat Society. A gracious and loyal woman always willing to help in her own quiet manner, Myrna was rarely outspoken, but when she did, she commanded the attention of all.

While attending Allen University, Myrna met the love of her life, Lester Corley. They married in October of 1953 at her parents' residence in Wedgefield, South Carolina. To this loving union was born a son, Kevin Todd Corley.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Lester (October 2000).

She leaves to cherish precious memories her son Kevin Todd (Cynthia) Corley of Dublin, Ohio; four grandchildren: LIFE REFLECTIONS

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Cemetery Details

Crescent Hill Memorial Gardens

Columbia, SC

Previous Events

Public Viewing

NOV **15**. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Alpha Kappa Alpha Ivy Beyond the Wall Ceremony

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public viewing

NOV **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Turner Memorial AME Church
1122 Monticello St
West Columbia, SC 29169
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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ *Myrna Juanita Johnson Corley*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Myrna Juanita Johnson Corley.*



November 20, 2019 at 08:47 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Myrna Juanita Johnson Corley.*



November 14, 2019 at 06:56 PM



“ *South State Bank Florence Pamplico Team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Myrna Juanita Johnson Corley.*



South State Bank Florence Pamplico Team - November 14, 2019 at 04:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Myrna Juanita Johnson Corley.*



November 13, 2019 at 07:05 PM



“ *Gregory Frierson lit a candle in memory of Myrna Juanita Johnson Corley*



Gregory Frierson - November 13, 2019 at 01:02 PM



“ *Lucious Frierson, Jr., Debbie, Gretta Fr lit a candle in memory of Myrna Juanita Johnson Corley*



Lucious Frierson, Jr., Debbie, Gretta Fr - November 13, 2019 at 12:58 PM

GF

“ We are sadden to hear about the death of Myrna.
Living next door (our property joining), our children growing up together and going to the same school, we not only were neighbors we feel like family.

Myrna was a wonderful person and will be missed very much.

Love and prayers to the family always.

*Gretchel Frierson and Family
4047 Highland Park Drive
Columbia SC*

Gretchel Frierson and Family - November 13, 2019 at 12:24 PM

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“ *My deepest condolences to the family of Mrs. Myrna, I had the honor of making her hands and feet beautiful. So, on behalf of the staff at the Belk Salon & Spa you will truly be missed.*



Latrena McLaughlin - November 12, 2019 at 01:45 PM