



Ossie Hamlett Martin

August 6, 1940 - April 10, 2021

Ms. Ossie Hamlett Martin departed this earthly life on Saturday, April 10, 2021 at Prisma Health Hospital-Richland in Columbia, South Carolina. She was born to the late Phillip Fergus, Sr. and Mabel Hamlett in Semora, North Carolina on August 6, 1940. She was a 1959 graduate of Person High School. She graduated from Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, NC in 1965, where she double majored in French and English Education.

She began her career as an educator in Newark, New Jersey. While in New Jersey, she met the love her life, Johnny Martin, and they married on June 14, 1969. After marriage they relocated to Columbia and she taught in the Kershaw County school district. From their loving union, they were blessed with two children, Yolanda Renee and John P. Martin.

In addition to being an educator, Ossie began a career in retail in 1972, at JB White and Belk stores in Columbia until she discontinued her active employment in 2020, due to COVID-19.

In her spare time, she enjoyed writing poetry, reading, singing, and was very active in the Johnson C. Smith Alumni Association, church activities, volunteering, and traveling with her family.

She was a faithful member of the Church of Christ on Ames Road where she served in many capacities including: the choral ensemble, The Spiritualties;

Fellowship Ministry; and wherever her gifts and talents were needed. She was also the author of "Spreading Good Cheer Through Song and Verse".

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her stepmother Rosetta F. Fergus and nine siblings: James L. Hamlett, Minnie F. Bolton, Phillip Ferges Jr., Jannie F. Russell, Pattie F. Coleman, Mamie F. Thomas, Catherine F. Cunningham, Bennie Fergus, and Mary Ann H. Wilson.

She leaves to cherish precious memories her husband, Johnny J. Martin of Columbia; daughter, Yolanda Renee Martin of Columbia; son, John P. Martin of Columbia; two sisters: Viola H. Brandon of Philadelphia, PA and Alice F. (Fred) Mitchell of Roxboro, NC; three brothers: Robert Ferges of South Boston, VA, Willie Fergus of Alton, VA, and Shank (Marie) Fergus of Newark, New Jersey; sisters in law: Queen Hamlett of Yonkers, NY and JoAnn Fergus of Neptune, New Jersey; Betty J. Martin, Bobbie A. Martin, Creola Martin, and Barbara Martin, of Columbia, SC; and Johnnie Mae Martin of Chesapeake, VA. and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

To view the livestream:

Go to Facebook, then go to the Palmer Memorial Chapel page, like the page and then you will be able to view the livestream which will begin 15 minutes prior to the service.

Cemetery Details

Fort Jackson National Cemetery

Previous Events

Family Visitation

APR **19**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Columbia
1200 Fontaine Place
Columbia, SC 29223
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Public Viewing

APR **20**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

APR **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ossie Hamlett Martin*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Lynn Itagaki - June 04, 2021 at 09:09 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Homegoing Service*



Palmer Memorial Chapel - April 27, 2021 at 06:15 PM



“ *Juanita Sweat lit a candle in memory of Ossie Hamlett Martin*



juanita sweat - April 20, 2021 at 08:27 AM

RH

“ *Rosa Holt lit a candle in memory of Ossie Hamlett Martin*



Rosa Holt - April 19, 2021 at 12:42 PM

AM

“ *Remembering my Aunt Ossie for her eloquence and poetry*



Aileen Martin - April 17, 2021 at 12:00 PM

JW

I also met Ossid at JB Whites many moons ago. Ossid was kind hearted, loving and always had an smile on her face. She was a lady of grace and spiritual beliefs. She will be missed!

Janice Henry Wilson - April 21, 2021 at 03:53 PM

RB

“ *I meant Ossie at JB White's Richland Mall. She was a lovely kind hearted person, very soft spoken and always willing to do you a favor. She will be missed.*

Renee Bolden

Renee Bolden - April 16, 2021 at 12:32 PM

BW

I met Ozzie at Ames Road Church of Christ. She gave me a hug and a smile every time I saw her. She was a soft spoken and kind person and I will miss her.

Brenda Watts - April 17, 2021 at 02:33 PM

RH

Our dearly beloved Sister in Christ, Mrs. Ossie Martin, was a devoted woman of God. She spread the love of God with her kind words, sweet demeanor and lovely smile. She eagerly shared her inspiring poems and songs of love and encouragement. Sister Ossie was always willing to lend a helping hand wherever she was most needed; a true servant. We will miss you dearly. Sisterly Love, Rosa Holt, Frankie Holt and family.

Rosa Holt - April 19, 2021 at 07:20 PM

JS

I meet Ms.Ossie at Belk 10 years ago help do Returns just getting there I had register fear she l'm gonna stand here & im gonna watch u do then she would pass my station & day u got it today ? I said yes ma'ma I got it RIP MRS.Ossie we love u

juanita sweat - April 20, 2021 at 08:39 AM