



Willie Omia Bouie

January 17, 1942 - March 25, 2020

Mrs. Willie Omia Jamison Bouie transitioned from this earthly life at her residence on Wednesday, March 2020, in Columbia, South Carolina. Born January 17, 1942, in Sharon, South Carolina, she was the daughter of the late Mabel Mutz and John Jamison.

A 1959 graduate of Jefferson High School in York County, she graduated with honors from Claflin University in 1963, acquiring a Bachelor of Science degree in both Biology and Mathematics. She then went on to earn a Master's degree in Biology from Iona College in 1977, and received a Doctorate of Humanities degree in July 1988 from Monrovia College in Liberia, West Africa.

Willie moved into professional career with integrating Handy Middle School, Brookland-Cayce High School, and Keenan High School in South Carolina by serving as the first Black science and math teacher at those schools. She taught science for a number of years at W.A. Perry Middle School. Mrs. Bouie retired as a Biology and Forensics teacher for Rockville School District in Rockville Center on Long Island, New York.

Willie was extraordinarily dedicated to her alma mater. She has been a steadfast supporter of Claflin University, and was featured in the "Spiritually Speaking: A Collection of Poetry." Heavily involved in the Civil Rights Movement, she was arrested on several occasions along with her husband,

Civil Rights activist Rev. Simon P. Bouie, with whom she shared fifty-three years of marriage.

Willie was a member of Chappelle Memorial AME Church where she served as a part of the Women's Missionary Society, Church School leader, Vacation Bible School instructor, and wherever else she was needed. She was Life Member of the NAACP, a Life Member of the Claflin Alumni Association, as well as a member of many other social and fraternal organizations.

Willie also served as the First Lady of the oldest African Methodist Episcopal Church, Mother Bethel AME Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She also served in various leadership roles such as the Women's Missionary Society in the First Episcopal District.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother Oscar Jamison.

Precious memories will be cherished by her husband, Civil Rights activist and retired Rev. Dr. Simon P. Bouie; their sons: Harold (Mika Kakehashi) Bouie, Sr. and Erich Bouie; three grandchildren: Yu Ota-Bouie, Sasha Bouie, and Harold Bouie, Jr.; brother Joseph (Luvenia). Other family members include Brenda Moffett (Tamerat) Worku, Toschia Moffett (Alex) Young, Trey Young, India Young, Quincy Richardson, goddaughter Betty Ann Walker, godson Rev. Leroy Ladson, and Hiromi Ota . Willie also leaves to cherish her memory with a host of other family members and friends. The family would like to thank the Heart of Hospice along with a special thanks to the nurses Sharn Jee Primus, Christina Lopes along with caretakers that served the family and Mrs. Bouie: Tonjia Allen, Valencia Thompson, and Elise Davies.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to Chappelle Memorial AME Church Building Fund or the St. Paul AME Church Senior

Citizens Fund.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAR 28. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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

Graveside service

MAR 29. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul AME Church - Irmo
835 Kennerly Road
Irmo, SC 29063

Tribute Wall



“ *Willie Omia Bouie*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *Supervisor Ainsley, the 16th Episcopal District and I support you and your family in the transition of Mrs. Willie Omia Bouie. We pray God's strength for all of you during this season. Our words cannot express our concern and love for each of you.*

Be strong in the strength of the Lord, and be encouraged as we encourage you with our prayers and support. It is written in Revelation 7:17 “ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.” Walk in God's word, God's peace, God's comfort and, receive God's peace.

Bishop Anne Henning Byfield

Bishop Anne Henning Byfield - April 03, 2020 at 01:15 PM



“ *Willie and I were roommates in Columbia in 1965. We were in contact a lot and recently in Dec and Jan 2020. So sorry to hear of the death of my friend. May she rest in peace.*

Teshine G. Good



Teshine Good - March 31, 2020 at 02:25 PM

MM

“ *Martha Mosby lit a candle in memory of Willie Omia Bouie*



Martha Mosby - March 30, 2020 at 09:23 AM

IF

“ *We are sad to hear of Mrs. Bouie's. passing. May God's love continue to strengthen you and your family knowing her that her life's work for us all is deeply appreciated. A true role model and Women of integrity. Much prayer*



Irby-English Family - March 29, 2020 at 05:42 AM

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“ *I remember having Mrs. Bouie as my science teacher at W. J. Keenan when it was still a junior high school. Desegregation was still relatively new and there were only a handful of us black students in my 7th grade class. Junior high students (especially boys) can be quite a handful, but you kept your students “in check” and made sure that learning took place. All good educators have a profound impact on their students forever. Keenan Junior High School had very many great educators. Thanks Mrs. Bouie for being one of those great educators that helped to shape our lives. Rest In Peace! Prayers for the family!*

Christopher Way (GA) - March 28, 2020 at 05:32 PM

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“ Christopher Way (GA) lit a candle in memory of Willie Omia Bouie



Christopher Way (GA) - March 28, 2020 at 05:30 PM

KE

“ Praying for the Bouie family.



Kayla Eskew - March 28, 2020 at 02:59 PM

LR

“ Lizzie Robinson lit a candle in memory of Willie Omia Bouie



Lizzie Robinson - March 28, 2020 at 02:15 PM

LR

“ Blessings to the Bouie Family. I have fond memories of Willie from our days at Jefferson High School to recent days. Rest in peace, classmate.

Lizzie Robinson - March 28, 2020 at 02:14 PM

RP

“May our Lord bless and comfort you and your family during this time of grief. Please accept my sincere condolences.”

Rev. Dr. Tobie H. Pollock - March 28, 2020 at 08:32 AM

MF

“Praying for you and family.”



Ms. Thelma Hardy and Family - March 28, 2020 at 08:23 AM



“Vergie Byrd Cowans has fond memories of our Clafin days. My condolences to the family.”



Vergie Cowans - March 27, 2020 at 08:37 PM

FJ

“Felicia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Willie Omia Bouie”



Felicia Johnson - March 27, 2020 at 12:16 PM

BW

“ *BettyAnn Walker purchased the Blessed Heart for the family of Willie Omia Bouie.*



BettyAnn Walker - March 27, 2020 at 11:38 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Willie Omia Bouie.*



March 27, 2020 at 11:19 AM

SC

“ *To: Rev. Dr. Simon Bouie & Family*

*At our lowest
God is OUR Hope
At our darkest
God is OUR Light
At our weakest,
God is OUR Strength
At our saddest,
God is OUR Comforter,*

You are in our thoughts, our hearts, and our prayers.

*Reverend Steven L. (Jessica) Evans
And St. Paul A.M.E. Church Family*

St Paul AME Church - March 27, 2020 at 08:28 AM

MR

“ *Marvin& Deborah Reeves lit a candle in memory of Willie Omia Bouie*



Marvin& Deborah Reeves - March 26, 2020 at 09:25 PM

LN

“ *TO DR. SIMON BOUIE;
WE PRAY FOR YOUR STRENGTH AS YOU
EXPERIENCE THE
TRANSITION OF SISTER BOUIE ; A LADY
OF GRACE, ELEGANCE,
AND DECENTLY DIGNIFIED WITH GODLY SOPHISTICATION ::
REST IN PEACE !
LEON N. [VIRGINIA] RICHBURG,,SR
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMISSION
7 TH. EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
THE A.M.E CHURCH*



LEON N.RICHBURG,SR - March 26, 2020 at 04:44 PM

FS

Rev Bouie, we are saddened to learn of the passing of your wife. We didn't know her well, but we do have many wonderful memories of times spent with you - all the way back to Rosemary School (as my glee club director) and Allen U (civil rights and other social events). We lift you before Jesus during this time of bereavement and in the difficult days ahead as you adjust to Mrs Bouie's physical absence. Trust God to sustain and strengthen you and and bring you a measure of peace as only He can give.

Sincere condolences to you and your son - know that we care.

Fred and Wilhelmena Hughes Sapp (Fayetteville NC)

Fred amd Wilhelmena Sapp - April 01, 2020 at 11:37 PM