

A Celebration of Life
for
Mother Martha Aiken
January 13, 1940 ~ November 8, 2014



Saturday, November 15, 2014
11:00 a.m.
Faith Tabernacle of Zion
5667 Dorchester Road
North Charleston, South Carolina
Pastor Jeanette S. Washington,
Officiating Pastor

~ Interment ~
Hillcrest Cemetery
Summerville, South Carolina

The Order of Service

Pastor Jeanette S. Washington, Officiating Minister
Apostle Doris Bonneau, Presiding Minister

Prelude Combined Choir

Processional

Hymn "Jesus Is the Light of the World"

Prayer Elder Dolores Mack

Scripture Reading:

Old Testament . . . Psalm 27:1-6 . . Minister Corey Aiken

New Testament . . . John 14:1-6 . . . Elder Janet Bolds

Solo Rev. Herbert W. Beard

Remarks Mrs. Evelyn S. Coleman, Friend
Mrs. Carolyn H. Reid, Niece
Mr. Darnell Aiken, Grandson
Minister Corey Aiken, Grandson

Solo Sister Deandria Bonneau

Obituary Reading . . . Mr. Antwan Aiken, Grandson

Dedication from Grandchildren

Ms. Jalessa Aiken, Granddaughter

Resolution Mother Lillie Brown

Hymn Jesus Said You Can Lean on Me"

Words of Comfort . . . Pastor Jeanette S. Washington

Benediction

Parting View



A Life Remembered . . .

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you.
Continue ye in my love." . . . John 15:9

Martha Aiken, affectionately known as "**Mother Aiken**" to her church family and friends, was the fourth of eight children born to the late Peter and Elizabeth A. Brown of Charleston, SC. She was a proud graduate of Burke High School, and one of the highlights of her academic life was in 2010 when she marched behind her grandson, Justin, as he graduated from Burke High School. This momentous march marked fifty years since **Mother Aiken** graduated from high school.

In 1961, **Mother Aiken** relocated to New York City where she served as a Nursing Assistant in Queens, NY. She was a devoted member of Bethel Mission Church of God in Christ under the leadership of Mother Hankins. **Mother Aiken** served as a Deaconess and a member of the Usher Board.

After thirty years in Queens, NY, **Mother Aiken** returned to Charleston, SC, where she continued her career as a Nursing Assistant until her physical health declined. **Mother Aiken** continued to do Ourtreach Ministry in her community and church. She became a member of World Evangelistic House of God, and Later New Beginnings Kingdom Assemblies. In August 2011, **Mother Aiken** joined Kingdom Tabernacle of Prayer Ministry where she continued her Outreach Ministry under the leadership of Pastor Jeanette S. Washington.

Mother Aiken lived a Godly life and she deeply loved her family. On Saturday, November 8, 2014, **Mother Aiken** was called home to Glory. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sisters: Christina Williams, Mary McNeil and Josephine Hutchinson; and her brother: Samuel Brown. She will be lovingly remembered by her three children: Doris Aiken (Jesse) of Charleston, SC, Eric Aiken of Queens, NY, and Gilbert Aiken of Charleston, SC; eight grandchildren: Darnell, Jalessa, Justin, Gilbert, Jr., Antwan, Corey, Joshua and Cody; four great-granddaughters: Imani, Destini, Elyse and Aubree; one great-grandson: Quamair; three sisters: Bernice Frayer (late Julian), Elizabeth Bellamy (Gerald), and Dianna Brown, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She also leaves cherished memories to a special friend: Ms. Hattie Grant.

"If Tears Could Build a Stairway"

If tears could build a stairway,
and memories a lane,
I would walk right up to Heaven
and bring you back again.

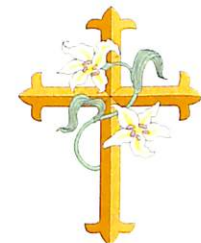
No farewell words were spoken,
no time to say "Goodbye".
You were gone before I knew it,
and only God knows why.

My heart still aches with sadness,
and secret tears still flow.
What it meant to love you -
no one can ever know.

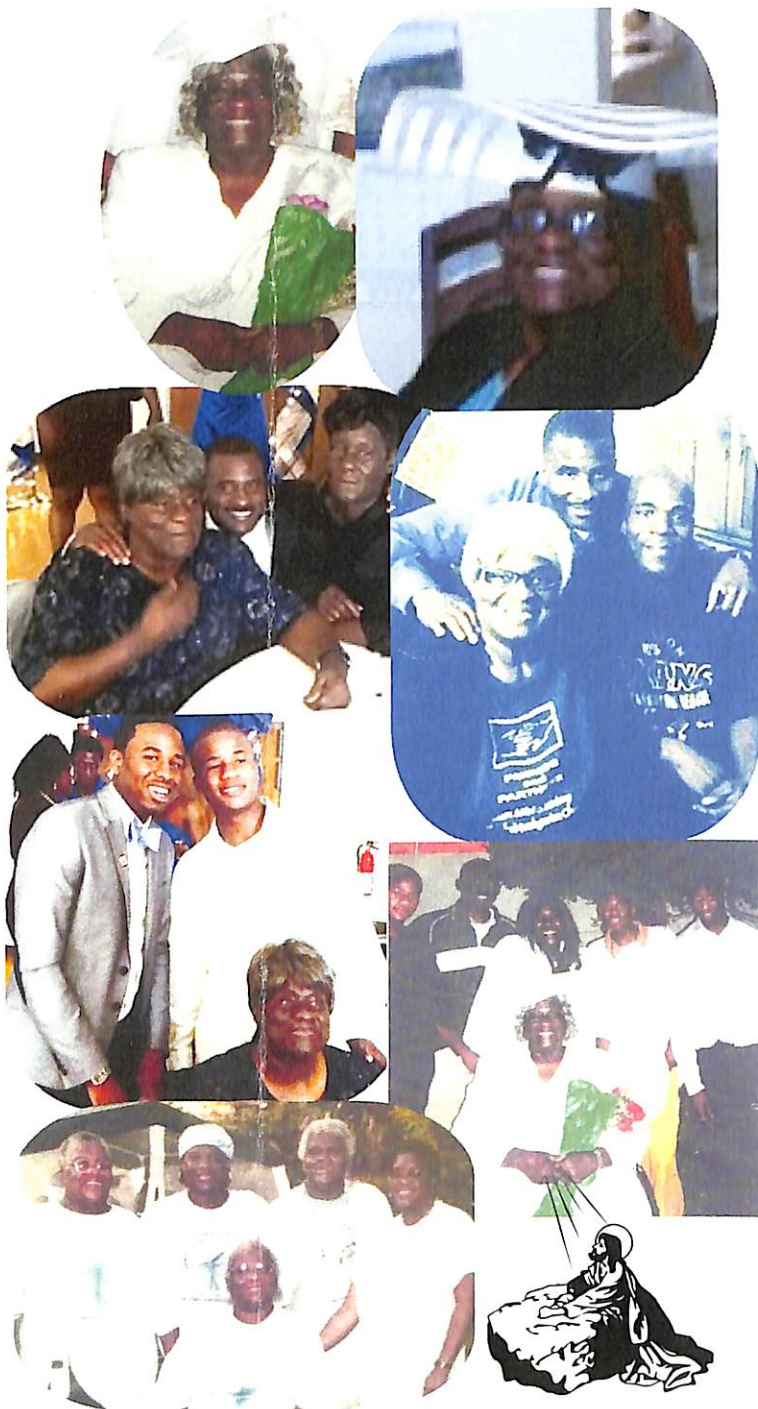
But now I know you want me
to mourn for you no more;
To remember all the happy times
life has much in store.

Since you'll never be forgotten,
I pledge to you today~
A hollowed place within my heart
is where you'll always stay.

. . . Author Unknown



Memories of Mother Aiken . . .



Active Pallbearers

Friends of the Family

Floral Bearers

Ushers

Acknowledgments

*We the family of the late
Mother Martha Aiken
would like to express
our sincere gratitude
to those of you who took time to
remember and celebrate her life
along with us today.*

*Your kindness and support
will always
remain in our hearts.*

*In loving memory of
Mother Martha Aiken,
thank you all!
--The Family*

Professional Services By:

The Palmetto Mortuary, Inc.

"Hallmark of Excellence"

1122 Morrison Drive

Charleston, SC 29403

(843) 727-1230

www.palmettomortuary.com

*Publication & Printing
by*

*Original Creations
Elder Phalarma 'Pam' L. Freeman
(843) 814-5994*