

*Celebration of*

THE ABUNDANT LIFE

*of the late*

Deaconess Elizabeth McCants Ravenell



Saturday, February 18, 2012

10:00 a.m.

FAITH ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Larry Burbacher, Senior Pastor

337 Farmington Road

Summerville, SC

Interment:

Carolina Memorial Garden

7113 Rivers Avenue

North Charleston, SC

Bishop Dr. Martha J. Thomas, Officiating

Bishop Dr. Clary K. Butler, Eulogist



*She was....*

*She was to some a rose complete, whose courage  
Foes could not defeat.*

*She was to some a mother, a sister, an Aunt, a Friend,  
She was a tower of strength in time of pain.*

*She was to one,  
At last she's a saint, a soldier, a soul at rest.  
She was one who had given her best.*

*Written March 17, 1976 at news of the passing of my grandmother,  
Mary Coaxum Johnson.*

*Given today, Saturday, February 18, 2012 for the home-going celebration  
of my mother, Deaconess Elizabeth Ravenell.*

*Sincerely,*

*Mary Elizabeth Ravenell*

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### *Officiating*

Bishop Dr. Martha J. Thomas

Angelic Entrance.....Elder Anthony McIntosh  
Processional .....*We Shall Wear A Crown*  
Community Choir  
Prayer of Comfort .....Bishop Willie Walker, Jr.  
Hymn.....Community Choir

### *Scripture*

OLD TESTAMENT

Proverbs 31:10-12, 26-31

Bishop Dr. David Brown

NEW TESTAMENT

I Corinthians 15:50-58

Elder Dr. Dollie Brown

Invocation .....Bishop Leroy Middleton, Sr.  
Solo .....Marlena Smalls, Founder  
The Hallelujah Singers  
Remarks .....Bishop Dr. Henry Dillard  
Chief Helper, State Bishop  
Solo .....Shirley Berry Brown  
International Missionary Outreach Society .....Bishop Dr. Martha J. Thomas  
Deaconess Maybelle Brown  
Solo .....Ernestine Simmons

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| National/State/Local Deacons Union..... | Deacon Fred H. Brown.<br>Deaconess Sandra Haynes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Reflections .....                       | Deacon Dennis Clement<br>T. Elder Eugene Davis<br>Pastor Lonnie Palmer                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Selection.....                          | Community Choir                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Remarks                                 | <div>Community<br/>Church<br/>School</div> <div>Physicians<br/>State Elder Charlene M. Jamison<br/>Elder Dr. Cynthia Brown, Deputy Director<br/>House of God Academy and Bible College<br/>(By request)<br/>JoAnn R. Derricotte (Daughter)<br/>Grands, Great Grands, and Great-great Grand</div> |
| Resolutions.....                        | Deaconess Angie Anderson<br>Bishop R. W. Fletcher,<br>Chief Overseer                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Acknowledgements.....                   | Deaconess Nova Walker Carter                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Solo .....                              | Vivian Brown McNeil                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Words of Comfort .....                  | T. Bishop Dr. Clary K. Butler                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Instrumental Solo .....                 | Dr. Donald Simpson                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

Parting Glances

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| Final Word ..... | Just Want to Make It to Heaven<br>— Well Done |
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*An Abundant Life*

*A Time to Be Born*  
Ecclesiastes 3:2

The late Deaconess Elizabeth McCants Ravenell was born on November 25, 1922 in Moncks Corner, South Carolina. Some who knew her said she was the most beautiful women in the world and her smile reflected this.

*A Time to Live*  
St. John 10:10

Deaconess Ravenell loved learning and is remembered because she answered every letter and card ever sent to her. She would write on the average, seven letters per week. She attended the public schools of Charleston County, earned certificates from the House of God Academy and Bible College, and completed courses leading to a degree from the Moody Bible Institute. One of her greatest educational successes was being able to teach her children and help them with their homework in every subject.

*A Time to Love*  
I Corinthians 13:4

She met, grew affectionate toward, and married James L. Ravenell of Charleston South Carolina. They were blessed with six precious children all of whom fulfill their mother’s deepest desire and that is for them to receive the Holy Ghost. She was known for “spoiling” her children. She always answered, “I am just putting my love upon them.” The children of the church all seemed to adopt her and she, in turn, loved them right back.

## *An Abundant Life*

### *A Time to Serve*

I Corinthians 4:2

She began her Christian life at Mt Olive Baptist church in North Charleston where she received the Holy Ghost, August 11, 1943. In the fall of 1945, she joined and dedicated her life of service to the House of God – Keith Dominion. Her greatest Christian triumph is experiencing over one thousand souls receiving the Holy Ghost. She often spoke of the time in Ridgville with the Delees, Iola and Sam Williams and driving to Pamplico for years, meeting the Andrews.

She and her husband, Bishop James Ravenell joined the House of God when their daughter, Mary Elizabeth was just one-year-old. Mother enjoyed serving the church in many capacities. She was a part of the National Complex committee, Deacons Union, Chief Overseer's Anniversary Committee, and the International Missionary Outreach Society. One of her supreme joys was the time spent in Jamaica. Through her daughter, Margaret Catherine, she cruised the Mediterranean Sea and ministered in Madrid, Spain as guests of a community church organized by her daughter. In Mississippi, she served in the Piedmont Diocese of South Carolina. Finally, it must be noted that she took many saints and visitors to the General Assembly in Nashville, Tennessee, often providing food, clothing, and shelter for them. She loved people and her legacy continues in her children.

## *An Abundant Life*

### *A Time to Heed The Call*

I Peter 5:10

Deaconess Ravenell departed this (regular) life Sunday, February 12, 2012 at Roper Hospital, Charleston, SC. But the God of all grace, who hath called as unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthens, settles you.



# *An Abundant Life*

## *A Time to Rejoice*

I Thessalonians 5:11-13

***Will the circle be broken? Are you kidding me? Never!!! Our hearts rejoice Rejoice and again I say, Rejoice!***

Affectionately,

Your loving husband,  
Bishop James L. Ravenell 1919-1989

*Her precious children...*

James Ravenell, II (Joyce)  
Margaret Williams (Van)  
Edwards L. Ravenell  
Mary Elizabeth Ravenell  
Jenette E. Sharpe  
Joann R. Derricotte (Michael)



*Celebrating Her Abundant Life,*

Grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great grandchild; niece, nephews, cousins, godchildren and her church family at the House of God Five Mile and a host of dear friends and well wishes.

I Remember Mother In A Special Way....

*Margaret (Ressie) - What you taught me...*

*"Myself" by Edgar Guest*

I got to live with myself and so  
I want to be fit for myself to know  
I want to be able as the days go by  
To always be able to look myself square in the eye

I remember our special times...our trips to your doctor visits,  
our 11:00 am daily calls, your always saying  
thank you for everything people did for you.

I remember our deep love for each other and our special mother-daughter times.  
Oh how you enjoyed receiving those live center pieces.

Merry Christmas Mother and A Happy New Year.

*Edward (Nonie)*

And she shall bring fourth a son...Mother, I remember saving \$93.00 in my Carnation Cream can — "bank" when I was 12 years of age and you said the family couldn't have Christmas because Daddy had paid for the lumber to be delivered to the church. I said to you, "Mother, I've been saving in my can. Here is enough for all of us to have Christmas. I will always remember the big smile on your face and the joy in my heart. Merry Christmas, Mother, and a happy New Year!



I Remember Mother In A Special Way....

*Joann "Jo"*

I Corinthians 13:11-13

When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

I grew up following your example of finer womanhood. I recall your faith in God and especially Aishia's wedding December 30, 2011. I enjoyed being your baby. My favorite experience was shopping for all the beautiful fashions. Mother, you are the best, a lady for all seasons and I will be just like you when I grow up.

Love, your baby.

*James II (Junior) - St. John*

19:26-27

Jesus therefore saw his mother...he said unto his mother, "Women, behold thy son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold thy mother!" I remember you never allowing me to get dirty, even when I played. You would say, "I am so proud of my big boy". Today, I am proud of you. You are still my "Pretty Mother." I remember your smile and your gentle spirit. "The Dutchess," that's you...mother.



I Remember Mother In A Special Way....

*Mary Elizabeth (Stormell)*

You are my sunshine. I remember the beauty of your quickening under the power of the Holy Ghost last third Sunday at Five Mile's "Guest" day. Mother, I remember our first apartment at Tennessee State, during the General Assembly. Sharpe, you were right. You said, "Let's get the best for Mother." Mother, I can hear you saying... "Mary, If you are called to preach, read a short scripture, give a subject, and preach. Please stay serious in the pulpit." Thank you for the advice to talk less and to listen more. In conclusion, thank you for an angelic standard of excellence and teaching me to wait on the Lord and to be of good courage. Oh yes, thank you for Christmas time in my new home. Now, enjoy your new home!

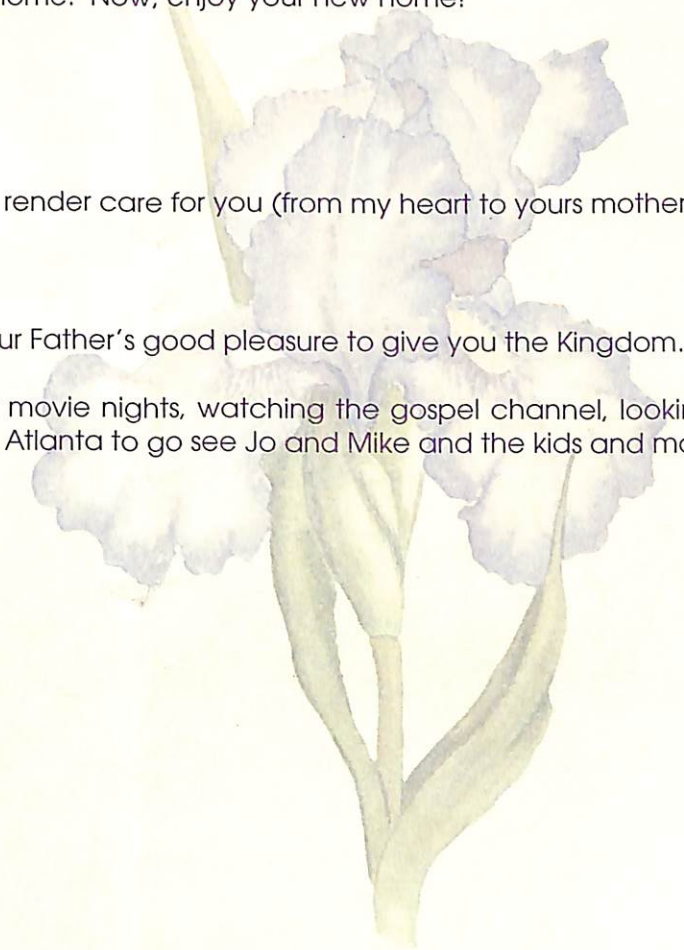
*Jenette (Sharpe)*

It was my "Good Pleasure" to render care for you (from my heart to yours mother... I would do it again).

Luke 15:32

Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom.

I cherished with fondness our movie nights, watching the gospel channel, looking for Christmas presents, trips to Atlanta to go see Jo and Mike and the kids and most of all, our vegetable garden.



### ***Pall Bearers***

David Mojica  
Herbert Gardner  
Richard West  
Rodney Collins

Carl Butler  
Perma Mitchell  
Arthur "Trey" Young

David Gadson  
Charles Brown  
William Carter Jr.

### ***Honorary Pall Bearers***

James Ravenell, Jr.  
Dr. Saliman Isa  
Michael Derricotte  
Tyler J. O. Franklin  
Christoffver S. Franklin

Michael Derricotte II  
Van E. Williams.  
Vernon J. Franklin  
Doug Burbage  
Larry A. Webb

Edward L. Ravenell  
Kenard J. Laribo  
Harold Brown  
Rev. Charles Swint  
James Ravenell, III

### ***Floral Bearers***

Deaconesses of all churches are invited to share in floral bearing.

### ***Honor Guards***

State of South Carolina Deacon's Union

### ***Ushers***

The Net International Ministries, Inc.  
The House of God State Ushers

### ***In Appreciation***

The Family of Deaconess Elizabeth McCants Ravenell  
wishes to extend sincere gratitude for all expression of kindness and comfort  
shown during their period of bereavement.

### ***Special Thanks***

The Family extends heartfelt gratitude to her physicians:  
Dr. George Rosebrock, Dr. A Brett Hamilton, Dr. Kassamo Dayemo,  
Dr. Robert A. Pringle Jr., Dr. Walter D. Blessing, and Dr. David Ellison  
RAI DIALYSIS CLINIC ~ CHARLESTON, SC

**Thank you, Sharpe!**  
*-Your brothers and sisters*

**Arrangements Entrusted To**  
Suburban Funeral Home, Inc.  
2336 Meeting Street - North Charleston, SC