

New Life Celebration



Katherine Octavia Stewart Wren

June 22, 1954 – June 16, 2009

Celebration Service

Saturday, June 27, 2009 -11:00a.m.

ST. PETER'S AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

4650 Sanders Avenue

North Charleston, SC 29405

Reverend Robert Kennedy, Pastor

~Interment~

St. Peter's AME Church Cemetery

Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.

The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.

She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.

She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.

She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.

She considereth a field, and buyeth it; with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.

She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.

She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night.

She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.

She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

She is not afraid of the snow for her household:

for all her household are clothed with scarlet.

She maketh herself coverings of tapestry;

her clothing is silk and purple.



Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.

She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.

Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.

She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.

Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.

Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

Proverb 31: 10-31

~ New Life Celebration ~
Order of Service
Rev. Robert Kennedy, Presiding

The Musical Prelude

The Processional and Final Viewing

The Hymn of Assurance # 387

The Invocation

The Reading of the Written Work

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 91

Rev. Remus Harper, Jr., Cousin

Mt. Carmel AME Church, Monck Corner, SC

New Testament Reading

Philippians 4: 1-13

Rev. Mark Williams, Brother

Silas United Methodist Church, Eutawville, SC

The Musical Selection

t. Peter's AME Combined Choir

Echoes of Remembrance

Representing the Church

The Family Tribute

Representing Friends

Representing the Community

Representing Rehoboth AME Church, Chesapeake, VA

Bro. Benjamin Grant, Class Leader & Cousin

Mrs. Donna Dease, Cousin

Mrs. Lurleen Gourline, Friend

Mr. William Pinder, Friend of the Family

Mrs. Geraldine Cox, Special Friend

The Summation for Family Closure

Solo

Mrs. Sandra Malone, Cousin

The Acknowledgement

Ms. Bonita Benton, Cousin

Solo

Dr. Tammy Howard, Nieces

The Hymn of Preparation # 112

"Jesus the Light of the World"

The Message of Celebration

Rev. Hezekiah David Stewart, Jr., Brother

Pastor of Moody Chapel AME Church, Little Rock, AK

The Lord's Prayer

The Hymn of Celebration #511

"Sing the Wondrous Love of Jesus"

The Recessional

The Service of Committal

St. Peter's AMEC Cemetery





The Obituary



Mrs. Katherine Octavia Stewart Wren, US Navy Retired, daughter of Mrs. Edna Abraham Stewart, was born on June 22, 1954 in North Charleston, South Carolina.

Kathy graduated from Bonds-Wilson School in 1972. She attended Allen University and Rice Business College. She joined the United States Navy on March 4, 1978 and was assigned to the Electronic Maintenance Department Technical Control and Communication Division. She served in the military for 20 years and retired on May 31, 1995 as CTMC (Chief). While serving in the United States Navy, she also attended Troy State University where she graduated Cum Laude in 1987. She also graduated as a Master Gardner from a Horticulture School in Virginia, Program Director at Central Technical College in Virginia and tutored Algebra and Calculus at University Instructors.

Kathy accepted Christ at an early age by joining St. Peter's AME Church. While living in Chesapeake, VA, she was an active member of Rehoboth AME Church. After moving to Atlanta, GA, she attended North Avenue Presbyterian Church, but maintained her membership at St. Peter's AME Church. She was affectionately known as Kathy, Dilly and Cutie.

She was united in holy matrimony to Joseph Wren, US Army Retired CSM (E-9) on December 28, 1989 and to this union, two wonderful children were born, Christopher and Kimberly.

Kathy was a loving wife and mother. She was a giving person who gave from her heart with sincerity. She was an excellent cook who loved to entertain. Kathy always had a special way of making you feel welcome in her home. She loved life and loved her surrounded by family and friends.

She leaves to celebrate her life: Her husband, Joseph Wren, a son, Christopher David Wren, one daughter, Kimberly Kresha-Marie Wren; three stepdaughter, Michelle Mathis of Springfield, VA, Jo (Edwin) Knoll of Atlanta, GA, and Karen Wren of Springfield, VA. Mother, Edna A. Stewart. Two sisters, Delores Stewart and Beverly (Johnny) Mack both of Charleston, SC. Two brothers, Rev. Hezekiah David (Diane) Stewart, Jr. of Little Rock, AR and Mark K. (Sonia) Stewart of Suffolk, England. An uncle, Rev. Julius (Arnese) Abraham, Jr. of Statesboro, GA and an aunt, Ruth A. Murray of Rochester, NY. Four grandchildren, Five sister-in-laws, Luveria Scott of Westbury, NY, Dorothy Telfair of Jamaica, NY, State Mother Emma (Woodrow) Person of San Francisco, CA, Naomi (Rozell) Revell of Hueytown, AL, and State Mother Ponzetta (Douglas) Howard of Uniondale, NY. Seven brother-in-laws; Bishop James Willie (Annie) Wren, of Hueytown, AL. Pastor Elijah (Cynthia) Wren of Hueytown, AL, Deacon Willie (Matilda) Wren Sr. of Westbury, NY, Elder, Dr. David (Gwen) Wren, Jr. of Richmond, CA, Superintendent Jones (Glendell) Wren of Jamaica, NY, Bishop Peter (Carol) Wren, Sr. of Birmingham, AL and Dr. Milton (Debra) Wren, Sr. of Birmingham, AL and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Military and Community Awards and Accolades

Top Honor Grad US Navy Basic Training

Secretary of the Navy Letter of Commendation

Command Officer Letter of Appreciation for Volunteer efforts in Support of the Command
Meritorious Service Award 1978-1995

Sailor of the Quarter July -Sept. 1985

Middle East Chamber Award October 1987- to April 1988

Military Excellence Award 1989

United States Navy Certificate of Appreciation-March 1992

CPOA Secretary

Humanitarian Awareness Association Vice-President

Maintenance Department CFC Representative CPO Organization Secretary

Vice Chairperson of the Chapel Advisory Group US Navy Softball Coach

Award Winning Exhibit at the Pensacola Interstate Fair for the US Navy

Fort Story Enlisted Spouse Support Group President

Member of the Black History Heritage Council

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Outstanding Service Virginia Conference Branch Women's Missionary Society Jan. 2006

Outstanding Christian Service Rehoboth AME Church, Chesapeake, VA

Girl Scout Troop Leader 412 of Chesapeake, VA

First Place Independence Day Pie Bake Off



*Death is not the end
Death can never be the end.
Death is the road.
Life is the traveler.
The soul is the guide
Our mind thinks of death.
Our heart thinks of life
Our soul thinks of Immortality.*

Precious Memories

The Early Years



Together
Again



The Latter Years



Retirement



Kathy's Favorite Things

Song "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

Color Purple

Activity Picnic in the Park

Season Fall

Month June

Bible Verse Philippians 4:13

("I can do all things through Christ who strengthen me")

Food Stewed Chicken

Flower Daffodil

Time of day Sunset

Person Georgia O'Keefe

Death is nothing at all...
I have only slipped away into the next room
I am I, and you are you...
Whatever we were to each other, that we are still...
Call me by my old familiar name, speak to me
in the easy way which you always used.
Put no difference in your tone;
wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.
Laugh as we always laughed
at the little jokes we enjoyed together.
Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.
Let my name be ever the household word that it always was.
Let it be spoken without effect,
without the ghost of a shadow on it.
Life mean all that it ever meant.
It is the same as it ever was;
there is absolutely unbroken continuity.
What is this death but a negligible accident?
Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?
I am just waiting for you, for an interval.
Somewhere near, just around the corner... All is well.

A Family Tribute

*To a dear wife, mother, daughter, sister and cousin
so sweet and dear
even though we are separated now
we know you are still here.*

*You always had a smile
and a kind word or two
to those who were hurting
you gave them life anew.
Now your journey on earth
is over and gone now
you can fly with the angels
and sing a new song.*

*We will always love you Kathy
and miss you a lot
and when our time comes
will you help us to get there?
Rest in Peace our fair Kathy
you've done all you could.
We will love you always.*

*With Love
The Family*



Palbearers

United States Honor Guard

Honorary Palbearers

Son, Brothers, Nephews, Cousin

Floral Bearers

St. Peter's Ushers

In Appreciation

The family has been deeply moved by the varied expression of love, compassion and care exhibited to them by so many during the period of our time of loss and home-going of Katherine Octavia Stewart Wren. Your prayers, words of consolation and presence have brought tremendous encouragement.

Our prayer is that God will richly bless each of you.

The Wren, Stewart and Abraham Families

Arrangements Entrusted to



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