

*Celebration of Life
for the late*

Melanie Ekette "Kette" Linckney Stewart



*Sunrise
June 15, 1972*



*Sunset
January 20, 2011*

**Wednesday, January 26, 2011
11:00 AM**

**Royal Missionary Baptist
4761 Luella Avenue
North Charleston, South Carolina
The Reverend Dr. Isaac Holt, Jr., Pastor**

Journey of Life

June 15, 1972-January 20, 2011

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." Psalm 23: 1

On January 20, 2011, the Lord requested the presence of one of His faithful servants – Mrs. Melonie Ilette Pinckney Stewart. Melonie was born on June 15, 1972 in Charleston, South Carolina to Isaiah and Vermelle Pinckney.

"Kette" as she was affectionately known by her cousins was educated in Charleston County Public Schools. She graduated from St. John's High School. Melonie received a Bachelors of Science degree in Political Science from the University of South Carolina. After returning to Charleston, Melonie continued her education at Trident Technical College and earned an associates degree in Paralegal Sciences. She is a former employee of the Ness Motley Law Firm in Mt. Pleasant, SC. and Family First Mortgage. Until her death, she was employed as a Trade Compliance Specialist and Paralegal.

Melonie was united in holy matrimony to Mark Cleveland Stewart. To this union, they were blessed with the birth of beautiful twin girls – Melea Elizabeth and Makayla Faith Stewart. Her love for her family was just as bright as her smile. She was a dedicated wife and a phenomenal mother; "her girls" were always in the forefront of her mind.

She enjoyed working with young people and sharing her love for music and the Lord. Melonie accepted Christ as her personal Lord and Savior at an early age in her life. She did not hesitate to express her love for Christ through action, word, or song. If you knew Melonie, you knew that she exuded class, style, and grace in all that she did.

Melonie was active in her community, her family, and her church. She was a member of Royal Baptist Church for 15 years. She was a member of the Royal Mass Choir, Choir #2, and a member and advisor of the Young Adult Choir. Melonie served as the Assistant Director for the Christal Brown Youth Ensemble. She also sang background vocals for over 10 years. Melonie was also a specialist in helping first-time home buyers achieve their dream, aiding current homeowners with refinancing needs, and assisting other organizations acquire property.

Her physical body may be gone, but her spirit and legacy of love will forever live on. To cherish her memories, she leaves behind a devoted husband, Mark Stewart; twin daughters, Melea and Makayla of the home; loving parents, Elder Isaiah and Pastor Vermelle Pinckney; brothers, Davlon Pinckney (Alleshia); Isaiah Pinckney, Jr. (Nicole), and Trevor Saunders, all of Johns Island, SC; Thaddeus Johnson of Atlanta, GA; maternal grandmother, Mrs. Lucille Cohen of Johns Island, SC; mother-in-law, Maxine Stewart of North Charleston, SC; grandmother-in-law, Myrtle B. Moses of North Charleston, SC; sister-in-law, Britanny N. Hamm of Okinawa, Japan; nephews, Darius, David, and Jeremy Pinckney all of Johns Island, SC; aunts, Louise Washington (Arnold), Albertha Wise, Lillie Bell Smith, Martha Wright, Viola Legare, Sadie Gethers, Rebecca Green, Catherine Brown, Bernice Hunt, Ruthelle Grant, and Marie Simmons, all of Johns Island, SC; uncles, Robert Brown Sr. (Vernell); William Cohen Sr. (Margaret), Robert Cohen, Albert Cohen, Jerome Cohen, and Nathan Cohen all of Johns Island, SC, and a host of cousins and friends.

"We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." 2 Corinthians 5:8

Safe in His Arms

Because the Lord is my shepherd,
I have everything I need.

He lets me rest in the meadow's grass
and He leads me beside the quiet streams,

He restoreth my failing health,
and He helps me to do what honors Him the most;
that's why I'm safe, that's why I'm safe,
that's why I'm safe, safe In His arms.



Service of Remembrance

The Reverend Isaac Holt, Jr., Presiding
Pastor, Royal Missionary Baptist Church

Prelude.....Organist

The Processional
"Soon and Very Soon"

The Hymn of Praise....."My Hope is Built"

The Scripture Readings

The Old Testament.....Psalm 23

The New Testament.....John 14:1-6

The Prayer of Comfort.....Minister

The Solo.....Sister LaShon Jones

The Remarks.....Ms. Leena MacDonald
Mr. Avery Gathers
The Reverend Joey Hunt
Deacon Frank Russell

The Solo.....Sister Christal Brown-Gibson

The Acknowledgements & The Resolution.....Sister Valerie Cooper

The Sermonic Selection.....The Choir

The Eulogy.....The Reverend Isaac Holt, Jr.
Pastor, Royal Missionary Baptist Church

The Service of Committal
The Benediction

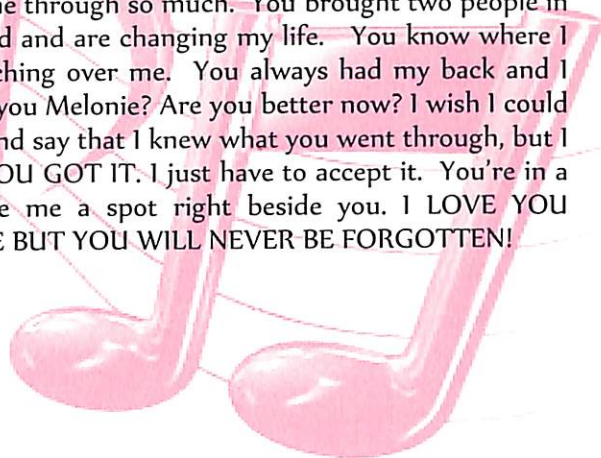
The Recessional

Dear Mello,

"Safe In His Arms" - Yes, I remember that song! You loved singing it and now I see why. Melonie, I never thought this day would ever come. Well, I never thought this would ever happen. I still can't seem to put it all together. To be honest, I still don't think that this is true. I texted you and I've been checking regularly to see if you respond. We never went a day without saying "I Love You" or "What's up?" We have shared so much together. You have helped me through so much. You brought two people in this world that have changed and are changing my life. You know where I live and I know you're watching over me. You always had my back and I always had yours. How are you Melonie? Are you better now? I wish I could talk to you! I can't sit here and say that I knew what you went through, but I prayed for a healing AND YOU GOT IT. I just have to accept it. You're in a better place now. Just save me a spot right beside you. I LOVE YOU MELONIE! YOU ARE GONE BUT YOU WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN!

Love,

Your Little "Chipmunk"



Farewell

by Trevor Saunders

As you climb heaven's stairwell, I bid you farewell.
The flesh of me yearns your presence, my soul thanks God that He hears well.
As you are called unto Him, to be released from all pain,
As I internalize mine....some things I can't change.
Lost love, float on...let your angel wings spread.
I stand here lost...I cry...eyes red.
But I will rejoice that you are with the Father and His Son, for our sins, He bled.
Til' we meet again, you live and you live long.
As heaven's gracious angels sing you a song
Attempt to be strong...is the advice that I grab.
Off to a better place, I understand but yet, my heart still takes a stab.
We laughed, we joked, and we smiled but never cried.
It became clear that God filled you with strength until the moment you died.
You understood that life on earth was only borrowed time, not given
And that when your life on earth ends is actually when you start living.
You see, we're all God's children, but I believe you were chosen.
By His grace, you were precious...a diamond and golden.
There are no words spoken...that could capture your grace
Nor could we deny that we saw elements of heaven illuminate all over your face
Your faith...was strong and your will was grounded.
Through it all, your heart remained calm, and mine...it pounded,
You were searching for peace, now I think you've found it.
Astounded, I stand, on the memories, I dwell
Again I say, as you climb heaven's stairwell, I bid you farewell.
You've called upon God and I'm glad He hears well.

Ballbearers

Robert Brown Jr.
Julius Clement
Donnie Triplett

Aaron Cohen
Avery Gathers
Randy Wine

Honorary Ballbearers

Robert Brown Sr.
Jerome Cohen
Robert Cohen
Darius Pinckney

Albert Cohen
Nathan Cohen
William Cohen Sr.
David Pinckney

Jeremy Pinckney

Floral Bearers

St. John's High School Class of 1990
Royal Missionary Baptist Church Ushers

*"O Give Thanks Unto the Lord, for He is good, for His
mercy endureth forever..."*

Psalm 136:1 KJV

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