

*Pallbearers*

*Sumter High Class of 1982*

*Flower Bearers*

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***"If You Could See Me Now"***

*If you could see me now you wouldn't shed a tear.  
Though you may not understand why I'm no longer here.  
Remember my spirit that is the real me  
because I'm still very much alive, I've just been set free.*

*Oh, if you could only see!*

*I have beheld our Father's face and I've touched my Savior's Hand.  
All of Heaven's angels rejoiced as I entered the promised Land.  
Beyond the gates of pearl I've walked on the golden streets.  
I've touched the walls of jasper and dipped my foot in the Crystal sea.  
The beauty is beyond words and nothing could compare,  
I've even seen your mansion and someday I'll meet you there.  
Let Jesus be your guide because His Word will show you the way!  
So please don't cry because we will meet again someday.*

***Acknowledgements***

*Perhaps you hugged one of us or held our shaking hands. Perhaps you prayed or spoke the kindest comforting words. Perhaps you sat quietly in a chair, or rendered a service unseen. Perhaps you sang a lovely song or sent beautiful flowers. Whatever you've done to console our hearts, we truly felt your love and it has added to our strength and will always be remembered. To all of you who saw us through,*

*we express our gratitude, grace and love.*

*The Family of the late Wendy Mincey-Dinkins*

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**Sumter, South Carolina 29150**  
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*Celebrate A Life Lived*  
*Wendy A. Mincey-Dinkins*

*Born into Time*

*Crescendo con Fuoco*

*January 4, 1964*

*Born into Eternity*

*Diminuendo con Grazia*

*April 12, 2026*



*"To God be the Glory"*

*Saturday, April 18, 2026*  
*1:55 P.M.*

*Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church*  
*609 Manning Avenue*  
*Sumter, SC 29150*  
*Rev. Dr. Marion H. Newton, Senior Pastor*

## *~A Life Lived~*

*I was born Wendy Aleta Mincey on January 04, 1964 to the late Rebecca Canty Mincey and Samuel L. Holmes. On April 12 2026, harkened by the trumpet sound I gave up the troubles of this world.*

*Married to, William Dinkins Jr., we were blessed with four children of whom I am extremely proud. More than they will ever know, I always talked about "my babies" considering motherhood and the love of my children, 14 grandchildren & 3 great-grandchildren to be the source of my strength.*

*I was a 1982 graduate of Sumter High School. I continued my education at Central Carolina Technical College and Midlands Technical College. I was the owner of A Touch To Remember Event Planning Company and founder of Neighborhood Pest Control Company in Columbia, SC. I was employed by Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co. for 18 years where over the years I participated on many civic organizations including the Employee's Association, Corporate Volunteer Council, Colonial Choir, Habitat for Humanity Core Council, the Greater Columbia Community Relations Council and a Richland County Juvenile Justice Advocate. I was also employed by Aflac.*

*I was reared in the St. James UME Church family under the leadership of the late Rev. George Wright. I later joined the Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church family under the leadership of Pastor Marion H. Newton. At JMBC I was an active member and sang on the MH Newton Mass Choir. For many years I also sang with the Sumter Community Choir under the direction of Albert Linton Jr, Sumter's Praise and Worship Mass Choir, First Baptist Church's Singing Christmas Tree, God's Favor and Several Baptist Association's Mass Choirs.*

*Loved ones I hope will share my love and cherish memories include my daughter and mini me; Mahogany Jade (Antonio) Williams, sons; William III (Deneshia), Brandon Micheal (LaQuan) and CMSgt Reginald Jarrod (Latoria), treasured grandchildren; Damien (PeePee Man), Destiny (FatFat), DaSean, Anthony (Rat Boy), KeShaun, Genesis (Eva), William (Willie) IV, Kevin, Courtland (Linny), Antonio Jr, Aaden (Mookie), Lauren, Colin, Reginald Jr ; sisters; Marilyn Holmes of Sumter, SC, brother; Sammie Holmes of Sumter, SC, play sisters Florece Canty and Crystal Canty, sister-in-law Cheryl Mincey; brother-in-law; Lafayette Armstrong; god daughters; Nikisha (Titus) Stevens and Nyaja Jennings, a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, other relatives and friends, special friend Zuelda Williams-Smith, Ruthann Bradley, Kimberly Dyer and very special aunt Betty Davis.*

*I was preceded in death by my parents, grandmother Chloe Ballard Canty, in-laws William & Minnie Dinkins Sr., siblings Tony Mincey, Barbara Armstrong, Milton Holmes, Jonnie Holmes, Evelyn Whaley, & Tamoria Holmes*

## *My Last Request*

*Please don't say that I gave up, just say I gave in.*

*Don't say I lost the battle, for it was God's to lose or win.*

*Please don't say how good I was, but that I did my best.*

*Just say I tried to do what was right, to give the most I could, nothing less.*

*Please don't give me halos or wings, for that's for God to do.*

*I want no more than I deserve, no extras, just my due.*

*Please don't give me flowers or talk in real hushed tones.*

*Don't be concerned about me now; God's meadow is now my home.*

*Don't talk about what could have been; it's over and it's done.*

*Just see to all my family's needs, especially the little ones.*

*When you draw a picture of me, don't draw me as a saint.*

*I've done some good, I've done some wrong, so use all your paint.*

*Not just bright and the light tones,*

*Use some gray and some dark ones.*

*In fact, don't put me down on canvas, paint me in your heart!*

*Don't just remember good times, but remember all the bad;*

*For life's full of many things, some happy and some sad.*

*But if you must do something, then I have one last request;*

*Forgive me for the wrongs I've done, and with the love that's left,*

*Thank God for my soul's resting;*

*Thank God for I've been blessed;*

*Thank God for all who loved me;*

*Praise God who loved me best!*

## Continue On

*I once fretted over the usefulness of my life.*

*I feared I was wasting my potential being a devoted wife and mother. I wondered if the time and energy I invested in my husband and children would make a difference.*

*At times I got discouraged because so much of what I did seemed to go unnoticed and unappreciated. "Is it worth it?" I often wondered. "Is there something better that I could be doing with my time?"*

*It was during these moments of questioning that I heard the still, small voice of my heavenly Father speak to my heart. "You are a wife and mother because that is what I have called you to be. Much of what you do is hidden from the public eye. But I notice. Most of what you give is done without remuneration. But I am your reward. Your husband could not be the man I called him to be without your support. Your influence upon him is greater than you think and more powerful than you will ever know. I bless him through your service and honor him through your love. Your children and grandchildren are precious to Me. Even more precious than they are to you. I entrusted them to your care to raise for Me. What you invested in them is an offering to Me.*

*You have never been in the public spotlight. But your obedience shined as a bright light before me. Continue on. Remember you are my servant. Do all to please me. Continue on now into my care!"*

*Love Wendy*

## ~ Order of Service ~

*Pastor Ricky Simmons, Presiding*

*Processional and Viewing..... "God Has Smiled On Me"*

*Opening Hymn No. 97..... The Blood Will Never Lose It's Power*

*Selection ..... "Oh, It is Jesus" ..... The Combined Choir*

*Scriptures:*

*Old Testament..... Ecclesiastes 3: 1-17  
Pastor Marion H. Newton*

*New Testament..... Rev. 3: 19-22  
John 14: 1-7  
Deacon Julius D. Hannibal*

*Prayer ..... Elder Carl Armstrong*

*Selection..... "I Need You to Survive"..... The Combined Choir*

*Reflections:*

*Church..... Ms. Sylvia Christian-James  
Friend..... Mrs. Letha Ferguson  
Family..... CMSgt. Reginald Dinkins*

*Selection..... "You Are My Strength"..... The Combine Choir*

*Acknowledgements..... Pastor Ralph W. Canty  
Savannah Grove Baptist Church, Effingham, SC*

*Selection..... "Safe in his Arms"..... Pastor Terry Law  
Siloam Missionary Baptist Church, Kingstree, SC*

*Words of Comfort ..... Pastor Napoleon A. Bradford  
The Perfecting Place, Temple Hill, MD*

*Call to Discipleship..... "To God Be Glory"*

*Recessional..... "By & By When the Morning"..... The Combined Choir*

*Interment ..... Hillside Memorial Park*



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