

## *The Gardener*

The gardener, with her spade and hoe,  
Works in the sun and rain and snow;  
She digs and plants and waters too,  
And watches over what she grew.

She tends the flowers with loving care,  
And prunes the branches here and there;  
She weeds the beds and clips the hedges,  
And neatens all around the edges.

She is a lover of the earth,  
And all the wonders it gives birth;  
She is a lover of the bloom,  
And all the fragrant, sweet perfume.

The gardener is a patient lady  
Planting in full sun and a spot that's shady  
When the day is done and she's through,  
She looks with pride at what she grew.

So let us all be gardeners fair,  
And tend to life with love and care,  
And watch the seeds we plant come through,  
To bloom and flourish, strong and true.

### *pallbearers*

John Pride  
Terrence McNeil  
Demetrius Hamby

Hershcel Sullivan  
Shaun Samuels  
Justin Hamby

### *Honorary Pallbearers*

Raquan Brown  
Jonathan Campbell  
Bobby Pride

Jason Levy  
Johnnie Harris  
Alphonza Pride

### *Floral Bearers*

Church Ushers

### *Acknowledgments*

The family of the late  
RUTH DRUCILLA JOYNER  
is grateful for all expressions of love, kindness,  
and comfort shown during the passing of our loved one.  
May the joy, peace and love of God always embrace you.

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A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

# RUTH DRUCILLA SHAW JOYNER



MAY 11, 1953 ~ JANUARY 10, 2025  
Saturday, January 18, 2025 | 12:00 P.M.  
Bethlehem Reformed Episcopal Church  
1731 Old Highway 52 | Moncks Corner, SC

# Life Reflection



Ruth Drucilla Shaw Joyner was born on May 11, 1953 in Charleston, South Carolina. She was the oldest child born to Mrs. Joan Carter and the late James Shaw. She was raised in the home with her grandparents, the late Reverend Jesse and Lillie Shaw. She departed this life on Friday, January 10, 2025 at the residence in Moncks Corner, SC.

Dru, as she was affectionately known, was educated in the Berkeley County School System.

Dru was a faithful member of Bethlehem Reformed Episcopal Church, where she served on the Usher Board, Women of the Church and the kitchen staff.

She was joined in Holy Matrimony to Peter Joyner, Jr. During their union, they were blessed with two children.

Dru loved her family! There wasn't anything she wouldn't do for her loved ones. She loved children and one of her hobbies was making ceramic banks for them. She had a great passion for all things gardening, plants and flowers.

She was preceded in death by her father, James Shaw; her grandparents, Jesse and Lillie Shaw; six brothers; two aunts and one uncle.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her devoted husband, Peter Joyner, Jr.; her loving mother, Joan Carter; a loving daughter, Sherri (Jason) Levy; a loving son, Tyrone (Stacy) Joyner; two step-children, Laretta Joyner and Ricky Joyner; two grandchildren, Raquan (Alasia) Brown and Tenia Aiken; three great-grandchildren, Ayla, RJ and Kallie Brown;

sisters, Lois Campbell, Linda (James) Richardson, Sandra (George) Bing, Margaret Carter, Brenda McNeil, Vivian (John) Lampkin, Kim Lucas and Diane (Greg) Chambers; brothers, Rico Carter, Nathaniel Carter, Kenny (Bridgette) Shaw, and Kevin (Tammy) Shaw; one aunt and two uncles raised in the home as siblings, Dorndell (Carl) Grinnage, Rev. Lee F. (Loretta) Shaw and Rev. Don (Debra) Shaw; one godchild, Deanna Shaw; stepmother, Louise Shaw; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and church family who will miss her dearly.

## I AM NOT GONE

I remain here beside you

Just in a different form

Look for me in your heart

And there you will find me

in our love which forever lives on

In those moments when you feel alone

Look for me in your thoughts

And there you will find me

in sweet memories that burn strong

Every time a tear

Forms in your beautiful eyes

Look up to the heavens

And there you will see me

Smiling down from God's glorious skies.



# Order of Service

Brother Christian Heyward, Officiating  
Reverend Cornelius White, Presiding

Processional..... Clergy & Family

Final Viewing

Opening Hymn .....# 381 – “There is Not a Friend”

Prayer.....Rev. Nehemiah Bryant

Scripture Readings  
Old Testament..... Psalm 23  
Rev. Lee F. Shaw

New Testament .....John 14:1-6  
Rev. Don Shaw

Solo – “I am Free” .....Mr. Brandon Robinson

Remarks (*limit 3 minutes please*)  
Community ..... Mrs. Letha S. Bryant  
Church ..... Mrs. Joe Ann Owens  
Family ..... Mrs. Sherri Levy, *Daughter*

Selection – “Wipe All My Tears” .....Mr. Brandon Robinson

Words of Comfort..... Bro. Christian Heyward

Solo – “Resting Easy” ..... Mrs. Penny Scott-Kinsey

Committal ..... At the Graveside

Benediction..... Bro. Christian Heyward & Rev. Cornelius White

Recessional

Interment.....Bethlehem R.E. Church Cemetery