



Floral Bearers
Granddaughters & Nieces

Pall Bearers
Grandsons & Nephews

DON'T
Don't spend too much time on mourning
Tears are for the sad
I left to be with Jesus
And this should make you glad.

Don't waste your hours on grieving
No need to feel distress
I'm tired of life's frustrations
And had to get some rest.

Don't vex yourself with questions
Or try to reason why
Life here for me had ended
It came my time to die.

Don't lose the Love I gave you
Feed it with your care
Grow it with devotion
And spread it everywhere

Don't fret because my leaving
Came in such a way
We'll have another meeting
In God's eternal day,

Acknowledgements

The family of the late Mrs. Bernice Nixon Rivers wishes to express their sincere thanks to everyone for their kind expressions shown during our hour of bereavement. A special thanks to the staff of Agape Hospice and SC House Calls for the care you provided to our mother. We would like to thank you for your prayers, visitations and your presence today. May God bless each of you.

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Home of Distinctively Finer
Funeral Service

**FAMILY IS
EVERYTHING**

Celebration of Life
Mrs. Bernice Nixon Rivers
December 13, 1931 - June 16, 2026

Monday, June 22, 2026
11:00AM

High Hills Baptist Church
6750 Meeting House Road, Dalzell SC 29040

Pastor Donald Amis, Officiating

Life Reflections

“For now I am ready to be offered and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them that love His appearing.” II Timothy 4:6-8

Mrs. Bernice Nixon Rivers, the wife of the late Dobey Rivers Sr., was born on December 13, 1931 in Sumter County, She departed this life for her heavenly reward on Tuesday June 16, 2026 at her residence. She was the daughter of the late Thomas Kendrick Jr. and Frances Nixon Perry and she was reared by Edward and Laura Nixon Shannon.

Mrs. Bernice N. Rivers was raised in the Horatio/Claremont community and attended the public schools of Sumter County. At an early age, she joined the High Hills Baptist Church where she served faithfully until her health began to decline. She served as the secretary of the Usher Board, she was a member of the Missionary Ministry, Head of the Kitchen Ministry and attended Sunday School faithfully.

She was employed for many years by the former Sumter School District Two as a cafeteria manager.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one son, Dobey Rivers Jr., two sisters, Louise Bracey and Henrietta Williams, two brothers, James Kendrick and John Eveley and one daughter in law, Tina H. Rivers.

She leaves to cherish precious memories a loving and devoted daughter, Lottie R. (Herman) McCaw of Sumter, SC, three sons, David Rivers of Dalzell, SC, Ivy Joe Rivers of Sumter, SC and Ronnie (Mary) Rivers of Fayetteville, NC; One daughter in law, Ella Rivers of Dalzell, SC; One brother Thomas Kendrick III of Temple Hill, Maryland; Ten grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren, five great-great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.



Order of Service

Pastor Donald Amis, Officiating

Prelude Soft Music

Processional Clergy and Family

Opening Hymn #127R..... Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Scripture Reading Reverend Dr. Katie Roach

Old Testament Psalm 23

New Testament John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort Deacon Charles Cummings

Solo Brother David Rivers

Reflections:

Church Deacon James Roach

Community Deacon George Thomas

Family Trustee David E. Rivers

Acknowledgements Sister Albertha Davis

Solo Sister Edna Wiley

Words of Comfort Pastor Donald Amis

Selection High Hills Baptist Church Choir

Recessional Medley of Music

Committal, Benediction and Interment

High Hills Baptist Church Cemetery

Dalzell, South Carolina