



**PALLBEARERS**

Elder Derrick Glover                      Deacon Ronald Glover  
Brother Franklin Duberry, II              Brother Raymond Heyward

**EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE**

We want to extend our heartfelt appreciation to each of you for joining us today as we honor the life and legacy of our mother, Mother Iris Lee Garrett Heyward.  
We wish to thank Mother Cynthia H. Salley for leaving her home and staying with our mother and Bishop Heyward to care for them both. We also would like to thank Sis. Carlotta Duberry, Sis Geneva Johnson and Sis. Floretta Heyward for caring for our mother. They too, left their homes and moved into Bishop Heyward's home to take care of them.  
We thank Brother Chris Heyward for taking the time out to take mom and Bishop to the doctor.  
We would also like to thank Sis. Charlene McNeil, Sister Gayle Singleton, Sister Charlene Tucker and Sis. Lenore Johnson for also being there for lending a helping hand during church services for our mom.  
Our thanks also goes to Deacon Jimmy Tucker for assisting Bishop Heyward every year during convention time to take off his job, come and pack Bishop Heyward's car, follow him to where ever the convention was being held, unload him and drive back home to get ready to come again.



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**CELEBRATION OF LIFE**  
FOR THE LATE

**MOTHER IRIS**  
**GARRETT HEYWARD**

*Sunrise*

*11.23.1949*

*Sunset*

*12.22.2025*

**Saturday, January 3, 2026**

**10:00 IN THE MORNING**

**REFUGE BIBLEWAY CHURCH**  
**OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**  
**215 E. 4TH N ST**  
**SUMMERVILLE, SC 29483**  
**DISTRICT ELDER HAROLD TUCKER, JR. PASTOR**

**- INTERMENT -**  
**PLANTATION MEMORIAL GARDENS**  
**3345 SOUTH LIVE OAK DRIVE**  
**MONCK'S CORNER, SC 29461**

# LIFE REFLECTIONS

## *Mother Iris Garrett Heyward*

*“I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in mouth”  
Psalms 34:1*

Iris Lee Garrett was born November 23, 1949, in the city of Sandersville, Georgia to the proud parents of Mrs. Lenora Gumbs Dudley and Mr. Harvey Matthis, Sr. She was blessed to be born on that year on Thanksgiving Day!

Iris received the education from Cliffwood Matawan New Jersey School System. She went on to receive her certification for early childhood development at the University of New York, in New York City.

Iris received her certification as a CNA Nursing Assistant.

Iris was blessed to have three sisters, Barbara, Juanita and Janis. As they grew older, their mother decided to move to New Jersey where there was more opportunity for them to be productive citizens.

In the year 1968 Iris gave birth to Lonnie Clifton, III, father Mr. Lonnie Clifton, Jr. and in the year 1971 Ian LaMar Garrett, father Mr. Larry Keys. Iris loved her sons and raised them in the fear of the Lord.

Iris received the Gift of the Holy Ghost in 1976 at Cliftwood Community Church of Christ where Bishop James H. Clarke was the Pastor along with his first lady Mother Mary Clarke, during a revival that was being ran by Evangelist King.

She was a worker in the church holding several positions, lead soloist on the choir, young people president, etc.

Sister Iris received her teaching certificate from the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith, Apostle William Bonner. In the year 1994 she moved to South Carolina and joined Refuge Bibleway Church of our Lord Jesus Christ under the leadership of Elder Herbert C. Heyward and First Lady Mother Inez Heyward. After a while Sis. Garrett became a Senior Missionary working with Mother Inez Heyward and Mother Caroline Wright. For her stewardship, Pastor Heyward made her a mother of the church. She liked to visit the sick and the nursing homes. She would bring gifts to the nursing homes and would give encouraging words to lift their spirits. Bishop Heyward then appointed her President of the Mother's Board.

Once a year she would sponsor a program for the building fund entitled "Hidden Treasure and Seed of Faith, where her adopted son, Elder Timothy Grant was the speaker. When she became ill and couldn't go to church, Elder Timothy Grant was there for her. She referred to him as her "Shepherd". Elder Christopher Gumbs also ministered his sister Iris from abroad.

Mother Heyward was the coordinator of the Junior Missionaries and worked along with the Young People Department and the Young People Choir. Mother Heyward also worked along with the Minister and Deacon Wives Guild, Pastor's Aide and implemented the Saturday morning prayer.

Mother Garrett loved to cook and one of her best recipes was spaghetti.

After the death of First Lady Mother Inez Heyward who died in 1999, she became engaged to Elder Herbert C. Heyward and they married in May 20, 2000. In the Year of 2017 Pastor Heyward passed away and she became ill in 2020. Her illness prevented her from attending her church services as she wanted to, but thanks be to God she held on to her faith. She thanked God everyday for her sons, Lonnie Clifton, III and Ian Garrett for the care and love they showed her during her illness.

Mother Iris Lee Garrett Heyward was preceded in death by her sisters, Juanita Hunter Brown, Barbara Dudley, Janis Garrett and Beatrice Matthis, Sandersville, GA. Her brother, Harvey Matthis, Jr., of Atlanta, GA, son- in -law Leroy Johnson and brother-in-law, John Brown.

She leaves to cherish her memories her children, Lonnie Clifton III and Ian Garrett, step-children Carlton Heyward, Mother Cynthia H Salley, Herbert Heyward, Jr., Bernard Heyward (Trudy), Chris Heyward, Coletta H. Duberry (Franklin, Sr.), Geneva Johnson, Elder George Heyward, Floretta Heyward, and Rodney Heyward (Starlette), a host of grands and great grands, her brothers Elder Christopher Augustus Gumbs (Wanda Virginia, Larry Gumbs, (Yorie) Sacramento, CA. Marvin Gumbs (Diane), Pleasantville, NJ Richard Mathis (Lucy) Atlanta, GA, Charles Matthis, Warner Robbins, GA, Donel Biggins (Carla), Sandersville, GA, and Marcus Biggins, Atlanta, GA, her sisters; Mary “Sis”Matthis, Dublin, GA, Frances Chapman, Warrenton, GA, Ealean Thomas (George), Dover, DE, and a special sister, Rochelle Biggins, Sandersville, GA.,

NOTE: Elder George LaMar Heyward, Sr. was responsible for bringing Mother Iris to South Carolina. He has been in her life for a long time. When she first came home, she lived with Sis. Floretta Heyward and her son, Antonio. Then the Lord blessed her and her son to get a place of their own.

## *Poem My Mother*

Iris Lee Garrett Heyward

Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord to thee.  
Take my moments and my days let them flow ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands and let them move as the impulse, of thou love.  
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.  
Take my voice and let me sing always only for my king.  
Take my lips and let them be filled with the messages of thee.  
Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my heart it is thine own it shall be thy royal throne.  
Take my love, my Lord pour at thy feet it's treasures store.  
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

## *A Letter to His Mom*

Mother Iris you were here for a while  
like a flower you raised us up from a child.  
Always there to brighten our day.  
To give encouragement in every way.  
Always there to speak God's Word  
To speak to things that we with stood, never thought  
that you would go away. Good memories brings,  
peace and joy every day.  
We look forward to seeing you one day,  
to meet our God the Lord Jesus Christ  
We'll have peace and joy and heaven's best.  
We'll enter into God's eternal rest.  
Good memories bring peace and joy every day.  
Amen.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

Elder George LaMar Heyward, Sr. Officiating  
*Minister of Music for the State of South Carolina*

Processional..... District Elder Harold Tucker, Jr.  
*Pastor of Refuge Bibleway COOLJC*

Prayer Song..... “I Will Be with You”

Prayer Of Comfort..... Bishop Alfred Smith  
*Upstate Diocese Bishop and pastor of Beulah Refuge Tabernacle COOLJC*

Scripture Readings:  
Old Testament..... *ECC 3:1-11*..... Bishop James Poozer  
*Palmetto Diocese Bishop and Pastor of Bethesda Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ*

New Testament..... *1 Thes. 4:13-18*..... Bishop Darryl Joiner  
*Pastor of United Community Church of God, Inc. Apostolic*

Minister of Music..... Elder George Heyward, Sr. Choir

Hymn of Morning..... “*It is Well*” ..... Sis. Janis Saulters Choir

## EXPRESSIONS AND WORDS OF COMFORT

Apostle Walterlee Jackson, *Pastor of Greater Refuge Temple COOLJC*  
Region VIII Apostle, *Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith, Inc.*  
District Elder Harold Tucker, Jr., *Pastor of Refuge Bibleway COOLJC*

Ministry of Music..... Elder George Heyward Choir  
*“He Cares”, Lady Tyjuana Belanger, Soloist*

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE (*Two Minutes, please*)  
Mother Jistine Tucker, *First Lady of Refuge Bibleway*  
Mother Carolyn Wright, *Mother Board President*  
Mother Nancy Nolan, *Assit. Mother Board President*  
Sis. Gayle Singleton, *One of the Caregivers for Mother Heyward*

Solo..... Sister Shawnee Hooper

## EXPRESSIONS OF COMFORT

Elder Tracy Peele, *Adopted Son*  
Elder Timothy Grant, *Adopted Son*  
*Pastor of Greater St. Peters COOLJC, Mother Heyward’s Shepard as she called him*

Duet..... “*Mary Did You Know*” .....The Smith Sisters

Instrumental Solo..... Elder James Deweese  
*First Fruit Community Church*

Resolutions and Acknowledgement..... Mother Cynthia H. Salley, *Stepdaughter*

Slide Show Presentation

Open Remarks (*Two Minutes, please*)..... Family and Friends

Introduction of Speaker..... Elder George LaMar Heyward

Ministry of Music..... Elder George LaMar Heyward

Eulogy..... Brother Lonnie Clifton, III  
*Eldest son of Mother Iris Garrett Heyward*

Alter Call..... District Elder Harold Tucker, Jr.

Committal & Benediction ..... District Elder Harold Tucker, Jr.

Final Viewing

Recessional